

COVID UPDATE

By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.

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

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

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

Liturgy online or on TV...

Boston Catholic Television **catholictv.org**

Sunday Mass from Notre Dame

catholictv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass

Salt & Light TV

saltandlighttv.org

Eternal Word Television

ewtn.com

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>.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Parish Office will **close at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, November 24.** The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Monday, November 29.



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!

November 14, 2021

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| Offertory | \$7,728.31 |
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| Campaign/Hum Dev | \$1,353.00 |
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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

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| November 21 | Fuel |
| November 28 | Christmas Flowers |
| December 5 | Property Management |
| December 8 | Immaculate Conception |
| December 12 | Fuel |

| Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income | | |
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| 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 |
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✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

HELP WANTED – ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Volunteers are invited to help do some rearranging and decorating on **Sunday, November 21 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow.** Our tasks include Advent decorating and some light clean up of the churches in preparation for the Advent season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Join us on Sunday evenings of the Advent season for sung Evening Prayer at 6:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available following Evening Prayer.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

With the holiday season approaching, we have several early bulletin deadlines:

Deadline for the November 28 bulletin is **Monday, November 15 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 19 bulletin is **Monday, December 6 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 26 bulletin is **Monday, December 13 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the January 2 bulletin is **Monday, December 20 at 12:00 Noon.**



GIVING TREES

Giving Trees will be located in the back of both churches on the weekend of **November 13-14.** Please take an ornament, buy the item(s) listed, and return it - **with the ornament attached** - to the church or the parish office **no later than December 11-12** (the Third Sunday of Advent).



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.



VIGIL LIGHT

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

Jack Ronan

by William Tucker

The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of
Paul Antkowiak
by his family



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.

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.



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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, November 21
DECORATE CHURCHES FOR
ADVENT AND CHANGE MISSALETES
AFTER 8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM MASSES

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*
 6:00 PM Vespers *Newton*

Wednesday, November 24
PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT 12:00 NOON
Holy Angels Church
Open All Day For Prayer

Thursday, November 25
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
NO DAILY MASS
NO ADORATION IN NEWTON

3:00 PM **Saturday, November 27**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

10:00 AM **Sunday, November 28**
 Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*
 6:00 PM Vespers *Newton*
 6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Newton*

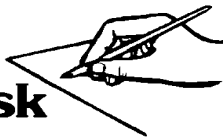
RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS **Attention Parents**

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.

From the Pastor's Desk



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSING

With the end of the Fall season and the coming of the Winter months, **Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow will be closed from December 1, 2021 until Spring 2022.** This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, November 20 ~ Christ the King
Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Geraldine and Dennis Miele
 by the Lanseigne family
Plaistow

Sunday, November 21 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

8:00 AM Raymond and Stephen Huberdeau
 by Linda Huberdeau
Newton

10:00 AM Carl Jesionowski by his family
Plaistow

Monday, November 22 ~ Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

8:00 AM Walter and Gladys Metcalf by their family
Newton

Tuesday, November 23 ~ Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr
Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

8:00 AM Frances Fleming (1st Anniversary) by the Parish
Plaistow

Wednesday, November 24 ~ Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
 6:30 PM Jack Cotter by Joe and Ann Marie Sheehan
Plaistow

Thursday, November 25 ~ Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr

Dn 6:12-12-28; Lk 21:20-28
No Mass

Friday, November 26 ~ Weekday

Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
No Mass

Saturday, November 27 ~ Weekday

Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36 (Day)
Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28; 34-36 (Vigil)

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

Sunday, November 28 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28; 34-36

8:00 AM Doreen Burge and Thomas Antczack
 by the Burge family
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 ✧

CHANGES FOR THIS WEEK

Please note that there will be **NO Daily Mass and NO Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, November 25** in Newton this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will resume our regular schedule next week.

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available. Call Project Rachel's national toll-free number at 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) or visit www.hopeafterabortion.org.

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.

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.

