

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By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.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 26, 2021

Offertory	\$6,739.26
Priest Retirement	\$1,878.65



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

October 3	Property Management
October 10	Fuel
October 17	World Mission Sunday
October 24	No Second Collection
October 31	No Second Collection

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 jtremlay@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>.



The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Michael and Sophie Marciano** by their family

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn in loving memory of **Sal and Anna Musci** by their family



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, **NOW IS THE TIME** for you to reconsider **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.**

REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED BROTHERS

On **Sunday, October 10, 2021**, the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Holy Angels Church, will be in memory of the deceased members of Council #6617, Knights of Columbus.

You and your family are cordially invited to join the Knights, their families, and the St. Luke Parish community in prayer to celebrate the memories of our deceased brothers.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Columbus Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 11**. The office will reopen on Tuesday, October 12 at 8:30 AM.

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

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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

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has been issued a **\$73.90** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of Amazon Smile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2021.

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.

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, October 3

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*
 12:00 PM Religious Ed – High School *Plaistow*

Monday, October 4

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus *Plaistow*

Wednesday, October 6

Holy Angels Church
 Open All Day For Prayer

7:00 PM Mysteries of the Rosary *Plaistow*

Thursday, October 7

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*
 1:30 PM Mysteries of the Rosary *Plaistow*

Saturday, October 9

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

The Sanctuary Candle in
 Holy Angels Church
 will burn this week in loving memory of
Yvette Caron
 by Paul and Justine Caron



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.



**FEED THE
 HUNGRY**

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, October 2 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Roland and Mary Guilmette by the Matson family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 3 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

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

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

Monday, October 4 ~ Francis of Assisi

Jon 1:1–2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

8:00 AM Louise and John Fors by Lisa & Charlie Angwin
Newton

Tuesday, October 5 ~ Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

8:00 AM Barbara McElroy by Bob and Alice Litwinovich
Plaistow

Wednesday, October 6 ~ Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose

Durocher, Virgin

Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

6:30 PM Don Richardson by the Knights of Columbus
Plaistow

Thursday, October 7 ~ Our Lady of the Rosary

Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

8:00 AM For Michael and his recovery
Newton

Friday, October 8 ~ Weekday

Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

No Mass

Saturday, October 9 ~ Denis, Bishop, and Companions,

Martyrs; John Leonardi, Priest

Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28 (Day)

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Louise Fusco by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, October 10 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

8:00 AM Marie Lessard by Susan and Mick Swanwick
Newton

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus by Knights of Columbus, Council #6617
Plaistow



OCTOBER 3, 2021

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



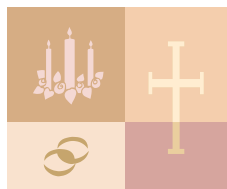
Thank you so much for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We've had a busy Spring, and Summer shows no sign of slowing down our effort to help our neighbors and friends in need.

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!

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!



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** ✠

MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph are a group committed to living lives of conversion, integrity, and honesty, acting as a witness for Jesus Christ in daily life, work, social, parish and family settings. The men of Saint Joseph aim to emulate St. Joseph so to become better husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. There are no dues and the Men of St. Joseph do not participate in projects or other volunteer efforts as a group, but instead, gather together for sharing among men to help them be a better person, a better family man, and a better member of the Church

In November, a special Men of St. Joseph Leaders' Conference will be held at Saint Mary-Saint Joseph Parish in Salem. The goal of the Leader's Conference is to start or to restart Men of Saint Joseph Groups in parishes in the Diocese. Father Marc Montminy and Father Anthony Frontiero will speak, and Frank Howard will be worship leader.

Saint Luke Parish invites interested men to step forward to become leaders in a newly formed Men of Saint Joseph Group meeting here in Newton-Plaistow. If you are interested, please contact Father Albert at fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net or call the Parish Office.

