

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By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.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

Sunday Mass from Notre Dame

catholicstv.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 United 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!

September 5, 2021

Offertory	\$5,781.76
Property Mgmt	\$1,494.30

September 12, 2021

Offertory	\$10,586.00
Catholic University	\$ 1,018.00



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

September 19	Fuel
September 26	Priest Retirement Fund
October 3	Property Management
October 10	Fuel
October 17	World Mission Sunday

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

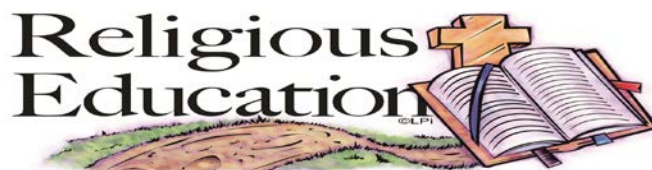
Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

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.

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



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.

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 FALL...

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

<u>Sunday, September 19</u>		
10:00 AM	Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
12:00 PM	Religious Ed – High School	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Tuesday, September 21</u>		
6:00 PM	Finance Council Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Wednesday, September 22</u>		
Holy Angels Church Open All Day For Prayer		
7:00 PM	Mysteries of the Rosary	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Thursday, September 23</u>		
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	<i>Newton</i>
1:30 PM	Mysteries of the Rosary	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Saturday, September 25</u>		
3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>

The Sanctuary Candle in
Mary, Mother of the Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
Matteo Intervalo
by Tess Moulaison



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.**

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, September 18 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Natalie and Phillip Gagnon
by the Lanseigne family
Plaistow

Sunday, September 19 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37*

8:00 AM Robert M. Hampe, Jr. by the Lumnah family
Newton
10:00 AM Paul Antkowiak (1st Anniversary) by his family
Plaistow

Monday, September 20 ~ Andrew Kim Tæ-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs *Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18*

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Ballard and Justin
Families by Lisa and Charlie Angwin
Newton

Tuesday, September 21 ~ Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist *Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13*

8:00 AM Carolyn Wysocki (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Wednesday, September 22 ~ Weekday *Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6*

6:30 PM Ed Bahia by Gayle and Ed Wencis
Plaistow

Thursday, September 23 ~ Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest *Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9*

8:00 AM Michael Neff by Helen Seager
Newton

Friday, September 24 ~ Weekday *Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22*

No Mass

Saturday, September 25 ~ Weekday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45 (Day)
Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Frank Szczapa by his family
Plaistow

Sunday, September 26 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

8:00 AM Helen Gibbs by Susan and Mick Swanwick
Newton
10:00 AM Karen, Lillian, & John Murphy by Carole Lueders
Plaistow



✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



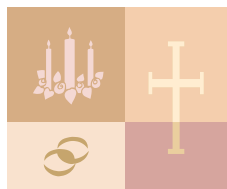
Thank you so much for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We've had a busy Spring, and Summer shows no sign of slowing down our effort to help our neighbors and friends in need.

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!

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 **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** ✠

HELP WANTED

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish in Newton-Plaistow, NH is searching for a PT custodian for our Preschool-Kindergarten in Plaistow, NH. The position involves routine custodial services after school hours (post 3 PM) Monday through Friday to equal twenty (20) hours per week. The successful candidate must be able to work independently and follow instructions to prepare the school environment for each new learning day. Candidates must be able to work on their feet for most of their time, go up and down stairs and lift at least twenty (20) pounds. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Manchester protocols for Safe Environment including a State(s) Criminal background check and Diocesan Safe Environment database training.

A full job description and application materials are available by contacting the Parish Office at (603) 382-8324 or fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM** at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. **To register, please contact your parish office by September 22, 2021.** The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

**ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH**

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling to cope with the loss? Catholic Charities NH will be starting its next online support group, **"Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again,"** a six-week program helping participants discover new ways to cope with loss, while creating opportunities to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on **Wednesdays (September 29 – November 3) from 1:30 to 2:30 PM.** To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/beravement, or call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.



