



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, February 20, 2022

The Seventh Sunday
In Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Gathering: Love Divine, All Love Excelling BB 488

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
O, Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Preparation Christians, Let Us Love One Another
BB 483

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Ubi Caritas BB 480
Bread Of Life BB 362

Recessional: They'll Know We Are Christians BB 585

✠ 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!

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
FEBRUARY 13, 2022
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



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're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. Registration forms can also be found on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>.

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!



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!

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

February 20	Fuel
February 27	No Second Collection
March 2	Aid to Churches in Europe and Africa
March 6	Property Management
March 13	CRS and Catholic Home Missions
March 20	Fuel

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 ✠

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

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the Parish for 2021, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

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.

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn in loving memory of
Joan Burge
by the Burge family



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of
Edward Bahia
(**Birthday Remembrance**)
by his wife and 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.

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you - or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Our Ushers are wonderful and diligent, but they should not have to face a Foxboro aftermath as each Mass ends! Thanks for being attentive and respectful! F. Albert.

WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, February 20
10:00 AM Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*

Monday, February 21
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, February 23
Holy Angels Church
Open All Day For Prayer

Thursday, February 24
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, February 26
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, February 27
PREPARE CHURCHES FOR LENT
10:00 AM Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Presidents Day holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, February 21**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 22.

PRAYER LINE

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



St. Luke the Evangelist 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.

From the Pastor's Desk



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed 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, February 19 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ord. Time
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Leo Blinn by Patricia Morrill
Plaistow

Sunday, February 20 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

8:00 AM Joan Burge by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM Arthur Hawxhurst by his family
Plaistow

Monday, February 21 ~ Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

8:00 AM Isabel Krafon by Barbara Metcalf
Newton

Tuesday, February 22 ~ The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

8:00 AM Joyce Gauthier by Bonnie Lajoie
Plaistow

Wednesday, February 23 ~ Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40

6:30 PM Joyce Gauthier by Jeanne Sullivan
Plaistow

Thursday, February 24 ~ Weekday

Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, February 25 ~ Weekday

Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

No Mass

Saturday, February 26 ~ Weekday

Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16 (Day)

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Pat Zakiewicz by Marjorie Knowles
Plaistow

Sunday, February 27 ~ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

8:00 AM Theresa Tremblay by Janice Bettencourt
Newton

10:00 AM Roger Lucey by Mary Ellen and Jim Howcroft
Plaistow



HELP WANTED TO PUT AWAY TREES

With Lent fast approaching, volunteers are welcome to help prepare the churches on **Sunday, February 27 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow.** Our tasks include taking down our green trees and some light clean up of the churches in preparation for the Lenten 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 – or just stay after Mass!

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.** In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**

THE GOD MINUTE

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called “The God Minute.” It’s then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it’s free. Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be!

www.thegodminute.org

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

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 ✠

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

Fr. Albert Tremblay	fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net
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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, and 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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH:

"HOW TO DEAL WITH DEMENTIA" SUPPORT GROUP

Is your family member or friend struggling with memory loss? You are not alone, and Catholic Charities NH is here to support you. Its newest online support group, "How to Deal with Dementia," is a **five-week program starting on February 24**, providing an understanding of dementia, its impact on those affected, and resources you can use to best support your loved one. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org. There is no cost to participate.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend a **Wedding Anniversary Mass**. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM** at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact the parish office **by April 8, 2022**. 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.

KENTUCKY DERBY BALL

Run for the Roses! Break out the Mint Juleps and Big Hats for the St. Joseph Catholic School 2022 Annual Fundraising Gala. This event will be held on **Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 5:30 to 11:30 PM** at the Castleton Banquet & Conference Center. Go to SJRCSAUCTION22.GIVESMART.COM for tickets and more information.



DO SOMETHING GOOD WITH US

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of the St Luke the Evangelist Parish. We welcome any practicing Catholic man 18 years of age 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 online at www.kofc.org/joinus.

**THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617**

www.kofc6617.org



Do Something for Lent. Renew your faith.

What is the **Lenten Journey** all about? Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are called the “three pillars” of the Christian way of life. They help support a full and healthy life. During Lent we try to repair and strengthen these three pillars, which also are called the “three disciplines” because they help people become better disciples of the Lord. Our **Lenten Journey** program helps Discipleship!

Lenten Journey is about SMALL GROUPS... IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN-UP! We continue to welcome sign-ups for small groups. On the back of this flyer is a REGISTRATION FORM. Return the form by Monday, February 21st at the office, or call the office at 382-8324.