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 BLOOD DRIVE

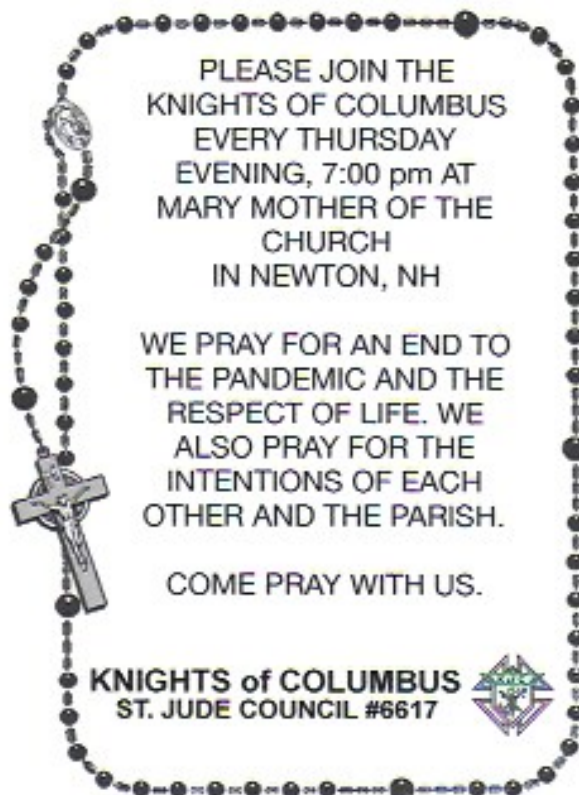
The St. Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on **Friday, October 8** at the Atkinson Community Center, 4 Main Street, Atkinson **from 1:00 to 6:00 PM**. Pre-registration is required. Go to www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. The need for blood is extremely urgent. Please consider giving the gift of life!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
CARING RIDES FOR LOCAL SENIORS**

CareGivers, a program of Catholic Charities NH, recently expanded its Caring Rides program to the Greater Plaistow area and is seeking volunteers to help drive local homebound seniors to the doctor's office, dental visits, and other vital appointments. Many of these seniors live alone and cannot drive or access reliable transportation, relying on our amazing network of volunteers who continually prove that having a big heart can make a priceless impact. To sign up, please visit www.caringrides.org or call Ryan at 603-663-0250.



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.



St Luke Christmas Fair 2021 UPDATES

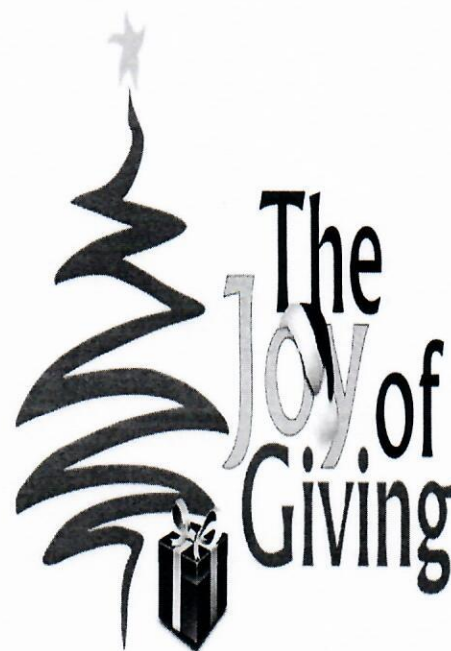
Donations are starting to come in (THANK YOU) but we still need a lot more.

All donations are needed by Sunday, October 17, but the sooner the better.

Please drop your donations off downstairs in the Parish Hall in Plaistow any Saturday, from 3:00PM-5:00PM or Sunday, from 9:00AM-12:00PM until October 17.