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

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, November 6, 2021

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



**St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Center
8 Atkinson Depot Rd. Plaistow, NH**

Come join us for a fabulous day full of fun and festivities! There will be thousands of one-of-a-kind gifts from 20+ vendors of high-quality, handcrafted, and handmade items. Plus, our Country Store, Silent Auction, Jewelry Table, and COOKIE HEAVEN! We're offering 5 great raffles: \$1000 Cash Raffle, Wine Raffle, Penny Sale Raffles, Theme Basket Raffles, and Quilt Raffles. Breakfast and lunch will be available in The Café and we'll have various live entertainment and children's activities all day long. If we're lucky, we will even have Photos with SANTA from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Plenty of free parking! No admission fee! Our indoor event will be held rain or shine.** Questions? Call 603-382-8324. *Please note: the parish center is NOT wheelchair accessible.*

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617**



LOOKING FOR GOOD MEN

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of the St Luke the Evangelist Parish. We welcome any practicing Catholic man, 18 or older to join the Knights.

We are sons, fathers, husbands and grandfathers, whose main purpose is charitable works in support of our parish and community.

Where there is a need, there is a Knight.

Joining is simple – talk to a brother Knight, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803, email him at dans49@comcast.com or you can now join on-line - www.kofc.org/joinus.





Ever wonder how you can make a difference for those in your community?

Saint Vincent de Paul's Annual Fundraiser, the Walk for the Poor, is our largest fundraiser. This year, the need is greater than it has ever been. We all know more people are struggling financially than ever before. They are looking for a hand up to get them through this rough patch. This is where the **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** can help. We give that hand up - to help pay rent, put food on their table, get their car repaired to be able to go to work, keep their home heated, get medicine they require, etc. We want to have the funds to be able to help anyone who asks, but we need your help in doing that! Please consider joining our walk this year. We would love to see families walking to help other families. Sports Teams walking to support their community. We encourage people to walk in memory of a loved one - what a beautiful way to be remembered. Every dollar raised goes directly to helping people in our community.

This year, like last year, there are two options for our walk:

Option 1 - Walk with us on September 25, 2021

We will leave from Mary, Mother of the Church by proceeding left onto Amesbury Road, right onto Bear Hill Road and back, which is a little over a mile. Registration will be at 9 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. Water, Gatorade and tee-shirts will be available. We will be socially distancing as we are walking.

OR

Option 2 - Walk "Virtually" ANYTIME from September 25 through October 9, 2021 virtually. Walk your dog, do a family walk or hike, walk on your treadmill at the gym, walk around your neighborhood – just please WALK! Send us a picture of you walking, (if you want) and we will post it on our Facebook page.

Both options require you to fill out a simple registration form at <https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2503>

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Madeiros madeirosm22@yahoo.com or Susan Mokray suziqmo@aol.com visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/SVDP/?ti=as

The Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run is a national event coordinated by the Development Team at the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Will you walk a mile with us to support our mission to help the poor in our community?



FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Walker/Runner Pledge Sheet

Walker's Full Name:

SVdP Conference/Council Name: Plaistow NH

Donor's Name	Donor's Address	Pledge \$ Amount	Paid
0Example: Bob Smith	1212 Main Street, Anytown, MO 12345	25.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
Total			

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH CENTER

8 ATKINSON DEPOT ROAD, PLAISTOW, NH



A St. Luke the Evangelist tradition!

Join the fun as our Parish family comes together to create lots of holiday spirit, and to raise much-needed funds for our community.

5 BIG Raffles: \$1,000 Cash, Penny Sale,
Theme Baskets, Quilts, and Wine

Baked Goods ♦ *Children's Corner* ♦ Cookie Heaven
♦ *Country Store* ♦ Jewelry Table ♦
♦ Photos with Santa Claus ♦ *Silent Auction* ♦

Refreshments for sale all day long in The Café.

Over 20 Juried Vendors of hand-crafted items!



For our Christmas Craft Fair to be a success, we need all kinds of help. Please look over this catalog of opportunities to see where your talents will fit best. We'd love to have you involved in this community event as a family, a group of friends, a ministry, or, as an individual!