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.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Students in Junior High or High School who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to prepare to receive the sacrament, contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305, or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 ✧

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| 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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| Fr. Albert Tremblay | fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net |
| Cathy Smith | csmith@stluketheevangelist.net |
| Joyce Szczapa | jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net |
| Jackie Tremblay | jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net |
| Val Barczak | mvmbarczak@comcast.net |
| Parish Council | parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net |

✱ Community News ✱



**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
FOOD PANTRY**

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

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

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

Thank you so much for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We've had a busy Summer, and Autumn 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.

**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.



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!

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.

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CREMATION & THE CHURCH

On October 25, 2016, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published a new instruction on the burial of the dead and on the conservation of the ashes in cases of cremation. The instruction reiterated the long held view that the Church is not opposed to the practice of cremation, though it continues to recommend that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. **However, the new document insists that ashes should not be kept in private homes and that the scattering of ashes in the air, on land, or at sea is not permitted.** The instruction also insisted that cremains may not be divided among various family members, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry, or other objects.

Please contact Father Albert in the Parish Office with any questions. Brochures about the Rite of Christian Funerals are available at the Church entrances.

EVICITION & 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.

The Solemnity of Christ the King is a relative latecomer to the liturgical calendar of the Roman Church. The Solemnity was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, and was specifically designated to be a “spiritual weapon” against what the Pope saw as two forces destructive of that time: secularism and atheism. The early 1900’s were a time where industrial development saw people living in tenement housing and other inhuman conditions without hope (remember the Child Labor Laws of the U.S. and other social reforms are all products of the post-depression years). The Church also recognized that the world was still reeling from the awful reality of the “war to end all wars,” (!) and the consequences of the rise of national and political movements such as communism, nazism, and fascism which were gaining popularity in Europe. The Church saw a great need to point to another reality - the reality and power of Christ as King and Savior of the world.



The notion of Christ as King refers to Jesus’ human royalty as a Son of David and to his royalty as the divine Son of God. Matthew, who’s Gospel we have heard all this year, implicitly unfolds Jesus’ Kingship as he describes the Kingdom of God and those faithful disciples who act in the world to bring that Kingdom to fulfillment.

This day also marks the end of the liturgical year in the Church. The Solemnity of Christ the King, capping the whole year, encourages us to look back to find signs of God’s grace and power, while looking forward to his coming again in glory, while at the same time looking around to see where Christ’s Kingship shows itself in the world today.

***Join us at 6 PM tonight, Sunday, November 22 in Newton
For Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
as we honor Christ our King.***

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: John 18:33b-37

The Gospel for this great feast is the story of Jesus before Pilate. In this Gospel, Jesus explains that his Kingdom is not of this world. Jesus came into the world to give witness to the truth. The Gospel and the feast give all an invitation to build up God's Kingdom in their homes, at work, at school, in their parishes, and in their communities.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): The subject of Christ the King is a bit difficult for very young children. So, this week's lesson focused on how Jesus is a leader for us all. Talk about the picture on the front of the Seeds booklet. Be sure to display your child's "We Follow Jesus" mobile. Ask your child his or her favorite things to share. Say a family prayer thanking Jesus for everything he has given us.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child learned that Jesus is our leader, and he wants to make disciples of us all. Ask your child to name a couple of ways that God takes care of everyone. Your child also knows to refer to Jesus as King. Jesus is also the Lord of Heaven and earth, and your child will have a picture to show you about it. Say a prayer of praise for the Lord of Heaven and earth.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This week, your child's class explored the image of Jesus Christ as king of the world. The class also learned that it takes different kinds of leadership to make a community. Talk about what your family looks for in leaders—at work, in school, in the community. Ask your child to teach the family the "We Can Serve God's Kingdom" game, and play it together.

Venture (Grades 4-6): In class for this Feast of Christ the King, the children learned some of the qualities shared by good leaders. The class also played a game that teaches what God's Kingdom is like. Play the game together. Be sure to have the family Bible handy to help you with some of the answers. Ask your child to share with the family the story of Saint Jeanne Jugan and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Visions (Grades 7-8): In class this week, your youngster identified ways that family members lead. He or she also learned to recognize the kind of king Jesus is. Ask your son or daughter how Jesus leads with love, care, and mercy. The class also had a discussion about bullying. Ask your teen to share with the family the various roles that occur in bullying situations. Talk about why bullying is the exact opposite of the kind of kingdom Jesus proclaimed. Ask what talents your teen shared in this week's activity about applying for work that helps others.

