

COVID UPDATE

By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.

The choice to wear or to not wear a mask is left up to individuals and their discretion. Those persons who have not been vaccinated should be especially mindful of their own safety and the safety of others, especially those vulnerable to communicable disease.

A hand sanitizer station will remain at the main entrances of the church doors for the time being for parishioners' convenience.

Anyone who has been recently exposed to COVID 19 or any other communicable disease should not attend public services of any kind. Those sick should remain at home until such time as they are healthy.

Liturgy online or on TV...

Boston Catholic Television catholictv.org
 Sunday Mass from Notre Dame
 catholictv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass
 Salt & Light TV saltandlighttv.org
 Eternal Word Television ewtn.com

COVID VACCINE CONCERNS

Beware of fake news! There are reports that call into question the moral and ethical validity of Covid-19 vaccines. Do not be misled. **Right click** on the following tab and **open** the hyperlink to read what the Bishops of the Unites States are saying about the moral permissibility of the current Covid-19 vaccines:

[Click Here for the Memo](#)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office at 382-8324.



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in \$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet. This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

July 25, 2021

Offertory \$6,551.44
Parish to Parish \$1,041.00



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- August 1 Property Management
- August 8 NH Missionaries
- August 15 Assumption of Mary
- August 22 Fuel
- August 29 Missionary Co-op

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/ \$100	\$3,000/ \$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/ \$75	\$2,250/ \$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/ \$60	\$1,800/ \$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/ \$50	\$1,500/ \$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/ \$40	\$1,200/ \$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/ \$30	\$900/ \$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/ \$25	\$750/ \$15
\$15,000	\$750/ \$15	\$450/ \$9

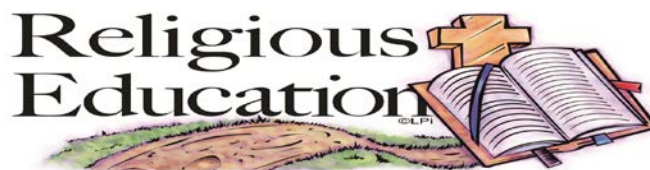
Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or by email at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. If you are new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. You can also find a registration form on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>.



**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education Registration for the 2021-2022 Academic Year for **Grades Pre-K through 12** begins in September. If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Program, please call Cathy Smith at 382-8324 for more information.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

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EVICTON & EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know are facing eviction or need emergency rental assistance, help is available. Please call Catholic Charities at 603-889-9431.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is being held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels). Masks are required. Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

AMAZONSMILE FOUNDATION

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazonsmile.com. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

**ALTAR SERVERS
WANTED!**

School students 3rd grade and up – adults and families are all welcome!

If you would like to become an altar server, or if you have served before and would like to resume serving, please contact Fr. Albert at 603-382-8324 or fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net



Maybe it's time

To re-connect with your Church
To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit

If you are a baptized Catholic, have received your First Communion, but decided against Confirmation as a teen, mabe **NOW IS THE TIME** for you to re-consider **Confirmation**.

God *does* care about you. *For some reason*, God chose you to be born into a family that would

to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism. So maybe – just maybe – now...it's time...to make your own choice.

Confirmation. If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office (603-382-8324) or www.stlukenh.org. With little time and reflection, practicing Catholics can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives. **Maybe it's your time.**



WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Summer even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Summer months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Monday, August 2
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, August 4
Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for private prayer all day

Thursday, August 5
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, August 7
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

Attention Parents

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind!

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generosity towards the hungry of our area!

Non-perishable food or personal care items are always needed – donations can be dropped off at Church or are welcome at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Cash donations for food are always welcome – make checks payable to **St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry**. All donations to the Food Pantry go toward helping the needy of our communities. **Call the Pantry at 819-4949 for more information.**

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who volunteered to help out the Food Pantry this summer. The response to our request was amazing! At this time, we now have all the help we can use, along with a list of substitutes. Again, thank you all so much!