For more information, email stlukenhfair@gmail.com



PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE . . .

Talk about the Fair to everyone you meet or visit. Be sure to invite and entice all your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to attend **our** Christmas Craft Fair!

More people = More \$\$\$\$ for the Parish and a lot more FUN!!

Pursuing Persons to Publicly Promote the Fair:

- * Put window banners on cars, pass out to Trick-O-Treaters, give to any & everyone you meet!
- * Display post cards in public – town hall, library, stores, workplace, community notice boards, etc.
- * Help put up – then take down and return to church – YARD SIGNS in Plaistow, Newton, and surrounding towns (*put up weekend of Oct. 16/17 and RETURN to churches by Nov. 20-21*).

Silent Auction

We need **NEW** items such as small appliances, digital audio/video/photograph equipment, toys, bikes, ski or sports equipment. We also need donations of certificates for weekend trips, ski and/or golf packages, tickets and/or packages to entertainment or sporting events, etc. Donate a service **you** can offer to another to make, bake, or do something, etc. Think outside of the box!

WANTED: Motivated Masses to....

- * Solicit a prize from your workplace. If you own a business, PLEASE DONATE A PRIZE.
- * Lottery Tickets! Lots & Lots of Lottery Tickets. any-value scratch Lottery tickets for the Giant Lottery Tree (*expiration after Nov. 30*).
- * Donate three home-made pies for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas (*prepare pies for winning bidder to pick up from the Parish Office on a mutually agreed day*).
- * Donate a Christmas-card addressing service for up to 50 cards (*winning bidder drops off and picks up cards from the Parish Office on mutually agreed days*).
- * Non-perishable donations can be brought to Parish Hall any Saturday 3PM-5PM or Sunday 9AM-12PM until October 17.
- * Help arrange the Silent Auction tables (Friday, Nov. 5).
- * Work a shift at the Silent Auction table (Saturday, Nov. 6).

CA\$H RAFFLE

Six chances to win: \$1,000 1st prize, \$300 2nd prize and four \$50 3rd prizes! Tickets are only 6 for \$5.00, or \$1.00 each.

Vocal Volunteers are Vital! Please...

- * We're looking for a Ca\$h Raffle Lead helper. Might this be you?
email stlukenhfair@gmail.com
- * Work a shift at Cash Raffle table the day of the Fair, Nov. 6.
- * SELL SELL SELL Lots of tickets to Lots of People!!
Remember: more people = more money for the Parish.



Fair Set-up and Break-down:

We need lots of MUSCLE & ENERGY -- male OR female MUSCLE & ENERGY – young OR old MUSCLE & ENERGY – to help set-up on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Nov. 4, Nov. 5, Nov. 6.!

Special Request:

Do you have unused vases in your cupboards and closets?

We can trade them for a valuable gift certificate to a specific local floral shop!

* Drop donations off at Parish Hall any Saturday 3PM-5PM or Sunday 9AM-12PM until October 17.

Cookie Heaven

Bake dozens and dozens and dozens of delicious cookies. Gluten-free, nut-free and/or sugar-free cookies very welcome; please label clearly! Watch for the **Cookie Angel's** Visit!!

Bountiful Bakers needed to:

- * **BAKE** cookies.
- * Bake **LOTS and LOTS and LOTS OF COOKIES**.
- * Deliver to Parish Center Friday, Nov. 5, 3PM-8PM.



PENNY SALE

We need all kinds of **NEW** items for all ages: men and women – boys and girls.

Looking for gift cards from local restaurants, hair salons, auto service centers, gardening centers, etc.

Savvy Citizens sought to:

- * Donate NEW “As Seen on TV” items.
- * Re-Gift/Donate any NEW, UN-used gifts in your closets – they are Penny Sale treasures!!
- * Visit your favorite local haunts and ask them to donate items.
- * Drop donations off at Parish Hall any Saturday 3PM-5PM or Sunday 9AM-12PM until October 17.

Quilt Raffle

Hark, Helpers! Can you...