Our fair's success relies on your fabulous donations. Your donations are used at the Penny Sale Table, the Silent Auction, the Country Store, and to make Theme Baskets. We still need... New (like-new) items in original boxes * New Power Tools * New Toys * Fun Gadgets * Newly Knitted and/or Crocheted Coordinated Sets or Afghans * New (like-new) Items for Men and/or Women * Lottery Tickets * TOOTSIE ROLL POPS for the Lollipop Game * WINE WINE WINE * Jewelry * Rings * Watches * Chains * Necklaces * Earrings * Bracelets * Original Artwork * Vases (tall ones, please, a local florist will exchange them for a Gift Certificate)

Could you give new items for a Theme Basket? Here are some ideas: 'As Seen On TV' Items, Baking, BBQ King/Queen, Beauteous Beards, Birthday-In-A-Box, Breakfast-In-A-Basket, Book Club, Caffeine Fix, Car Care Kits, Chocolate Madness, Cooking & Cocktails, Cozy on a Cold Day, Craft Corner, Family Movie Night, Fanatic Fisherman, Fabulous Foodie, First Aid, Football Fan, Gardeners Gifts, Get Well Basket, Golf-Galore, Hot Cocoa Enthusiast, Ice Cream Party, Kitchen Gadgets, Manicure Maniac, Mexican Fiesta Night, More S'Mores!, New Momma, New Year's 2022!, The Knifty Knitter, Outdoor Adventurer, Pamper-the-Chef, Pasta Night, Puppy Lovers, The Quintessential Quilter, Road Trip, Relaxing Spa Day Basket, Sports Lover, Snow Day Survival Kit, Stampers Delight, Take A Hike!, Tea Lovers, Vehicle Safety, Weekend Getaway, Winter Fun, Zen.



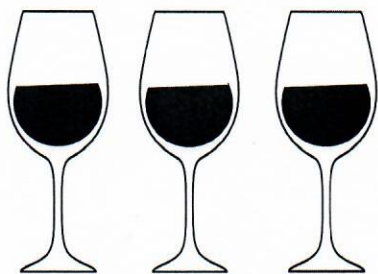
Fabulous Raffles

You'll notice at the back of both churches we have a full-color poster of the **THREE QUILTS** being raffled off this year, you can also purchase tickets after Masses.

You will also find a red bin filled with stacks of **CASH RAFFLE TICKETS** waiting for you to be pick them up and well them to your friends and family!! Please grab a few stacks and **SELL SELL SELL!** Return the Stubs and Cash in an envelope marked **RAFFLES** via the collection basket - OR mail it to: St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH 03865

If you can't wait to purchase **WINE RAFFLE TICKETS**, please use the "Order Form" on the other side of this bulletin insert. Simply fill out the requested information, Add up the total owed, Make your check payable to: St. Luke Parish, Pop the form and check in an envelope marked **RAFFLES** via the collection basket - OR mail it to: St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH 03865

Raffle Tickets! Get Your Raffle Tickets HERE!!”



WINE RAFFLE 2020

1st Prize: 50+ bottles of WINE!!

2nd Prize: 12 bottles of wine of various types.

One (1) for \$10.00, THREE (3) for \$25.00, or FIVE (5) for \$40.00

CASH RAFFLE with a 2020 Theme

1st Prize: \$1,020.20 – 2nd Prize: \$220.20 – four 3rd Prizes: \$50 each
\$1.00 each, or SIX (6) chances to WIN for \$5.00



THREE QUILT RAFFLES! Baby Girl, Baby Animals, Floral Quilt

Be sure to CLEARLY INDICATE, on the order form, for which quilt you are purchasing tickets

Purchase one (1) ticket for \$5.00 or FIVE (5) chances to WIN for 20.00



RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

Make your check payable to: St. Luke's Parish, Pop the form and check in an envelope marked WINE RAFFLE and drop it in the collection basket - OR ...

