



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, March 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent

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

Gathering: Hold Us In Your Mercy

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 51)

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
 (2x)

Preparation Save Your People BB 126

Mass Parts Mass For Christ The Savior

Communion I Received The Living God BB 324
 One Bread, One Body BB 337

Recessional: *We depart in silence during Lent.*

✠ 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!

February 20, 2022

Offertory \$7,388.67
Fuel \$1,257.25

COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
FEBRUARY 27, 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 jtremblay@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>.



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.

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!

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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| March 6 | Property Management |
| March 13 | CRS and Catholic Home Missions |
| March 20 | Fuel |
| March 27 | Easter Flowers |
| April 3 | Property Management |

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.

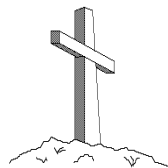
Anyone who has been recently exposed to COVID 19 or any other communicable disease should not attend public services of any kind. Those sick should remain at home until such time as they are healthy.

Liturgy online or on TV...

Boston Catholic Television catholicv.org
Sunday Mass from Notre Dame
catholicv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass
Salt & Light TV saltandlighttv.org
Eternal Word Television ewtn.com

SPRING AHEAD

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to turn your clock ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 12!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 PM in Newton.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer is sung at Newton at 6:00 PM on all Sundays of Lent. Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available immediately after Evening Prayer each Sunday of the Lenten Season.



VIGIL LIGHT

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

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.

The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of Sean Francis Lyons (8th Anniversary) by Gerard Lyons



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 Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of Sal and Anna Muscianesi by their family

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, March 6

10:00 AM Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*
 6:00 PM Vespers *Newton*
 6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Newton*

Monday, March 7

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, March 9

**Holy Angels Church
 Open All Day For Prayer**

7:00 PM Disciples on the Journey *Plaistow*

Thursday, March 10

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*
 1:30 PM Disciples on the Journey *Plaistow*

Friday, March 11

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross *Newton*

Saturday, March 12

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

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, March 5 ~ First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Sean Francis Lyons (8th Anniversary)
 by Gerard Lyons
Plaistow

Sunday, March 6 ~ First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

8:00 AM Lucy McGrath by the Burge family
Newton
 10:00 AM Eva Huberdeau by Linda Huberdeau
Plaistow

Monday, March 7 ~ Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Fogg Family
 by Barbara Metcalf
Newton

Tuesday, March 8 ~ John of God, Religious

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

8:00 AM The Intentions of Trisha Palmer
Plaistow

Wednesday, March 9 ~ Frances of Rome, Religious

Jn 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

6:30 PM Ellen Cotter by Joe and Ann Marie Sheehan
Plaistow

Thursday, March 10 ~ Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

8:00 AM Irene Lee by Nancy and Jerry Lee
Newton

Friday, March 11 ~ Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

No Mass

Saturday, March 12 ~ Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48 (Day)

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Margaret Sheehan
 by Ray and Beverley Viglione
Plaistow

Sunday, March 13 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

8:00 AM Daniel Gorthy by Barbara and Jack Brotz
Newton
 10:00 AM The Intentions of Eleanor Martin
 by Edwin and Susan Martin
Plaistow



JOURNEYING WITH THE CROSS

Saturday Morning
Lenten Retreats

Hosted by
Vita Nova

"Finding a Man's
Salvation in the Stations"
March 5th, 8am in Exeter
April 2nd, 8:30am in North Conway

"A Woman's Walk
to Calvary with Christ"
March 19th, 8am in Exeter

View the Full Session Details & Register Online Today
VITANOVA.ORG/2022-LENTEN-RETREATS

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 ✕

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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 |
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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.**

Thanks to your generosity, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to help our friends and neighbors in need. Requests for help, especially



heat and utilities, have been on the rise lately. We've recently helped several families with rent and utility payments. Your continued support makes it possible for us to assist all who come to us for help.

March is our Membership Drive month and we're inviting you to our next meeting **on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 PM** in the Holy Angels Church Hall. We welcome you to sit in on our meeting and determine if membership in this great group is for you.

We hope to be selling lilies following Easter Liturgies again this year. Keep your eye on this space and in the bulletin for more information on that!

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.

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.GIVEMART.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

Lenten Prayer and Liturgy

The Church invites all people to special moments of prayer during the season of Lent. It is a common custom for people to make room in their schedule for daily Eucharist, which we celebrate as follows during the Lenten season:

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| Monday | 8 am | Newton |
| Tuesday | 8 am | Plaistow |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM | Plaistow |
| Thursday | 8 am | Newton |

Another Lenten custom involves taking a journey... to the Holy Land! Going on pilgrimage has always been an important part of our Christian tradition. By visiting a place where a religious event occurred, a pilgrim hoped to share in the experience associated with that place. The desire to visit Jerusalem and the Holy Land was very important to Christians long ago, but because of the danger and expense of travel, and the political climate of Palestine, such a journey was not always feasible. When the Friars of the Franciscan Order took over the care of the Holy Places in Jerusalem in 1342, they began to erect "Stations" in Churches back home in Europe. It was a way to "go" to the Holy Land without ever leaving home. The custom of the Stations quickly spread to parish Churches, and the devotion of the Stations of the Cross was born.