- * Help sell tickets at Masses through October.
- * Work a shift at the Quilt Raffle the day of the Fair, Saturday, Nov. 6.

Wine Raffle

(absolutely no liquor please)

“Anyone over 21” needed to please:

- * We’re looking for a Wine Raffle Lead helper. Might this be you?
email stlukenhfair@gmail.com
- * Donate bottles of wine! All kinds of wine!! Lots and Lots of WINE!
- * Collect empty wine boxes from the NH Liquor store.
- * Bring wine & boxes to Parish Hall any Saturday 3PM-5PM or Sunday 9AM-12PM until October 17.
- * Work a shift at the Wine Raffle the day of the Fair, Saturday, Nov. 6.



Theme Baskets

(Please list the CONTENTS and VALUE of the basket).

Please donate cellophane-wrapped, ready-to-raffle baskets with a theme. PLEASE, include a list of the contents and the total value (\$) of the Basket on a note on the OUTSIDE of the Basket.

Thematic Thinkers wanted to:

- * Create and donate a basket.
- * Ask businesses you frequent to donate a basket: salon, gym, shoe store, auto place, pet store, etc.
- * Drop donations off at Parish Hall any Saturday 3PM-5PM or Sunday 9AM-12PM until October 17.



Children's Corner

Lollipop Game, Face Painting, Cookie Decorating!!!
Lots of things to keep little people entertained!

People with Big Hearts and Lots of Patience needed to:

- * We need LOTS of large, original-size Tootsie Roll Pops BY Oct 17!.
- * Prizes needed for the Lollipop Game: small- and medium-sized NEW toys suitable for boys or girls.
- * Drop donations off at Parish Hall any Saturday 3PM-5PM or Sunday 9AM-12PM until October 17.
- * Help with the various activities at the Children's Corner on Saturday, Nov. 6. Teenager's 8th grade and older especially wanted!

COUNTRY STORE

Closet Crafters please:

- * Hand knit or crochet items: hats, mittens, blankets, sweaters, etc. Baby sizes sell fast!
- * Make jams, jellies, canned fruit, pickles, relishes, etc.
- * Bake pies, breads, brownies, cupcakes, etc. (all cookies will go to Cookie Heaven).
Gluten-free, nut-free and/or sugar-free baked goods are welcome; please label clearly!
- * Bring perishable items to the Parish Center Friday, Nov. 5, 3PM-8PM.

Thrift Store (no electronics or Catholic Sacramentals please.)

We can accept used but in very good condition items. NO items with Broken or Missing Parts!
Items for all ages: men and women, boys and girls, plus Holiday items.

Hunting for Treasure Hunters to:

- * Donate Grab bags (no perishables please).
- * Donate seasonal decorations, table décor, etc.; kitchen wares, wood-worked items, toys, games, puzzles (Must not be broken or missing any pieces).
- * Drop donations off at Parish Hall any Saturday 3PM-5PM or Sunday 9AM-12PM until October 17.

Jewelry Table Time to clean out those jewelry boxes and drawers!

Regalia Wranglers requested to:

- * Donate new or as new jewelry. Bring in all things in good condition you don't wear anymore: earrings, pins, rings, necklaces, bracelets, cuff links, tie pins, chains, watches, etc.
- * Drop donations off at Parish Hall any Saturday 3PM-5PM or Sunday 9AM-12PM until October 17.
or you may call Danielle Kelly to schedule a person-to-person delivery (603-382-6499).

FOOD, Glorious FOOD!

Delicious food & beverages will be available all day!

Foraging for Fabulous Foodies to:

- * Work a shift in the kitchen or as a cashier on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Donate ingredients for American Chop Suey and other delicious food and beverages—watch for sign-ups in October!

Watch for SignUp boards in backs of churches in October.

Please, NO donations for the Café before **November**.



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 6, 2021 – 9:00 am–3:00 PM – St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Center

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET *Please return *BY* October 17 (or SOONER)* 😊

Name: _____ Best time to reach you: _____

Day-time phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

E-mail: _____

YOU are needed!! Our Christmas Fair is the perfect opportunity to come together and work as a community to raise vital funds for our Parish! Which of your gifts will you use to help the fair? Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations, physical assistance, and participation. This Fair would not exist without YOU!