Pray Together

The very word that describes the Mass, *Eucharist*, means, "to give thanks." Say a family prayer every evening this week that gives thanks for one family blessing each night. Finish the prayer by saying the Our Father together.

Saint Luke the Evangelist

Parish Financial Report - Fiscal Year 2021

November 2021

Dear Members of the Saint Luke Parish Community:

With the assistance of our Finance Council and the Parish staff, I present the Financial Report for the fiscal year 2021.

The news for 2021 is good. The Parish continued its recovery both in in-person and on-line giving thanks to the attentive and good stewardship of Parishioners. A tremendous boost came in the form of a Federal Paycheck Protection loan – now completely forgiven – that allowed the Parish to pay staff despite depleted resources during the shut-down.

The Parish has met or exceeded offertory goals for certain time periods, but the \$9700.00 (combined offertory and fuel-property management collections) continues to be a target for the future. We have seen and continue to see a downturn in Religious Education tuition reflecting the lack of enrollment from families. Diocesan Assessments are tied directly to net Parish income from the year prior, so the Assessments reflect a fluctuation as reported by the Parish to the Diocese. The Parish saw a decrease in spending on supplies because of the shut-down and its aftermath on Parish programs.

Although not part of the Parish budget *per se*, the now concluded Capital Campaign was wonderfully successful. We have completed the Plaistow roof project, the parking lot remediation and painting in Newton, and the electrical work in both churches which will provide better, safer, and more economical lighting. A major disappointment in the planned parking lot remediation in Plaistow will see us evaluating the planned project over the winter months with an eye to beginning again in the spring. Because of design and supply issues, we are going to hold off replacement of the heat system in Newton until the warmer weather, depending instead on the one furnace that is still running to get us through the winter months. I advise prayer! Additional projects include work on the Parish house floors and handicapped access to the Plaistow church.

The Parish continues to monitor all expenses and to use our resources wisely. I have been encouraged by your generous response to the mission of the Parish. In presenting this report to you, I request that you continue to evaluate your support of the Parish seriously and prayerfully. You as a Parishioner are responsible for the kind of Parish you want to have; I respectfully ask that you make decisions that you deem appropriate for your own contributions of time, talent and treasure.