Meetings begin next week! Groups meet six times during the Lenten season to discuss the Lenten Sunday Lectionary readings. You will learn more about Scripture through the resource book provided, participate in interesting discussions, meet some wonderful people and have the opportunity to build up the Body of Christ.



**All group members will pick up their resource booklets
at the first meeting.**

Groups begin meeting NEXT WEEK!

Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m. after the 6:30 p.m. Mass downstairs in the Church Hall.

Thursday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m. downstairs in the Church Hall

Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday, March 2!

DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY REGISTRATION FORM



Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Please check the time and day you prefer

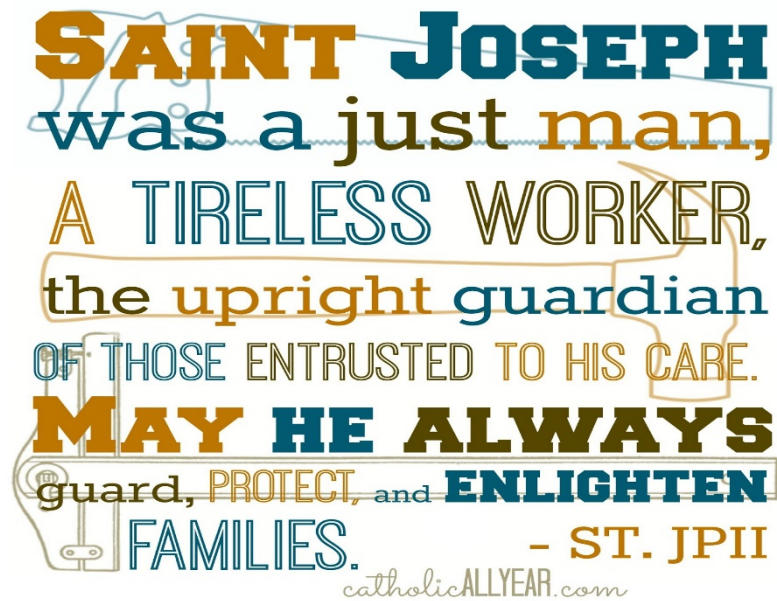
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. ____
(March 2 – April 6)

Thursday Afternoons at 1:30 p.m. ____
(March 3 – April 7)

Check if you are willing to be a group leader _____

**GROUP MEETINGS BEGIN
THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27
GROUPS WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH
HALL**

**(Please return this form in the collection basket or bring
to the parish office)**



WHO ARE THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH?

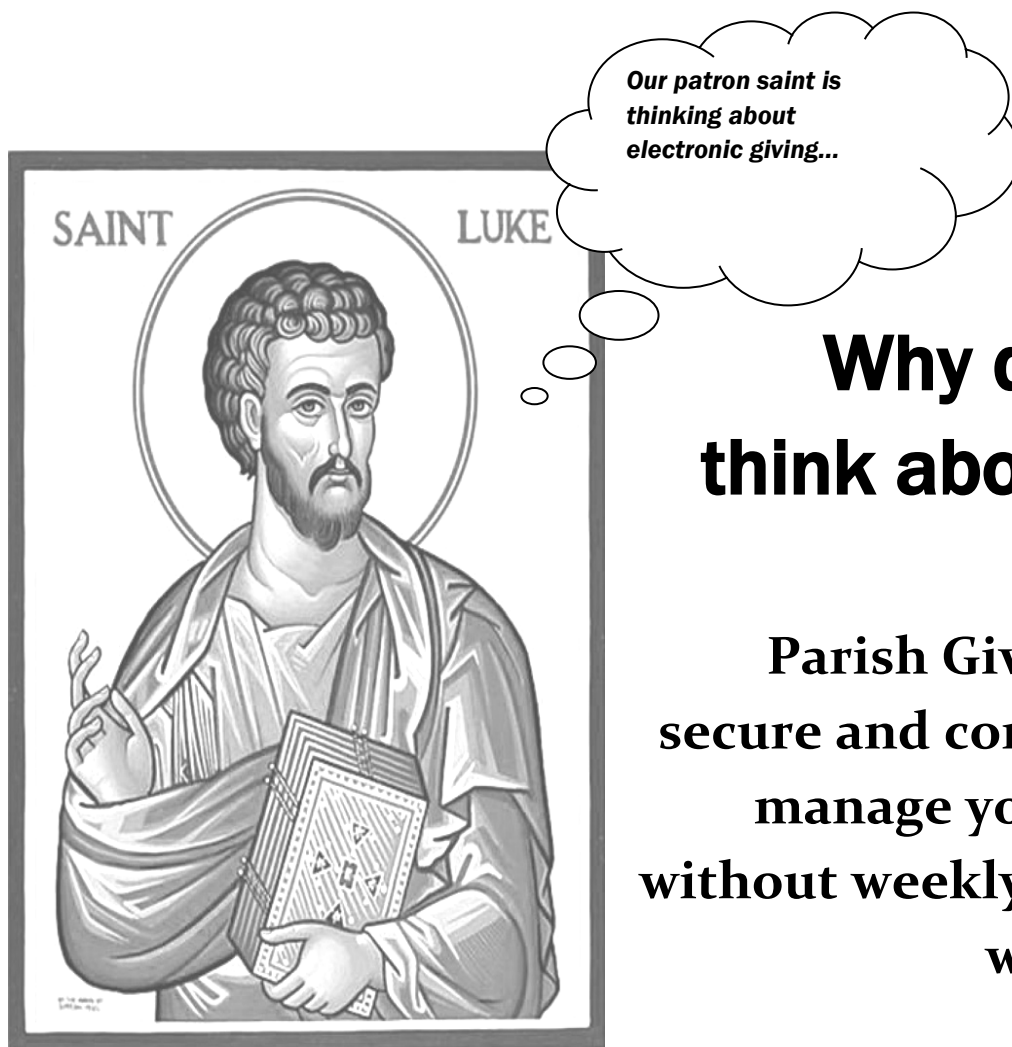
The Men of St. Joseph is a community of Roman Catholic men from parishes in New Hampshire and the Merrimack Valley who look to St. Joseph as a role model and protector. Our mission is to build a Christian brotherhood that enables men to become better disciples, husbands, fathers, and members of our community under the inspiration of St. Joseph.