Please indicate below where and when you can help, and how you can donate.

____ **SPECIAL NEED FOR ORGANIZED PERSONS** The Christmas Fair Lead seeks THREE (3) organized, focused individuals to make EASY DAYTIME phone calls beginning last week in September. Volunteers will be call businesses who received donation request letters via snail mail for our Silent Auction. Volunteers will keep track of responses, messages, etc. and communicate back to Fair Lead.

I will donate non-perishable, **NEW** or **LIKE NEW** items.

I will deliver them to Parish Hall any Saturday from 3PM-5PM or Sunday from 9AM-12PM through October 17.

____ **Silent Auction** _____

____ **Penny Sale** _____

____ **Country Store** _____

____ **Jewelry** _____

____ **Wine Raffle** _____

____ **Children's Corner** _____

SATURDAY 10/30 & SUNDAY, 10/31, The weekend **BEFORE** the Fair (look for these in Churches 10/23-10/24)

____ **DISTRIBUTE** Windshield Flyers along with Halloween Treats! Put them on windshields when shopping!

WEDNESDAY, 11/3

Stage Decoration & Banner Hanging Heroes

____ **3PM-5PM** – Five (5) volunteers needed to form 3 teams along with the Fair Lead. Volunteers must be willing and able to: sweep, carry awkward but not heavy items from various places, negotiate stairs, and be comfortable climbing & using a step ladder. Team A will hang banners in the gym. Team B will “decorate” the stage with Christmas trees, garland, flowers, and a wreath. Team C will set up the Fair Check-In Area.

THURSDAY, 11/4, Set-up, Part 1

Trucks/Vehicle with open trailer

____ **3PM – 6PM** We need TWO (2) Trucks or SUVs with open trailer, sign-up if we can utilize yours!

Set-up Part ONE: 3PM – 6PM

____ Christmas Fair Lead is seeking a few robust volunteers to begin Christmas Fair set-up. This job involves requires working as a team, paying attention, and above all a friendly CAN-DO spirit. Lots of things will be accomplished in this three (3) hour time frame: Volunteers will move lots of tables (some heavy/some light) and chairs as well as some boxes of donations from Parish Hall over to Parish Center via truck. Volunteers must be able to do a lot of walking, go up and down stairs, and carry heavy awkward items.

FRIDAY, 11/5, 3:00PM-8:00PM I will **donate & deliver PERISHABLE** items **DIRECTLY** to Parish Center.

____ **Country Store:** _____

____ **Cookie Heaven:** BAKE cookies, BAKE cookies, BAKE cookies, BAKE cookies, and BAKE more cookies!

____ **St. Luke's Café:** Please watch for special sign-up boards after Masses in October!

Please indicate below where and when you can help

Plan to arrive 5-10 minutes before your time slot.

FRIDAY, 11/5, Set-up, Part 2

Trucks/Vehicle with open trailer

_____ **12 NOON – 3PM** We need TWO (2) Trucks or SUVs with open trailer, sign-up if we can utilize yours!

Set-up Part TWO: 12 NOON – 3PM

_____ Christmas Fair Lead is seeking a few robust volunteers to continue Christmas Fair set-up. This job involves requires working as a team, paying attention, and above all a friendly CAN-DO spirit. Lots of things will be accomplished in this three (3) hour time frame: Volunteers will move lots of tables (some heavy/some light) and chairs as well as some boxes of donations from Parish Hall over to Parish Center via truck. Volunteers must be able to do a lot of walking, go up and down stairs, and carry heavy awkward items.

Various Help between 3PM – 8PM

_____ Help set-up Parish Tables: I am available from _____ to _____

_____ Help set-up Silent Auction: I am available from _____ to _____

_____ Hold doors as vendors come in & out of Parish Center: I am available from _____ to _____

Set-up & Decorate the Café

_____ **5PM-6PM** Two (2) volunteers to decorate the café with garland and tablecloths. No heavy lifting.

SATURDAY, 11/6, The DAY OF THE FAIR

_____ I'd like to **Help with Parking**: I like being outdoors & the cold doesn't bother me!! I am available from _____ to _____ (Parking must be 'staffed' 7:00AM-2:00PM. Your info will be passed on to Ray Viglione.)