Mail to: **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH 03865**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Raffle	Quantity of Tickets	Total \$
WINE Raffle	_____	\$_____
CASH Raffle	_____	\$_____
Baby GIRL Quilt Raffle	_____	\$_____
Baby BOY Quilt Raffle	_____	\$_____
Floral ADULT Quilt Raffle	_____	\$_____
Total Owed		\$_____

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday Gospel: Mark 10:2–16

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that from the beginning of Creation, God made men and women to join together in love. All of us are social beings who are created for making bonds of love and friendship with one another. Those bonds become inseparable in marriage. This reality underlies the lifelong, faithful commitment the Church celebrates in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Ask your child to tell you the story about Jesus that he or she heard in class. Children are usually open to people of all races and economic conditions—just as Jesus was. Children are especially good at responding wholeheartedly to goodness in others. Display the picture your child drew of your family along with the blessing on the back of the picture.

Promise (Grades K–1): Your child learned that Jesus welcomed the little children and blessed them. Take a few moments to talk with your child about how much Jesus loves all children and wants them to follow him. Your child also learned the Sign of the Cross. Ask your child to lead the family in making the Sign of the Cross before and after every meal this week.

Good News (Grades 2–3): In class this week, your child learned that welcoming others is a way to show respect, love, and concern. He or she also learned that Jesus welcomed little children and blessed them. Another important lesson for the week was the Third Commandment—keeping Sunday holy. Share together ways that your family can keep Sunday holy. Make a plan for some special ways you will celebrate next Sunday and keep it holy.

Venture (Grades 4–6): In class this week, your child learned about the bonds that hold a family together and recognized that lasting

love is Jesus' ideal for marriage. The class also learned that marriage is a sign of God's love. Take some time to pull out some family wedding pictures. Talk about why weddings are such joyous celebrations. Invite your child to share with the family the story of Saint Thomas More.

Visions (Grades 7–9): Your youngster's class identified the benefits and challenges of family life. The class also took an honest look at the problems that occur when parents divorce or separate. Even though families may face serious problems, the class learned that lasting love is what is taught about marriage. Talk about ways your family can bear witness to that everlasting love. Ask your young person to tell you about the two sacraments that are called sacraments of service.

Pray Together

After your weekly discussion, sit quietly together. Then have each member of the family say a prayer to the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—to help all of you grow and flourish as a family that shows everlasting love.

Gospel Table Talk

- Read this Sunday's Gospel (uscgb.org/bible/readings/).
- Have a conversation about children throughout the world. Unfortunately there are so many children in this world who live with poverty, hunger, and violence.
- Briefly discuss a few things your family and children have that not all children have access to (e.g., enough food, shelter, people who care about them, etc.).
- Pray for all children, especially those who are suffering in any way.





The Society of St. Vincent DePaul, at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, invites you to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry! Even if you are unable to attend meetings, your talents are more than welcome.

Shawls can be made with yarn, quilt fabric, or fleece. They are filled with prayer, care and love. They will be given to anyone in need of comfort or solace.

If you are interested in prayerful camaraderie or just want to contribute your talent, consider joining our committee.

If you know of someone that is in need of comfort and would like to receive a gift from our group, please call to make the request.

Barbara Metcalf

603-642-8334

cmbklb@yahoo.com

Meeting Schedule:

- First Thursday of each month, except July and August.
- 10 A.M. – 12 Noon
- Parish office building (dining room)
- Material can be supplied

We are honored to provide this service to anyone in need.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

October 3, 2021

Men, Women, and God's Creative Plan

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

On the Sistine Chapel's ceiling, inspired by a passage from today's first reading, Michelangelo painted the moment when God creates woman out of the side of man. He depicts her standing beside the slumbering Adam, almost arguing with God. It may represent the eternal discussion about the relationship of man and woman. Or perhaps it recalls the scene of a man asleep on the sofa while the woman wonders, "What's wrong with him?" Happily, Eve asks the one with the answer: God.

Sunday Readings

Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said: It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suited to him.

Hebrews 2:9-11

He who "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

[Jesus said,] "But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female....So they are no longer two but one flesh."