The foundation of our community is built on the Christian notion of fraternity where men come together and support one another in their journey of faith. We invite you to learn more about us and discern if God is calling you to join the Men of St. Joseph and become a member of our Christian fraternity.

The Men of Saint Joseph gather for prayer and support on a regular basis. There are no dues or other group efforts, but we welcome opportunities to involve ourselves in our community.

JOIN US. YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 8:00 – 9:00 AM
PLAISTOW CHURCH HALL



Why don't you think about it too?

Parish Giving is a simple, secure and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries.

- Parish Giving allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smartphone
- You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend
- Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.
- Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration instructions.

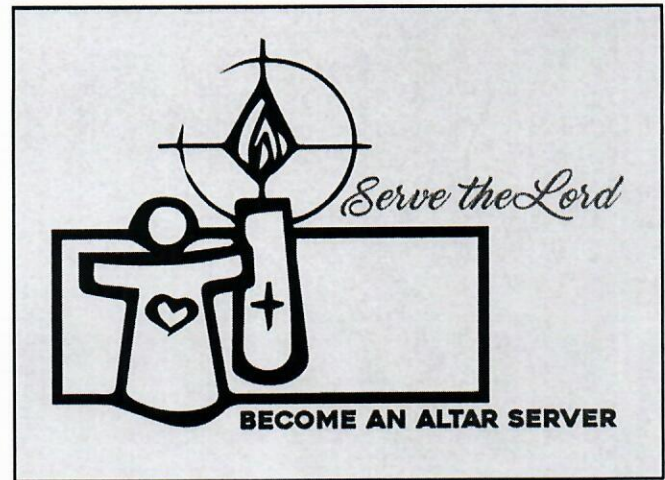


PARISH SERVERS WANTED

Parish life is back !!

We are looking for **ALTAR SERVERS** ministering at all Sunday, Weekday and Holy Day Liturgies...

But we are also conscious of personal safety and family schedules as well as the Parish schedule for Religious Education.



Saturday 4 PM Plaistow – ADULT SERVERS

Sunday 8 am Newton – ADULT SERVERS

Sunday 10 am – YOUTH & ADULT SERVERS

Weekday Liturgies – ADULT SERVERS

★ Youth are always welcome to serve at the 4 PM and the 8 am Liturgy, but because of Religious Education schedules this may be complicated... but welcome still !

ALTAR SERVER - YOUTH

The mission of the St. Luke the Evangelist Altar Servers is to minister at God's altar with reverence, generosity, and love. The presence of Altar Servers is an important witness, reminding us that Catholics of every age have gifts to offer and a role in ministry. To become a youth Altar Server, students must be in the third grade or higher, and have received Confirmation & Eucharist

Parent permission forms are available in the Sacristy of both Churches. All Servers begin as "observers" and gradually learn what Servers do during Mass. Contact F. Albert (fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net) or at 382-8324 with any questions or to begin Altar Serving.