PARISH TABLE HELP – During the Fair between 7:30AM-3:00PM, please indicate your preferred shift

_____ Early Bird 7:30AM – 9:00AM

_____ Afternoon 1:00PM – 3:30PM

_____ Morning 8:30AM – 11:00AM

_____ Fair Breakdown 3:30PM – 5:00PM

_____ Lunch 11:00AM – 1:00PM

_____ Other Time Frame, be specific _____

If possible, I'd like to help with the:

_____ CAFÉ Cashier

_____ CA\$H RAFFLE

_____ Children's Corner

_____ Cookie Heaven

_____ Country Store

_____ Penny Sale

_____ Jewelry Table

_____ Quilt Raffle

_____ Silent Auction

_____ Theme Basket

_____ WINE Raffle

_____ **Put Me Where Needed MOST!**

_____ I can't stand for very long

_____ I can't climb stairs

_____ I can't lift heavy items

_____ **2:30PM-4PM** – Help "After Fair" with Silent Auction – monitoring tables as bids are tallied, organizing items, etc.

_____ **3:30PM-5PM** – We need FOUR people to call the "winners". These volunteers must be comfortable using their own cell phone to make these calls. Calls will be made at Parish Center NOT Parish Hall.

_____ **3:30PM-5PM** – Muscle needed to breakdown fair and/or bring specific tables back to Parish Hall as labeled.

_____ **3:30PM-5PM** – We need TWO Trucks or SUVs with open trailer, sign-up if we can utilize yours!

***Your assignment will be confirmed via email or phone, please be sure to provide both at the top of this form. Also, please arrive 5-10 minutes early & stop at Volunteer Check-In for assignment.**

SUNDAY, 11/7

_____ **9:00AM-12:00PM** – We need TWO (2) people to continue calling "winners". Volunteers must be comfortable using their own cell phone to make these calls. Calls will be made down in Parish Hall.

_____ **9:00AM-12:00PM** – TWO (2) people to help give out Silent Auction Items to winning bidders in Parish Hall

_____ **9:00AM-12:00PM** – TWO (2) people to help give out Raffle Prizes to winners in RE Office at Parish Hall.

If you would like more specific information about anything fair-related, please email: stlukenhfair@gmail.com

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

This Sunday, Jesus teaches that his highest value is service. He puts his arms around a child to show that welcoming others, even children, is welcoming him. Jesus wants his followers to be warm and welcoming to everyone, no matter who it is, as if that person were Jesus himself.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Take time to go through Seeds with your child. Ask your child to use the picture on the cover to tell you about the Gospel story. Have your child show you the different paths to church and talk about going to Mass as a family on Sunday.

Promise (Grades K-1): Talk with your child about where he or she learns about Jesus. Your child will be able to tell you who are Jesus' followers and how we all come together during Mass to celebrate the Eucharist. Look at the self-portrait your child drew on page 4.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Have your child tell you the story of Anne and her new baby brothers. Ask how Anne helped her family and how your child helps at home. Your child also learned that Jesus wants all his followers to welcome and serve others. That is how everyone can be Good News for others. Talk about ways your family can welcome and serve others.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your child explored what makes a good friend and how one shows friendship by respecting and serving others. Ask your child to share with the family what he or she learned about "being" the Church. Talk about ways that you and your family can be welcoming to others. Agree on one specific thing to do and then act on it.

Visions (Grades 7-9): In class this week, your youngster discussed again just how much Jesus values service as an identifying mark of his disciples. The class also learned to recognize the Church as the assembly—the Body of Christ. Take some time as a family to review your experience of Sunday Mass. Use the questions on page 5 of the lesson to guide your conversation. Make a list of ways that your family can more actively participate in the Sunday assembly.