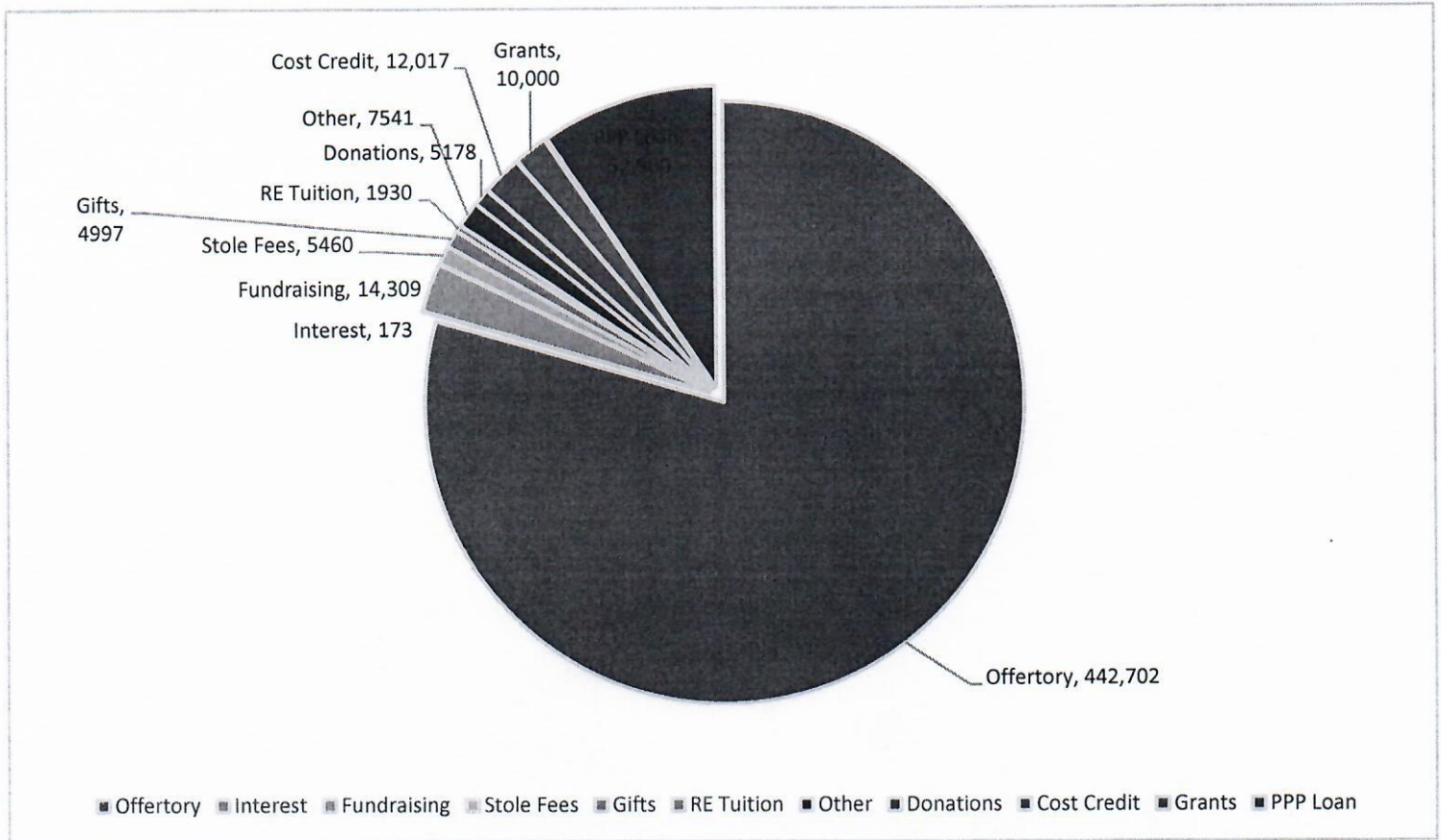
I am deeply grateful for your continued support and stewardship on behalf of our community.