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, July 31 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Mark Hammond by Colleen and family
Plaistow

Sunday, August 1 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

8:00 AM The Intentions of Paul Fournier by Edith Fournier
Newton

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Fogel and Kelcourse families by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Monday, August 2 ~ Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

8:00 AM Angelina Antczak by the Burge family
Newton

Tuesday, August 3 ~ Weekday

Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

8:00 AM Michael J. Twomey, Jr. (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Wednesday, August 4 ~ John Vianney, Priest

Nm 13:1-2, 15—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28

6:30 PM Roxanne Papken by Jim Edwards
Plaistow

Thursday, August 5 ~ Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major

Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

8:00 AM Richard Sullivan by Jeanne Sullivan
Newton

Friday, August 6 ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

No Mass

Saturday, August 7 ~ Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,
Martyrs; Cajetan, Priest

Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20 (Day)

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Sandy Slauter by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, August 8 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

8:00 AM Wayne Banks by his wife
Newton

10:00 AM In Honor of the Holy Trinity
Plaistow



✧ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✧



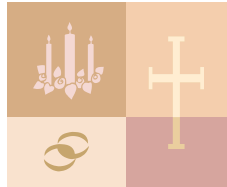
Thank you so much for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We've had a busy Spring, and Summer shows no sign of slowing down our effort to help our neighbors and friends in need.

If you are interested in learning more about this great group of volunteers, contact our Secretary, Jim Edwards, at jimmy69180@hotmail.com or 603-642-5236. Meetings are both live and virtual.

If you seek assistance or need information about the Society, call (603) 382-8324, ext.315.

MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that all Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?



Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert in the Parish Office for more information and assistance – there are ways in which your situation might be resolved!

QUO VADIS DAY

**For Young Men Ages 14-18
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus as a great plan for you! You are invited to attend *Quo Vadis Days Game Day* on **August 6, 2021 at St. Patrick Parish in Pelham, NH** to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. *Quo Vadis Days* is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and includes a variety of games, prayer, other activities, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. The cost is \$20 (financial aid available). Please contact Fr. Von DeRosia at 603-635-3525 or vderosia@rcbm.org.



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. Be a good agent of welcome and evangelization! If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at

csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

**Newton – Thursday
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM**

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

✧ PARISH DIRECTORY ✧

Parish Office	603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	603-382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	603-819-4949
Preschool	603-382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	603-382-2744

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✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

The Sanctuary Candle at Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Lito Intervalo

by Tess Moulaison



VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn in loving memory of

Angelina Antczak

by the Burge family

SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL IN AUGUST

Visit Hannaford's, Route 111 in East Hampstead, NH and purchase a \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag. **For every bag sold, we will receive a \$1 donation.**

Save the planet and help your St. Vincent de Paul Society help the poor and hungry in our community!

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus in Derry, NH, Council #3023, are having a charity Golf Tournament on **August 20** at Hoodkrest Country Club in Derry, NH. All of the proceeds will support Catholic organizations. They are also having an Online Auction. For more information, visit <https://birdease.com/KOFCSTAGOLF>.

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School has added a second kindergarten class for the 2021-2022 school year. There are also a few openings available in Grades 6 and 8. For more information, please email Mrs. Latino at info@sjrcs.com.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover, NH is a college prep School of Excellence; we are happy to offer campus visits and tours throughout the summer months, and we are still accepting applications for Fall 2021. For more information, or to schedule a visit, please contact us at admission@stalux.org.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT DAY

"Rest and Renew" is a Retreat Day for all Catholic men and women ages 21 to 35 from both Maine and New Hampshire. This weekend experience on **September 10-12, 2021** will offer time for rest, reflection, prayer, and socializing. For more information and to register, visit <https://yaretreat2021.eventbrite.com>. Questions may be directed to Mary Jane Silvia, Director of Adult Faith Formation, at mjsilvia@rcbm.org or 663-0172.

BLUE MASS

All are welcome to the Annual Blue Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester on **Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 10:30 AM.*** The Blue Mass is an opportunity to pray for and with members of law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, dispatchers and their families and communities. It is also an opportunity to ask God to continue to bless them and their families in their important work. After Mass, awards will be presented in the Cathedral. We will recognize an exemplary Catholic Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT and Dispatcher.

****In case of any adverse developments related to COVID-19, the Mass will be celebrated Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.***



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6617

The Knights of Columbus, Council #6617, at it again doing **GOOD** in our community. The Knights recently made a financial donation to St. Gianna's Place. St. Gianna's Place is a home for pregnant women in need, providing residents with shelter, nutritious meals, and clothing, if necessary. In addition they offer spiritual, emotional, and social support, along with parenting, and job and life skills training that will help them become confident and independent members of the community.