Pray Together

When you complete your conversation about this Sunday's Gospel lesson, pray together in your own words that God will help your family grow in faith throughout this year.

Gospel Table Talk

- Read this Sunday's Gospel (usccb.org/bible/readings/).
- Remind your children how Jesus needs us to serve him by serving others (You could look up Saint Vincent de Paul and read about his life).
- Each of us has been called to do this through the Sacrament of Baptism. Although Jesus summons us to work for him, we have choices. We can follow his call or decide not to. Nevertheless, we must seriously consider what he is asking us to do. How does your family respond to this call?



What are...

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

*Bishop Thomas J. Tobin
Diocese of Youngstown in Ohio*

THEOLOGICAL/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

In 1971 extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist were first permitted in the United States. At that time the Congregation of the Sacraments responded to a request of the American bishops to allow laypersons to assist priests in giving Holy Communion.

In January 1973, Pope Paul VI, in the instruction "Immensae Caritatis," extended this permission to the universal Church. He wrote: "Present-day conditions demand that greater access to Holy Communion should be made possible so that the faithful, by sharing more fully in the fruits of the sacrifice of the Mass, might dedicate themselves more readily and effectively to God and to the good of the Church. First of all, provision must be made lest reception become impossible or difficult owing to a lack of a sufficient number of ministers."

The institution of this ministry responds to the condition in the Church today whereby Catholics are encouraged to share in communion at every Eucharist in which they participate, and under both species, and the large number of persons who are coming forward to partake of the body and blood of Christ.

In any parish, qualified persons who have been nominated for service as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist must receive mandate from the Diocesan bishop. The pastor forwards the names of the persons to the bishop asking that they be named for service as extraordinary ministers. This requirement distinguishes the extraordinary minister of the Eucharist from other liturgical ministers and emphasizes the extraordinary nature of this ministry.

Extraordinary ministers are commissioned to function within their own parish for a period of three years. The commission expires after three years or if the person moves away from his or her parish. The commission is

renewable by again requesting the endorsement from the bishop. Commissioning should take place during a parish celebration according to the rite provided in the Book of Blessings. The commission may be revoked by the pastor if the individual no longer fulfills the requirements for this ministry established below.

RESPONSIBILITY/PURPOSE

"Extraordinary ministers may distribute Holy Communion at Eucharistic celebrations only when there are no ordained ministers present or when those ordained ministers present at a liturgical celebration are truly unable to distribute Holy Communion. They may also exercise this function at Eucharistic celebrations where there are particularly large numbers of the faithful and which would be excessively prolonged because of an insufficient number of ordained ministers to distribute Holy Communion." (Instruction on Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests)

Extraordinary ministers are also used in order that the sick or homebound may receive communion with the frequency recommended in the revised rite for the *Pastoral Care of the Sick*. Any person who regularly takes communion to the sick is to be trained and commissioned. An individual may be commissioned for only this aspect of the ministry or may perform this service within the Eucharistic assembly. To establish the connection between the Sunday assembly and the homebound and sick of the parish, extraordinary ministers ideally are sent from the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist to take communion to them.

SELECTION/DISCERNMENT

Extraordinary ministers are to be fully initiated Catholics (having received Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation, be at least 16 years of age, and lead lives in harmony with the undertaking of this ministry including participating in the sacramental life of the Church. If married, a Minister must have been married validly in the Catholic Church. The Pastor, Parish staff, and Pastoral Council assist in discerning parishioners to fulfill this ministry.

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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
September 19, 2021

Jesus' Cleansing Love

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The Master of Fossa, a painter of unknown name, traveled the Umbrian region in the 1300s, creating works of Franciscan spirituality. His triptych panel, *Stories of the Passion*, interprets the scenes of the passion and death of Christ as an act of service to poor sinners. The souls of his brothers and sisters were dirty. And yet he comes down from heaven, bends over our iniquity, and gently takes us into his hands while nursing us back to cleanliness and life.