J. Albert, abl.SB

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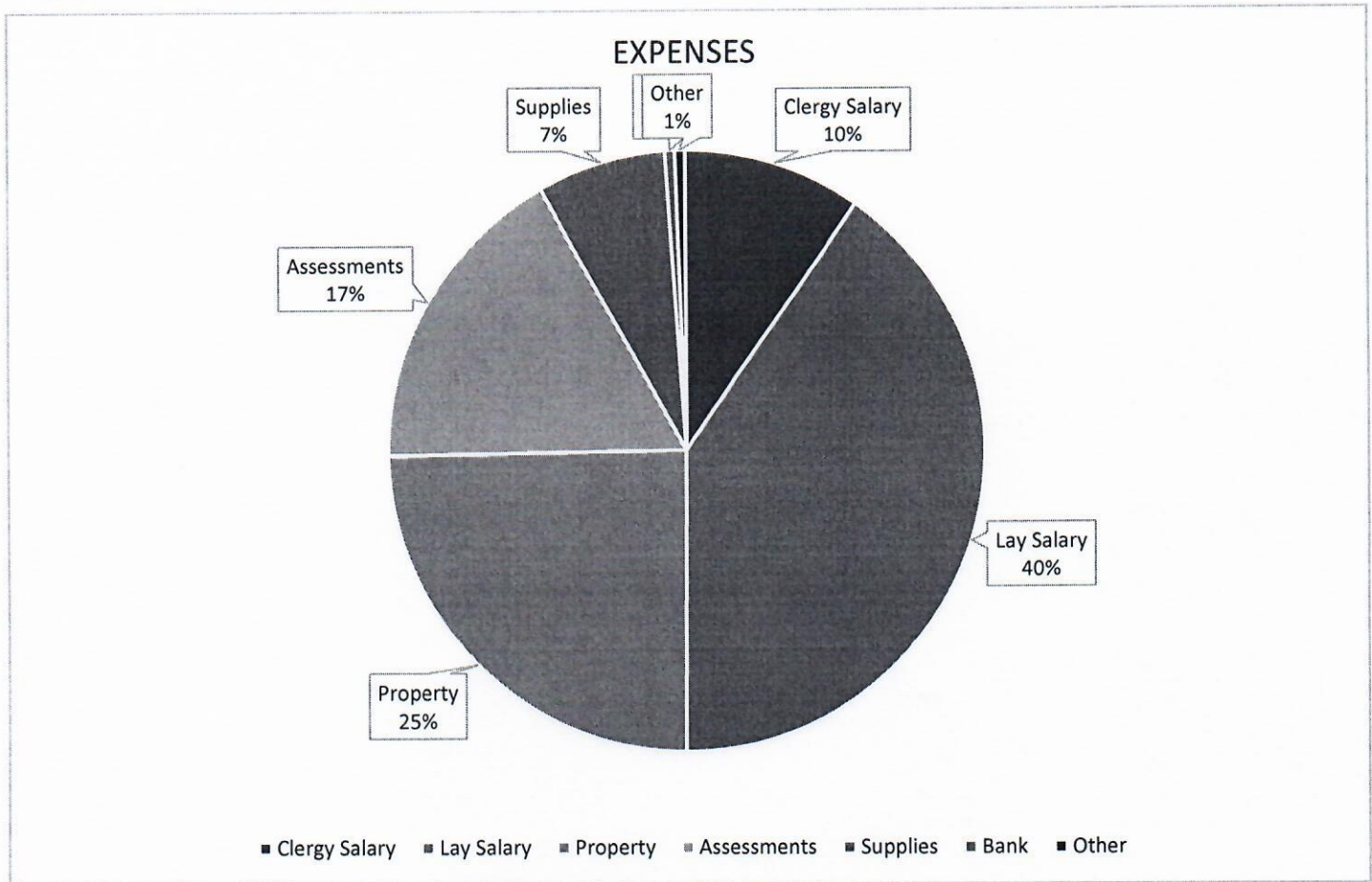
INCOME



2021 compared with 2020

| INCOME | 2021 | 2020 | Variance | Notes |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|----------|---|
| Regular Offertory | 442,702 | 403,961 | 38,741 | Sunday & Holy Day offertory Fuel & Property Management |
| Interest | 173 | 811 | -638 | Interest from Diocesan Central Fund |
| Fundraising | 14,309 | 19,947 | -5638 | Holiday Fair 17,131 |
| Stole fees | 5460 | 3915 | 1545 | Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms |
| Gifts | 4997 | 19,474 | -14,477 | excludes Capital Campaign |
| Religious Education | 1930 | 3305 | -1375 | Tuition |
| Other Income | 7541 | 5520 | 2021 | Includes 5000 Bulletin income, Diocesan School Collection 1497 & other |
| Other Donations | 5,178 | 3608 | 1570 | Flower donations |
| Cost Credits | 12,017 | 12,600 | -583 | Cemetery & Food Pantry |
| Diocesan Grants | 10,000 | 0 | \$10,000 | Diocesan Grants, Parish to Parish \$5,000, and School Support \$5,000 |
| PPP Loan | 52,900 | 0 | 52,900 | Loan completely forgiven |
| Total Income | 557,207 | 473,141 | 84,066 | |

EXPENSES



2021 compared with 2020

| EXPENSES | 2021 | 2020 | Variance | Notes |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| Clergy Salary | 48,404 | 43,094 | 5310 | Salary for Pastor, Diocesan Insurance & benefits, Newton household expenses |
| Lay Salaries & Benefits | 201,586 | 217,124 | -15,538 | 4 full time and 1 part time employees 2021 4 FT/2 PT 2020 |
| Property Expenses | 123,198 | 114,264 | 8934 | Property & liability insurance, utilities, snow & trash removal, equipment service contracts, fire alarm service, maintenance of campus buildings |
| Diocesan Assessments | 85,700 | 78,538 | 7162 | Diocesan Clergy retirement & sick funds, Diocesan Administration costs, Catholic School Subsidy. 2020 includes a one-time Diocesan Assessment credit of \$2,813 |
| supplies | 45,273 | 44,273 | -10,362 | All church liturgical supplies, music, office supplies, faith formation programs, printing & postage |
| Bank Charges | 2668 | 1,432 | 1236 | Bank service charges |
| Other Expenses | 2769 | 920 | 1849 | 2020 online giving 2769 2021 online giving 920 |
| Total Expenses | 499,236 | 500,645 | (1409) | |

INCOME

Some definitions...

