

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By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.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

October 10, 2021

Offertory	\$6,725.01
Fuel	\$1,391.40

October 17, 2021

Offertory	\$6,668.33
World Missions	\$1,235.00



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

October 24	No Second Collection
October 31	No Second Collection
November 1	All Saints Day
November 7	Property Management
November 14	Campaign/Human Development

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>.



ALL SOULS DAY

We will remember all of our loved ones who have died at a Mass of Remembrance on **Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow**. All are invited to attend. Please note that there will be NO 8:00 AM Liturgy on November 2.

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon in Newton may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00.



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.**



THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

Throughout November, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be open near the Baptismal Font & Paschal Candle for parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names of loved ones and the dates of their death.

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We appreciate the gracious support of our bulletin by our Advertisers! Please be sure to support our advertisers by calling them first. If you have a business and would like to place an ad, call 1-800-333-3166, ext. 161.

EVICTIION & 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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, October 24

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

Wednesday, October 27

Holy Angels Church
 Open All Day For Prayer

7:00 PM Mysteries of the Rosary *Plaistow*

Thursday, October 28

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*
 1:30 PM Mysteries of the Rosary *Plaistow*

Saturday, October 30

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, October 31

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. PreK to 8 *Plaistow*
 12:00 PM Religious Ed – High School *Plaistow*



The Sanctuary Candle in
 Mary, Mother of the Church
 will burn this week in loving memory of
John Marciano
 by his family

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 23 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Kevin Gallant (Birthday Remembrance)
 by Patricia Gallant and family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 24 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

8:00 AM Marie Lessard by Bob and Alice Litwinovich
Newton

10:00 AM Carol Radford by her family
Plaistow

Monday, October 25 ~ Weekday

Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

8:00 AM Arthur Hawxhurst (Month's Mind)
Newton

Tuesday, October 26 ~ Weekday

Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

8:00 AM Pat Zakiewicz by the Prayer Shawl Committee
Plaistow

Wednesday, October 27 ~ Weekday

Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30

6:30 PM Ann Plonowski by her sister, Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Thursday, October 28 ~ Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

8:00 AM Sr. Elizabeth Anne Lee, osf
 by Lisa and Charlie Angwin
Newton

Friday, October 29 ~ Weekday

Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6

No Mass

Saturday, October 30 ~ Weekday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 (Day)

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34 (Vigil)

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

Sunday, October 31 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

8:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory by Linda Huberdeau
Newton

10:00 AM Jesselyn Driscoll by her family
Plaistow



Mass Times for travel

masstimes.org

"come to me all of you"

- Matthew 11:28

✠ 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.

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Because All Saints Day falls on a Monday this year, it is NOT a holy day of obligation. We will follow our regular weekly Mass schedule and Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM in Newton on Monday, November 1.



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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Val Barczak	mvmbarczak@comcast.net
Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

HELP WANTED

Attention Ladies: Are you looking to make a difference in this world? Are you committed to Pro-Life? Are you interested in directly serving less advantaged women and their children? Do you have Case Management experience? If so, then St. Gianna's has the job for you. We are currently looking for a full-time Case Manager to work in our Catholic 24-hour transitional-housing home. Our Case Manager is responsible for providing case management, advocacy and support services for pregnant women fleeing homelessness, domestic violence, sexual violence, emotional abuse, and human trafficking. Responsibilities also include supporting and assisting the Director in the management of residents, volunteers, and staff. Interested Catholic women should visit our website for full details: <https://stgiannasplace.org/employment-opportunities/> Resumes should be sent to Director@StGiannasPlace.org.

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!

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.



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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.*

PLEASE JOIN THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
EVERY THURSDAY
EVENING, 7:00 pm AT
MARY MOTHER OF THE
CHURCH
IN NEWTON, NH

WE PRAY FOR AN END TO
THE PANDEMIC AND THE
RESPECT OF LIFE. WE
ALSO PRAY FOR THE
INTENTIONS OF EACH
OTHER AND THE PARISH.