15 June 2021

"Dear Knights,
Thank you so much for your generous donation to St. Gianna's Place. Because of you, we will be able to continue our mission of providing food, housing, education and support to pregnant women in need and their children. We ask you to please keep us in your prayers, and we pray GOD continues to bless you and your families.

Sincerely'
St. Gianna's Place Team"



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaisow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.



Bringing Home the Word

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
August 1, 2021

Quit Grumbling!

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Grumbling is terrible. It spreads discontent, discouragement, a negative spirit. It tells others you are unhappy and tries to drag them down. The Israelites grumbled against Moses and, indirectly, against God. He had taken them from slavery, yes, but led them into the desert with poor food and continual wanderings. At least as slaves they had food to eat and knew where they were. The devil can also trick us into believing that Jesus has done us no favors in saving us from the slavery of sin and feeding us with the gospel as we wander after his will.

Sunday Readings

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Here in the wilderness the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

You should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires.

John 6:24-35

[Jesus said,] "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

Jesus faces this shortsightedness. After he multiplies the bread and feeds the people, they follow him—but not because they want to convert and begin living the life of generosity. They follow him because they got their fill. They want a God that satisfies and takes care of them. They want a credit-card God, an unending source of funds to bail them out—not a God who offers salvation through conversion and generosity.

It is common to want a God who obeys us and not the other way around. Saint Jerome went into the desert, just like the Egyptians, to learn this lesson of humble obedience. Rather than grumble, he prayed for conversion. He learned that there is no doubt Jesus gives us all we could need, but we must expand our hearts and minds to receive it. Conversion is stretching our limits to the bountiful measure of God rather than grumbling and shrinking him to our miserly standards. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labor and are burdened," and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me."

—World Day of the Sick,
February 11, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- Do I need a bit more time praying with God to learn and enjoy his ways?
- How can I accept all the good God gives me, and desire his will above my own?

Prearrange My Heart

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

My mother asked me to go with her to help prearrange her funeral. A little time has passed since she first asked. We haven't gone yet, so I've had some time to think about it. Slogans like, "Save now, rest in peace later," and, "We put them in the ground, no money down," and, "You only get one chance to make a lasting impression" have been running through my mind. You must have a sense of humor about this. I always smile when I see the sign for Burns Funeral Home & Crematory.

I understand that families can be especially vulnerable when they lose a loved one and that the argument in favor of prearrangements is heavily on the side of making important decisions about death and burial well in advance of that emotionally charged experience. It makes sense. The stress of planning will be over; attention can be given to other important details.

It also makes sense that prearrangement can help lock in the price of the burial and all that accompanies it. The idea of a payment plan, not having to pay out a large sum all at once, makes even more sense—and it's easy on the wallet. If death isn't imminent, plans can even be altered, sometimes without incurring any further expense. All good, financially sound ideas.

From a practical perspective, all that I've read makes me think we should do



this. After all, my mom wants to. Why not? But truth be told, I feel a lot of personal resistance. Not because I don't trust the funeral home. Or because I don't feel we'll get a good deal. It's not because I worry about the expense. And it's not because we haven't found the right funeral home.

I realize I'm resisting because I don't want to face the raw, heart-wrenching truth that someday my mom will die, and my brother and sisters and I will have to figure out what life will be like without her. The grace of that moment cannot be paid for in advance, neatly organized or prearranged.

Just thinking about mom's funeral has caused me to rearrange my thinking about death, my emotions, and my relationship with her. I'm thinking about life in a way I had not before. I find myself suddenly tangled up in the stages of loss and grief: denial, anger, bargaining, and all the rest. I wonder how long it takes to get to the singularly, unique experience of acceptance. And when she dies, what then? When death does come, the saving mercy of Jesus, for her and for us, is all that is truly prearranged. +

Considering preparing for a funeral in advance stirs the emotions.

PRAYER

Lord, you are the bread of love, compassion, and peace. Strengthen me with this bread so I can serve others.

—From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 2–7

Monday, Weekday:

Nm 11:4b–15 / Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday, Weekday: Nm 12:1–13 /

Mt 14:22–36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday, St. John Vianney:

Nm 13:1–2, 25–14:1, 26–29a, 34–35 /
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday, Weekday:

Nm 20:1–13 / Mt 16:13–23

Friday, Transfiguration of the Lord:

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 / 2 Pt 1:16–19 / Mk 9:2–10

Saturday, Weekday:

Dt 6:4–13 / Mt 17:14–20

Bringing Home
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August 1, 2021

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