Offertory: Money associated with the regular weekly collection from Masses. This includes Sunday collection, Holy Days, Fuel & Property Management collections

Stole fee: Donations associated with the celebration of the sacraments

Diocesan collections: Charitable collections for specific groups or causes, exclusive of the Diocesan Assessments (ex. Catholic Relief Services, Retired Religious Fund, Church in Eastern Europe, etc.)

Fundraising: Monies derived from any fundraising activity; principally from the Parish Christmas Fair

Other donations: Monies given to the Parish outside of regular offertory

EXPENSES

Diocesan assessments: Monies assessed on the basis of Parish gross income for the Diocesan Administration, Catholic Schools, property and liability insurance, workmen's compensation, Diocesan programs, clergy retirement fund, clergy health insurance, clergy continuing education, and Cathedral expenses. Certain special collections are "taxed" at a specific percentage of the Parish gross income (Seminary Fund, Peter's Pence, Parish to Parish Mission Fund, Catholic University/USCCB)

Program expenses: Costs associated with RCIA, Religious Education, Scripture Sharing, Lenten Journey, adult education programs, music and youth ministry

Property expenses: Costs associated with insurance, utilities, fuel oil, snow removal, equipment and building service contracts

Supplies: All liturgical supplies for churches, music and subscriptions for music, faith formation publications, printing & postage. Costs associated with all Parish programs and activities



Once again this year our Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Food Pantry will provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to needy families in our area. The cost of purchasing items for all of the baskets typically runs to well over \$1500.00, and with hard times facing so many, we anticipate the need to be even greater than previous years.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Thanksgiving Baskets, please place your contribution in an envelope marked “**THANKSGIVING BASKETS,**” and place it in the offering basket. You may also visit the Parish Offices and make a contribution in person.

Thank you for your support of the poor among us.



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.

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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.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

PARISH YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH YOUTH, AGES 5 TO 14 YEARS OLD, ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** POSTER CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #6617 AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A \$25 GIFT CARD.

HERE ARE THE RULES:

- ★ YOUR POSTER MUST BE ORIGINAL AND REFLECT THE THEME - **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**.
- ★ YOU CAN USE EITHER, 8-1/2" X 11" OR 11" X 17" PAPER FOR YOUR POSTER.
- ★ BE SUPER CREATIVE. USE COLORED PENCILS, CRAYONS, PAINTS, WHATEVER MOM AND DAD ARE OK WITH.
- ★ ON THE BACK OF YOUR POSTER, PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME, AGE AND A CONTACT NUMBER.
- ★ POSTERS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF IN THE BASKET LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE OF EITHER THE CHURCH IN NEWTON OR PLAISTOW BY DECEMBER 12, 2021.
- ★ WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 19, 2021



POSTER WILL BE JUDGED IN THE
FOLLOWING DIVISIONS:

AGE 5 - 7 (GRADE K - S)

AGE 8 - 10 (GRADE 3 - 5)

AGE 11 - 14 (GRADE 8 - 8)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
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WISH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST
A JOYFUL AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING.

St. Jude Prayer of Thanksgiving

I receive the gifts of GOD with a grateful spirit. St. Jude, help me to see the blessings that surround me and give me life. Give me the grace to be ever thankful for the love and mercy of GOD and the gift of life each day. May this gratitude inspire me to give generously in all ways to others. Be with me now, St. Jude. Linger with me in gratitude, and let thanks fill my heart, washing away all pain and trouble. May I desire nothing except to be in your presence, walking with you in the world to spread hope, love and thanksgiving among all of GOD's children.