COME PRAY WITH US.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617





Let's Keep'm Warm this Winter

The Knights of Columbus, Council #6617
is looking for donations of new or gentle used
clean winter coats, mittens, gloves, hats and
scarves for boys and girls in our community in
need.

Donation bins will be available for your generous
donations at the entrances of both churches on
October 30/31 and November 6/7.

On behalf of our little ones
THANK YOU!!!

DO GOOD



FEEL GOOD!



Knights of Columbus

St Jude Council #6617

The Knights of Columbus, St Jude Council #6617 of St Luke Parish, would like to invite the men of our parish and their families to faithfully consider joining our ministry. Our mission is to DO GOOD through serving and to attending to the needs of others through the sharing of our: FAITH, TIME, TALENTS and TREASURE.

JOIN US TO

DO GOOD

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

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

HEBREWS 13:16

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Annual
Christmas Craft Fair

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 — 9:00AM — 3:00PM
8 Atkinson Depot Road (Rt. 121) Plaistow, NH

Featuring: 5 Big Raffles
\$1K Ca\$h * Wine * Penny Sale * Theme Baskets * 3 Quilts

As well as our wonderful Parish tables: The Children's Corner,
The Country Store, Famous Cookie Heaven, Local Entertainment,
Photos with Santa Claus, The Silent Auction, and St. Luke's Jewelry Table

Over 20 Outstanding Craft Vendors of Hand-Made Items

Breakfast & lunch available in our Café. Children's Activities all day.

Something for everyone on your gift list!

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**EAT, DRINK &
RAISE MONEY!**

COME SUPPORT A DOUGH RAISER TO BENEFIT

**ST LUKE the
EVANGELIST PARISH**

DATE:
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The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

In Sunday's Gospel, the blind Bartimaeus had to make up his mind about Jesus without the benefit of seeing him. He asked Jesus for the gift of sight. His faith was rewarded with vision. We all learn about Jesus through what we hear of him from those who teach us and from what we see in his followers. Our faith response is also rewarded with the gift of vision. We come to see Jesus as our Lord and Teacher who leads us to the Father.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): When you help your child become more aware of the larger world, you are helping him or her become aware of the signs of God's love and goodness. That is the way you can help build a foundation of faith. Ask your child to tell you the story of the blind man. Ask: What gift did Jesus give the man? Play a seeing game like "I Spy" with your child. Point out that signs of God's love are all around us.

Promise (Grades K-1): The booklet your child brings home this week will help him or her tell the story of the blind man who came to Jesus. Talk about the gift of seeing. Take a family walk with your child and discover all the wonderful things to see. Look for animals, flowers, trees, and people. At the end of the walk, say a prayer of thanks for all the gifts God gives.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Children of this age are often very willing to follow another's lead. Talk about how important it is to know when to follow and when not to follow someone. The class also explored the Fifth Commandment and learned about anger and how this Commandment forbids the use of violence against others. It also is a Commandment about respecting others and all of Creation. Talk about ways your family handles anger and how you show respect for others and the world.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your child's class came to recognize that Jesus calls them to faith in him as God's Son. From the story of the blind man, they learned that there is more to "seeing" than just with one's eyes. The class also learned that the sacraments are signs that help us experience God's grace. As a family, talk about the sacraments. Share your experiences of family Baptisms and Confirmations, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Ask your youngster to share what he or she learned about the Second Vatican Council during this week's class. Share why this great event in the history of the Church is so important for today's world. Talk about the lesson of the man who was born blind. As a family, discuss where you see examples of love and faith in your neighborhood, at work, at school, or in the world.

Pray Together

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. As a family, pray at least one decade of the Rosary together. Make the recitation of the Rosary an interesting and happy event. Ask the Blessed Mother to pray to take away any family "blindness" and give you all the vision of those who follow Jesus.