ALTAR SERVER - ADULT

Adult Altar Servers continue the mission of service to the Parish in its worship. Adults are scheduled at Saturday Vigil, Sunday, Daily and Holy Day Liturgies. Adults are especially welcome to assist at Funeral Liturgies which are typically held on weekday or Saturday mornings.

Youth or Adult Servers may choose to wear a mask while serving.

Contact F. Albert (fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net) or at 382-8324 with any questions.



SPECIAL MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST

The primary mission of the St. Luke the Evangelist Special Ministers of the Eucharist is to assist at Liturgy in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful. Additionally, Eucharistic Ministers may bring Communion to the sick and homebound.

To serve as a Eucharistic Minister one must be at least 16 years old and a Confirmed, practicing Catholic. If married, a Minister must have been married in the Church as required by Church Law. Applicants for this ministry must be approved by the Pastor.

This role in the Church is different from other volunteer opportunities because it requires a *mandate* (or permission) from the Diocesan Bishop in order to function as a Special Minister in a particular community. With such a special status come requirements. The Diocese of Manchester asks that Special Ministers receive formation and training as to the theology of the Eucharist and their specific roles as ministers in their respective parishes.

Contact F. Albert (fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net) or at 382-8324 with any questions or to be considered for service as a Special Minister of the Eucharist.

READER



Readers proclaim the Word of God at Liturgy. They also offer the Prayer of the Faithful at weekend Liturgies. A good public speaking voice and attention to the nuances of the Scriptures are needed to be a good Reader. Adults and youth age 14 and up are welcome to serve as Readers. New Readers receive a short training session to review current guidelines and procedures before serving at their first Liturgy. Readers are provided with an annual workbook to help them understand the readings in historical / spiritual / liturgical context.

Readers share the Word of God at weekend Liturgy or weekday Liturgy. Readers are also needed to help at funerals (weekdays and Saturday mornings)

Contact F. Albert (fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net) or at 382-8324 with any questions or to begin serving as a Reader.

All adult volunteer ministries require the Diocese of Manchester Volunteer Application process which provides information about promoting safe environments and sexual abuse. Please see the Pastor with questions.



Year of the
EUCCHARIST
JESUS IS HERE

Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress

Saturday, June 18, 2022

8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

TSONGAS CENTER, LOWELL, MA

Cardinal Sean O'Malley invites all the Catholic faithful in the Archdiocese of Boston and surrounding dioceses to join him in closing the Year of the Eucharist with a day-long **Eucharistic Congress, Jesus is Here**.

A core tenet of the Catholic faith is that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is made truly present in the Eucharist. But belief in the True Presence has waned in recent years, even among Catholics. And that's a concern—because as Cardinal Sean teaches, “It is in the Eucharist where we find our true identity.” **Jesus is Here** is an opportunity for us to deepen our understanding of the mystery of Jesus' presence with us—by listening to powerful talks on the Eucharist, by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass, and by adoring Him in a time of adoration and worship.

Schedule

7:30am	Doors Open, Exhibitors Available
8:30am	Welcome, Music, & Celebration of Mass
10:15am	Break & Visit Exhibitors
10:45am	Session 1 – Featuring Dcn. Harold Burke-Sivers & Bishop Daniel Flores
12:15pm	Lunch Break & Visit Exhibitors
1:30pm	Session 2 – Featuring Bishop Robert Barron
2:30pm	Break & Visit Exhibitors
3:00pm	Session 3 – Featuring Jackie and Bobby Angel
4:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Procession through Lowell
6:00pm	Eucharistic Congress Concludes

**Confessions will be available at the following times: 7:30-8:30am, 10:15am-1:30pm, 2:30-3:30pm.*

Cost and Registration

The earlier you register, the less your ticket cost will be, so don't wait to buy tickets! Ticket prices are as follows:

- **OCTOBER 22 - MARCH 31 = \$39**
- **APRIL 1 - MAY 22 = \$49**

Ticket sales will close at the end of the day on **Sunday, May 22nd**. Be sure to purchase your tickets by then!

The optional box lunch costs an additional \$14 and must be purchased at the time you purchase tickets. Individuals can register guests such as friends or family members and may purchase up to 9 total tickets.