AMEN

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Bringing Home the Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)

November 21, 2021

Feeble, Fleeting Human Glory

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In the eighteenth century, Lorenzo Sabbatini painted an amazing ceiling mural at the Vatican of Christ the King ascended in heavenly glory. Have you heard of the artist? He and his art were sought after by the wealthiest, most powerful people of his day—so famous then, but unknown today. Thus is the feeble nature of human glory.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is in chains at the mercy of Pontius Pilate. The Roman procurator failed to recognize him. Thus is the feeble nature of human recognition. Pilate had before him the King of Kings, the author of all authority in heaven and on earth, his maker and

judge. It appeared that Pilate was the powerful one, but Jesus knew all power really came from his Father. Thus, the feeble nature of vision without faith.

The elaborate scene painted by Sabbatini is what we should always keep in mind—Jesus taken up into the clouds as he blesses us. Cherubs dance and celebrate the return of the King, their fearless leader, who faced all the forces of hell and emerged victorious. He has taken his rightful throne and they are rejoicing at having him back. He still reigns from there today.

He has opened the gates of heaven so all his beloved can now enter and populate the mansions prepared for them from the dawn of time. We may often feel like victims of circumstances or totally limited by our failures, health, or enemies. Yet, we are more than conquerors if we allow ourselves to be set free by the truth of Christ's kingship. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king....But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life—at times even put us to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins—merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its "kings."

—Angelus, November 25, 2018



Sunday Readings

Daniel 7:13–14

His dominion is an everlasting dominion / that shall not pass away.

Revelation 1:5–8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come."

John 18:33b–37

Jesus answered [Pilate], "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- Do I judge people superficially or with a vision enlightened by the gospel?
- How can I truthfully and faithfully judge situations, and help others do the same?

Bothering God

By Kathleen M. Basi

Anxiety is a reality in modern life. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, almost 18 percent of adults in the United States suffer from it. And that figure comes only from diagnosable cases—not the average anxiety we all cope with at one time or another.

I've been thinking about this lately as it begins to manifest in my children. It reminds me that for two years in junior high I journaled my way through feeling unloved and worthless, convinced that the world would be better off if I just died.

I journaled, but I never asked for help. I didn't tell my parents, and I don't remember ever praying about it. On some level, I thought I had no right to bother God with my problems.

You might shake your head at the idea that anyone could think a major depressive episode is unworthy of God's attention. After all, "Even the hairs of your head have all been counted" (Luke 12:7). Yet how many times do we do the same? Budgets are cut and layoffs are threatened, triggering anxiety. Daily schedules become oppressive. Children make fledgling flights from the nest, causing parents to worry about safety.

Sometimes we pray about these things, but too often we focus on ourselves for answers—our own strength, our own ability to solve the problem. How easy it is to forget that we



accomplish nothing on our own, but that all things are realized through Christ who strengthens us (see Philippians 4:13).

As a parent whose children are beginning to experience the anxieties of life, I find this thought particularly poignant. So often, they internalize their worries. They try to bear burdens that are far too big for them, for fear of bothering me. And yet I ache for them—I long for them to ask me for help. When they bring me their deepest concerns, it draws us closer together. I can share the wisdom of experience—or, in some cases, simply validate theirs.

If this is how I feel about my children,

how much more must God long for us to reach out to him with the heartaches and anxieties that suck the joy from our lives? Yes, the practicalities will always be ours to put into action, but praying through them brings us closer to God, the source of our strength and the inspiration for all the best that lies within us.

By all means, bother God. He's waiting for you to lean on him. +

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PRAYER

*Lord, I am grateful
that you are the way,
the truth, and the life.
Help me to be faithful to
the truth of the Gospel.*

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 22–27

Monday, St. Cecilia:

Dn 1:1–6, 8–20 / Lk 21:1–4

Tuesday, Weekday: Dn 2:31–45 / Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday, St. Andrew Dũng-Lac and

Companions: Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28 / Lk 21:12–19

Thursday, Weekday:


Dn 6:12–28 / Lk 21:20–28

Friday, Weekday:

Dn 7:2–14 / Lk 21:29–33

Saturday, Weekday:

Dn 7:15–27 / Lk 21:34–36

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