Gospel Table Talk

- Read this Sunday's Gospel (usccb.org/bible/readings/).
- Have everyone close their eyes. What would it be like to live without eyesight?
- Those who cannot see must use other senses such as hearing and touch to help them "see" in other ways.
- How can we use our eyes to "tell" if someone needs our help? What should we look for? Emphasize how we must OPEN our eyes and LOOK for those who need help, or we may not notice them which makes us "blind," too.



✠ AROUND THE DIOCESE ✠



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 at the parish office for more information.



STAY INFORMED WITH FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NEWS

The Diocese of Manchester wants to inform Catholics about important public policy matters facing our elected officials. Faithful Citizenship News provides briefs on legislation as well as information about Catholic social teaching on some of today's pressing issues. To read the current issue of Faithful Citizenship News and to subscribe, visit www.catholicnh.org/fcnews.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

New Hampshire Catholic Charities provides individual, marital, family, and couples' counseling, helping people with a variety of personal difficulties, including: Depression, Stress, Family Conflicts, Relationship Problems, Anxiety, Substance Abuse, Life Adjustment Issues, Grief and Loss. Counseling also helps individuals and families strengthen communication skills in order to build and sustain healthy relationships and live more satisfying lives. A sliding scale fee is offered. Contact Arlene Dody, LCMHC in Salem at 603-893-1971 for more information.

HOW TO MAKE A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Child sexual abuse is a crime in the State of New Hampshire and the Church. New Hampshire law requires that anyone who has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected must make a report to the Division for Children, Youth & Families ("DCYF") of the State of New Hampshire, 1-800-894-5533. Any person who suspects or alleges child abuse on the part of a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of a parish, school, or institution of the diocese of Manchester is also encouraged to make a report to the Office for Ministerial Conduct, 603-669-3100. Church personnel – clergy, paid employees, and volunteers – have additional reporting requirements if they believe that Church personnel have sexually abused a child. You can learn more about these reporting requirements on the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org or by speaking with our Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Cathy Smith at 382-8324.

The Pregnancy Care Center

The Pregnancy Care Center is a non-profit organization that offers its confidential services at no cost to its clients. We are committed to promoting the culture of life by assisting expectant parents in the birth and subsequent development of their child during his or her first year of life. We are also committed to helping young people embrace the virtues of chastity and continence as a sign of their Christian dignity.

Main Center

496 Main St., Haverhill, MA (978-373-5700)

www.pccnortheast.org

Helpline: 866-254-4440



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in New England. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963 or visit www.wwme.org.

NH COUPLE ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

Have you attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend? If your answer is yes, you are invited to participate in the NH Couple Enrichment Circle to continue to strengthen your marriage relationship. For more information, contact David and Karen Demers at 617-480-9989 or ddemers@aviconpartners.com.

RETRouvaille...A Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups.





Bringing Home the Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
October 24, 2021

Boldly Believe!

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

It rarely does any good to follow the crowd. Most people follow the path of least resistance, just floating along. Jesus said the path to heaven is narrow and few follow it. Dare to believe in eternal truths, in Jesus, and swim against the current.

Just look at what happened to blind Bartimaeus. He wanted the impossible, to be healed by Jesus, but he was at a big disadvantage. He couldn't see Jesus in order to find him. So, what did he do? He started by using his only strength—his loud voice. He couldn't run after Jesus but could only sit and call out.

Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 31:7–9

I will lead them to streams of water, / on a level road, without stumbling.

Hebrews 5:1–6

Every high priest is taken from among men...He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness.

Mark 10:46–52

[Bartimaeus] threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus....
"Master, I want to see."

Lesson one: Use whatever talent you have to reach Jesus. Don't focus on what you lack but on what you have.

The crowd told him to be quiet and polite, not upsetting the moment. Bartimaeus "kept calling out all the more" (Mark 10:48). Lesson two: Ignore the crowd if they keep you from Jesus and your dreams.