In fact, Jesus does the same thing in Mark's Gospel. When the Pharisees question him on divorce, Jesus refers them to God's original plan: "But from the beginning of creation..." (10:6). Jesus finds the answer to this challenging question by looking back at God's creative plan for humanity. God has given man and woman to one another as a mutual gift. It is not good that man should be alone, but only God in eternity definitively satisfies the original loneliness found in everyone's heart.

When spousal love breaks down, we would be wise to follow Jesus' advice and refer to God's original plan. Saint John Paul II did that when, in contemplating married love, he dedicated the first years of his Wednesday audiences to reflect on the first three chapters of Genesis.

Those God has placed alongside us, especially our spouses, are meant to wonderfully (but only partially) satisfy that deep longing to be totally accompanied. Mutual self-giving and self-sacrifice in love is the solution to our inherent isolation and loneliness. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

In the first reading we also hear that God was pained by Adam's loneliness....God did not create us to live in sorrow or to be alone. He made men and women for happiness, to share their journey with someone who complements them, to live the wondrous experience of love.

Homily, October 4, 2015



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I look for others to satisfy a part of me that only God can satisfy?
- Do I celebrate all the good things my spouse or loved ones offer me? Do I thank them?

Hard Choices

By Kathleen M. Basi

Faith and politics—are there any two words in the English language that are more fraught with the potential to divide?

In the United States last year, we went through a heartbreakingly ugly presidential primary and convention season, only to be thrust into an equally disgusting general-election fight that extended into the post-election—more than a year in which the *modus operandi* seems to be: “Say whatever you want, whether it’s true or not, because all things are justifiable in the pursuit of winning.”

When faith intersects with politics, we are faced with hard choices. No party, no candidate, represents the totality of the Catholic faith. No party holds a moral high ground; the bending of truths and the oversimplification of issues is a near-universal characteristic of political rhetoric, and all party platforms contain positions that are inconsistent with the teachings of Christ.

Candidates often tell us we stand at a point of no return—that if we don’t get the “right” result, our country is lost. And for this reason, we tolerate the behaviors, the shredding of opponents’ human dignity, the dishonesty, and the trash talking that stand diametrically opposed to the Ten Commandments. Even worse, we participate in them.

Most of us don’t want to own our guilt. We’d rather blame the system. If we take an honest look in the mirror, though, almost all of us are part of the



problem. Too often, the tone of our comments on social media and in our safe zones, among those who think like we do, mirrors the un-Christlike ugliness exhibited in direct mail, TV ads, and speeches. We fail to hold our candidates—even the ones we know personally—accountable for the tenor of the discussion. Then, too, there are the articles and editorials we choose to share. It’s easy to hide behind them, to let an author take the blame and refuse the responsibility we incur by spreading his or her influence.

The truth is, there is no one “point of no return.” We face crossroads every day, every election season, and in every conversation about social, economic,

and governmental affairs. At each one, we make a choice to put our faith in the driver’s seat—or to make a particular political party, candidate, or issue our god.

In future elections, we, as individual followers of Christ, must decide whether to condone the false absolutes, the polarization, and the dehumanization that have come to characterize our political process, or to hold ourselves and all our leaders accountable to the standard set by Jesus.

We all have a choice to make. What will you choose? +

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*Lord, I am grateful for
childlike innocence.
Help me to be more aware of
and responsive to
the needs of little children.*

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 4–9

Monday, St. Francis of Assisi:
Jon 1:1–2:2, 11 / Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday, Weekday:
Jon 3:1–10 / Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday, Weekday:
Jon 4:1–11 / Lk 11:1–4

Thursday, Our Lady of the Rosary:
Mal 3:13–20b / Lk 11:5–13

Friday, Weekday:
Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2 / Lk 11:15–26

Saturday, Weekday:
Jl 4:12–21 / Lk 11:27–28

Bringing Home
the Word 

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