To Register:

www.bostoncatholic.org/jesus-is-here

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 6:27–38

Jesus continues his teaching following the Beatitudes. He tells us to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, and give of ourselves to anyone who asks. We learn the great Golden Rule: Do to others as you would have them do to you. Offer a prayer of praise as we cannot hear these words often enough.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): This week, your child learned that Jesus simply wants us to love and forgive others. Ask your child how he or she shares, exercises, learns, pretends, helps, laughs, and plays with others. Share with your child your own ideas on how to do these things.

Promise (Grades K–1): Jesus taught us to be kind. Your child learned about the Golden Rule to treat others as we want to be treated. Ask your child about times this week when he or she was kind to others. Share when you felt someone was kind to you. Accept your child's Kindness Coupons with love. Thank the Lord for your child, so they can hear your love for them.

Good News (Grades 2–3): What is the hard thing that Jesus asks us to do? Your child talked about such things during class this week. Ask your child why Brendan Groehl's story was a good one for this week's lesson on kindness. Talk about the class activity to make the four story problems better or worse.

Venture (Grades 4–6): Talk with your child about where he or she sees injustice in the world. Ask your child why the story of Fannie Lou Hamer was a good one for this week's lesson on justice. Have a family discussion on why it is so contrary to society to love our enemies as Jesus taught. Pray for people who have hurt you or who oppress others in the world. Pray, too, that your family remains loving to everyone.

Visions (Grades 7–8): How were Medgar and Myrlie Evers able to learn not to hate people who hurt them? Your youngster read the sad story of Medgar Evers this week. Pray that people have learned from Medgar's sacrifice. Pray, too, that we can learn to love our enemies as Jesus taught. Discuss how peace begins with each of us, and how far that peace might go if we are successful. Play a round of the "Push, Pass, or Peace" game from this week's lesson.

Pray Together

Pray that you and your family can be instruments of peace in the world. Be sure to mention this idea during mealtime or other daily prayers. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to be kind when others are not, and to seek forgiveness when we fail to do so.



✠ PARISH INFORMATION ✠

GLUTEN INTOLERANT?

The Parish now provides an option for receiving Holy Communion for anyone suffering from gluten intolerance or celiac disease. We have obtained special altar breads that are fully certified for use at Mass by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and laboratory tested to contain only .001% gluten. Please see the Pastor or the Sacristan before Mass about receiving Communion using one of these special hosts.



Altar Flowers are a special opportunity for remembering a departed loved one or offering thanksgiving for a blessing or family event. A floral arrangement placed in front of the altar for the Sunday Liturgy can be purchased for an offering of \$85, with an accompanying announcement in the weekly bulletin. Availability is limited according to the Liturgical Calendar. Offerings can be reserved on a first-come basis by contacting the Parish Office at 382-8324.



SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

PARISH POLICY ON GROUPS SEEKING SUPPORT

After consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, and taking into account the many groups that desire the community's support, it has been decided that the following policy be put into place:

- 1. Only Parish groups will be allowed to solicit support for their projects in our churches. This includes groups from within the Parish itself or groups which are based within our Parish.
- 2. Groups from outside the Parish community will be allowed to solicit support from the community *only by rare exception* and with the express consent of the Pastor and Parish Council.
- 3. No group of any kind will be allowed to solicit until the conclusion of the Liturgy. Publicity and other materials may be displayed in the entrances of the Church, but no actual solicitation may occur until after Mass has ended.
- 4. No more than one (1) Parish group may seek the support of the community at one time. This means that there are not to be multiple support efforts on the same weekend.

The Pastor will be the sole arbitrator of scheduling for Parish groups seeking community support. Parish groups should contact the Parish Office to determine availability for scheduling any support event. Thank you for your continuing support for the mission of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish.

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you – or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Our Ushers are wonderful and diligent, but they should not have to face a Foxboro aftermath as each Mass ends! Thanks for being attentive and respectful!

F. Albert.

ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE!

<http://stlukenh.org>

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A Parish Pastoral Council is primarily charged to assist in the development of mission-focused Parishes rather than programmatic or finance-driven ones. Pastoral Councils attempt to place at the heart of the Parish a consciousness of a zeal for the mission of Jesus Christ. When there is a clear awareness of this "larger vision" proposed by the Gospel and taught by the Church, a Parish finds itself energized by a sense of mission and directed to matters that foster the mission of the Parish, grounded in the mission of Christ (Diocese of Manchester, *Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils*, 2002). Our Parish Pastoral Council provides invaluable advice to the Pastor and Staff of the Parish through consultation, dialogue and ongoing learning. Our Council generally meets on a monthly basis to discuss Parish life and issues and to assess our ongoing mission as a Catholic community. The members of the Parish Council can be accessed through the Parish Office, or by email at

parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net.