Jesus hears his cry and calls for Bartimaeus, who springs up with a newfound joy because Jesus reached out to him. He stumbles toward him, directed by the crowd. Lesson three: Go to Jesus with your weakness! It doesn't bother him. It attracts him.

Jesus asks what he wants, and blind Bartimaeus boldly asks for the impossible: to see. Impossible, unless he believed Jesus was in fact the Son of David, the Messiah, the miracle worker. Jesus gives him exactly what his faith merited. Lesson four: Boldly believe and pursue the impossible. Jesus wants to give it to you! +

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A Word from Pope Francis

In the biblical tradition, the Son of Man is the one who receives from God "dominion, glory, and kingship" (Daniel 7:14). Jesus fills this image with new meaning. He shows us that he enjoys dominion because he is a servant, glory because he is capable of abasement, kingship because he is fully prepared to lay down his life.

Homily, October 18, 2015



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- What do you need Jesus to fill?
- Are you the answer to how Jesus wants to fill someone's need?

A Tough Language

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

I've been a student of the Spanish language for many years, and I've bitten my tongue (literally) more times than I can count trying to say tongue-twisting words and phrases. It's tough to learn a new language. Think back to when you studied a language that was new to you in high school or college. Or maybe you took a crash course in Italian in anticipation of a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Rome. Or it could be that in the world of international business and your travel for work, you had to learn words in Chinese or Korean.

Nouns verbs, pronouns, conjugations, and declensions are all mind-expanding, headache-inducing, and not at all easy to remember. Plus, it's tough trying to get your mouth coordinated for the pronunciation of consonants and vowels you never heard of and tuning your ears to sounds that are unfamiliar and indecipherable. While learning a new language can be challenging, the process can be made a bit easier—or should I say, more palatable—with help.

Like learning a new language, learning to pray can be tough! It can be very much like taking Spanish 101. I'm not talking about learning Aramaic, the language Jesus likely spoke, or even speaking in tongues. I'm talking about learning to converse freely and familiarly with our Savior, Jesus Christ, who came from heaven, returned there, and who desperately wants us to end up there one day.



The good news is many of the tools that are helpful in learning languages are transferable. They can also be helpful in building a prayer life. For example, repeating words over and over and committing them to memory creates a structure to build on when learning other new words. Repetition teaches the muscles in your mouth and face new patterns of movement and your ears new sounds.

A mentor can encourage, correct, model conversation and proper pronunciation, and teach dialogue. And help you laugh at yourself. Have a sense of humor, be willing to embarrass yourself, and don't take yourself too seriously.

Time—maybe months and years—is required. Some courses promise proficiency in weeks. Impossible! Only time, and lots of it, can get mind and mouth in sync so that you can one day achieve fluency. So much can get lost in translation.

“In the beginning was the Word,” says the Scriptures (John 1:1). At Christmas we will celebrate the day when God in Christ Jesus came to earth. He then learned to speak human words so we might learn to speak heavenly words and someday fully comprehend the Word that was spoken at the beginning of time. To learn the language of heaven, take the Gospels seriously. Repeating Jesus' words expands our minds and hearts. Find a mentor, someone well-versed in prayer, and take time—lots of it—to practice. Who wants to get to heaven and find out they don't speak the language? It's time to learn a second language! +

A prayer mentor might be just the ticket for you.

PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful you came to heal the brokenhearted.

Help me to trust in you when I am in trouble.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 25–30

Monday, Weekday:
Rom 8:12–17 / Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday, Weekday:
Rom 8:18–25 / Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday, Weekday:
Rom 8:26–30 / Lk 13:22–30

Thursday, Sts. Simon and Jude:
Eph 2:19–22 / Lk 6:12–16

Friday, Weekday:
Rom 9:1–5 / Lk 14:1–6

Saturday, Weekday:
Rom 11:1–2a, 11–12, 25–29 / Lk 14:1, 7–11

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