Christ's greatness is revealed in his service. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant

of all" (Mark 9:35). Jesus didn't wish to be first; he merely wished to be faithful. His goal was to love the Father and win us back, and that meant service and the cross.

In a detail of the painting, Peter is on his papal throne while Jesus kneels in front of him. What a role reversal! Peter should be washing Jesus' feet, but no. Even Peter tried to reject this act of service, but Jesus insisted—or else Peter could have no part in his reign.

Peter needed to be washed and purified before serving and sanctifying others. So it is with us. During this Mass, allow your soul to be taken into Jesus' hands. Feel him cleanse you, pouring his warm grace over your wounds. Accept his gentle, loving attention as he caresses, dries, and restores you. Only when you have known his mercy and love can you then be an agent of that love to others. +

A Word from Pope Francis

The *Catechism* firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." All such use and experimentation "requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation."

—On Care for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*), May 24, 2015



Sunday Readings

Wisdom 2:12, 17–20

With violence and torture let us put him to the test / that we may have proof of his gentleness.

James 3:16—4:3

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice.

Mark 9:30–37

[Jesus said,] "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Allow your soul to be taken into Jesus' hands. Feel him cleanse you, pouring his warm grace over your wounds.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do I take the time to place myself in Jesus' presence and receive his healing touch?
- The sacrament of reconciliation is a privileged moment of healing. Do I take advantage of this grace?

Wise Christian Stewardship

By Kathleen M. Basi

“God gave you a body so you can do good things in the world. And you can’t do that if you don’t take care of your body.” This is a pretty common refrain in my parenting arsenal. It is intended to be an entry-level lesson on sexuality, but in fact it’s a pretty universal concept: We have a responsibility to use what we have been given wisely.

When we hear the words “Christian stewardship,” we tend to reduce it to “time, talent, and treasure”—specifically, to our gift to the Church. Yet as important as that is, it’s not the whole story.

Christian stewardship means the wise use of everything we have and everything we are. It means care of the earth: picking up litter, not running the car while I check my phone in the parking lot, recycling, reusing plastic bags, turning the thermostat down in the winter and up in the summer, shopping consignment, and using The Freecycle Network, which coordinates a worldwide network of “gifting groups” to divert reusable goods from landfills.

It means care of relationships: turning off the electronics and focusing on each other, playing games together, eating dinners together, and supporting each other’s endeavors.

It means being aware of how much I have—home, running water, electricity, and especially my own unique talents and charisms—and embracing the



responsibility to share that wealth with others.

If my charism is a love of children, it might mean offering a stressed-out mother a few hours off. It might even mean taking kids for a whole weekend to allow another couple a weekend to reconnect.

If my charism is physical strength, it might mean helping a neighbor fix a broken step or replace a faucet. It might mean mowing the yard for an elderly or sick acquaintance, or someone overwhelmed by circumstances.

If my charism is cooking, it might mean meals for new mothers or families facing loss, extended illness, or emotional stress.

If my charism is joy and the gift of gab, it might mean visiting shut-ins, nursing homes, and retirement centers.

When “time and talent” Sunday comes around, we naturally focus on how to give back to God through the Church. Our parishes can function only if we share our gifts. But the responsibility of Christian stewardship doesn’t end there. The Church can grow only if we evangelize—and actions, as the old adage says, speak louder than words.

God gave us our bodies; we honor him by using them to do good things on the earth in his name. +

*Giving of our time,
talent, and treasure is
only part of the story.*

PRAYER

*Lord, I am grateful that you
are my advocate. Take away
all my fears and doubts. Fill
me with your wisdom and love
that I may be an instrument of
your peace in the world.*

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 20–25

Monday, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and companions:
Ezr 1:1–6 / Lk 8:16–18


Tuesday, St. Matthew:
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 / Mt 9:9–13

Wednesday, Weekday:
Ezr 9:5–9 / Lk 9:1–6

Thursday, St. Pius of Pietrelcina:
Hg 1:1–8 / Lk 9:7–9

Friday, Weekday:
Hg 2:1–9 / Lk 9:18–22

Saturday, Weekday:
Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a / Lk 9:43b–45

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