Robert Harb, Chairperson
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Bringing Home the Word

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
February 20, 2022

Finding Strength in the Cross

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Arturo Mari, the photographer who followed St. John Paul II from the first to the last day of his pontificate, was once asked which of the millions of photos he took of the pope captured him best. He cited the ones of the pope holding his crozier, resting his head on it as he prayed during so many Masses around the world. This silver pastoral cross accompanied St. John Paul everywhere and was his constant companion in all of his sufferings.

It shows Jesus hanging from a cross

that is literally bowing under the weight of his body. You can feel the pull of gravity drawing the victim down in desperation. The photos show St. John Paul resting his forehead on the back of the cross, lost in prayer.

The papal photographer said this image more than any other summed up the pontiff because, before becoming a public figure who changed world history, he was a man of prayer, deeply loving Jesus. He was a man immersed in prayer who spent hours on his knees in order to have the strength to stand with and for those who most needed him.

This is a lesson for us. In order to live the beatitudes, we need to lean on Jesus and find our strength in him. Resting ourselves on the empty side of the crucifix is the best place to learn to love like him and be strong like him. +

Sunday Readings

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

The LORD repays everyone's righteousness and faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said,] "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

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A Word from Pope Francis

We need to stop seeing the reform of the Church as putting a patch on an old garment, or simply drafting a new Apostolic Constitution....It cannot be a matter of putting a patch here or there, for the Church is not just an item of Christ's clothing, but rather his body.

—Address to Roman Curia, December 21, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I believe in the patience and love of Christ on the cross as the best show of strength?
- Where can I practice the patience of Christ better?

Our Souls as Journals

By Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

“Why am I still here?”

The question wasn't existential; it had to do with location. I was a twenty-two-year-old student in the seminary who posed the question to myself in a journal after the news that two classmates were departing the school.

Decades later, I stumbled upon this journal. While it contains a fair amount of honesty and soul-searching, it unravels few mysteries of the human condition. (The publishers of Anne Frank's insightful diary have nothing to worry about!)

Writing helps give meaning to our experiences. It's quest for self-discovery and a search for answers in life. This discovery—seldom revealed in tweets and texts—is more likely found in ancient art forms like letter writing, journaling, and more extensive versions of creative written expression.

Shelby Foote, American historian and novelist, once told his author friend Walker Percy that many people have the mistaken notion that writers know what they want to say and say it. Foote said that if he knew what he wanted to say, he wouldn't write at all. He said writers seek and find answers in the telling of a story in all forms of writing, during which they explore themselves and find clues to reality.

It has been said that a person who writes thinks twice. Perhaps, then, the person who writes reflectively prays



twice. Some people keep a travelogue on pilgrimages and imagine what it's like to trace their hallowed steps with Christ or an apostle at their side. Others who write about painful episodes in their past imagine what it's like to relive the situation in the Lord's company. Still others insert themselves into a biblical scene with Christ and write about that experience. For instance, a writer friend of mine imagines what it's like to be the mother in the Prodigal Son story. How did she react to her wayward son's return?

Recall the beginning and ending of John's Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1);

"There are...many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written" (John 21:25). I think we're those books! Christ reveals himself in our search for meaning through his word and in the ways that we become living testaments to the Logos.

Benjamin Franklin's self-written epitaph offers cleverly crafted insights to the human condition when our final chapter approaches:

**The Body of Ben Franklin,
Printer, Like the Cover of an old
book, Its contents worn out and
Strip of its Lettering & Gilding,
Lies here, food for the worms,
yet the work shall not be Lost;
for it will, as he believes, appear once
more
In a new & more beautifull Edition,
Corrected & amended by the Author. +**

***Writing helps give meaning
to our experiences.***



Lord, your love is beyond measure.

***Open my heart to show
impartial love to all people.***

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

February 21–26

Monday, Weekday:
Jas 3:13–18 / Mk 9:14–29


Tuesday, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle:
1 Pt 5:1–4 / Mt 16:13–19

Wednesday, St. Polycarp:
Jas 4:13–17 / Mk 9:38–40

Thursday, Weekday:
Jas 5:1–6 / Mk 9:41–50

Friday, Weekday:
Jas 5:9–12 / Mk 10:1–12

Saturday, Weekday:
Jas 5:13–20 / Mk 10:13–16

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