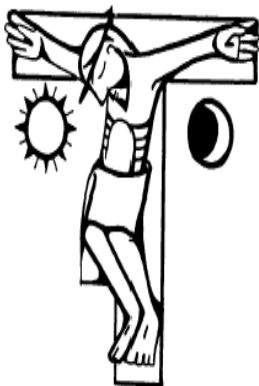


Praying the Stations of the cross

We walk the **Stations of the Cross** each Friday of Lent at 6:30 at **NEWTON**. Using various versions and forms of the Stations, and led by various groups in the Parish, we make Jesus' journey to the Cross our own.

Baptismal Font and Holy Water Font

During Lent, we pray and prepare to renew our own Baptismal promises even as we pray as a community for those to be Baptized. Following ancient custom, the Sacrament of Baptism is not ordinarily celebrated during Lent, and the Baptismal Font itself is sealed. We also "fast" from the Baptismal water usually present at the doors of the Church. The entire Church waits with Jesus in the desert, praying for the Living Waters of Easter.



Lenten Space, Silence, & Music

During Lent, the Church's lighting is dimmed so as to encourage an atmosphere of prayer and introspection. Our Assembly's music is more meditative and somber.

We leave at the end of Mass in silence, reflecting on our mission as Disciples to pray, fast, and to give of ourselves in the coming week.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

FASTING

Fasting for anyone between 21 and 59 years of age means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but should not equal the one full meal. One may, however, enter more into the spiritual element of fasting and not partake of any of the above-mentioned meals. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed. Days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Wednesdays and Fridays are also traditional fast days; however, one may fast on any day of the week.

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is the observance for all those 14 years of age or older to forego the eating of meat on: Ash Wednesday; all Fridays in Lent and on Good Friday. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, this discipline does not apply.

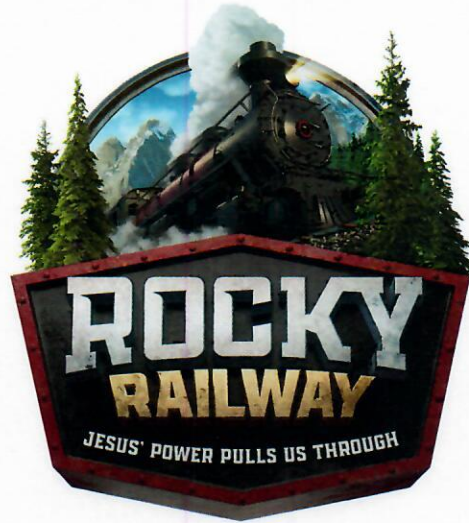
EASTER PRECEPT

The Easter Precept – or Easter Duty is the decree for all the faithful to receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042). The faithful must celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year in preparation for the reception of Holy Eucharist. Traditionally, the Church has marked the time in which one may fulfill the Easter Duty between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. A monthly celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged for all.

PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING

All the faithful are encouraged to spend additional time in prayer during the Lenten season, and to participate in the devotional practices of the Parish. It is also praiseworthy for the faithful to give generously to charities and to their Church during this Season of Sacrifice.

Climb aboard for...



The best week of the summer!

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: St. Luke the Evangelist Parish-Plaistow
(church name)

VBS will last from: June 20-21-22-23-24
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: 9 AM
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: NOON
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: 603-382-8324 Ext. 303
(church phone number)

Register online here: jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net
(web address)

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

This Sunday's Gospel is the familiar temptation of Jesus by the Devil. Satan tempts Jesus who was led into the desert by the Holy Spirit for forty days. Jesus fasted the entire time, but he did not yield to the false power and glory promised by the Devil. Use this passage to give you and your family strength to face the temptations of every day life.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): This week your child learned that Lent is a time to make good choices. The class learned to care, pray, share, and help during Lent as a way to show love as we get ready for Jesus' sacrifice and Resurrection. Ask your child what a pretzel reminds them of, and practice the action of thinking about God.

Promise (Grades K-1): This week your child learned about how Jesus chose to follow God the Father, which is part of the lesson from this week's Gospel. Talk with your child about how to show love during Lent, and be sure to check out your child's Lenten prayer book.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child's class learned how the Holy Spirit gives us strength against temptation during Lent. Ask your child to retell the story from this week's lesson titled, "The Temptation." Ask how your child felt when the Devil kept tempting Jesus in this week's Gospel. Share times when you have felt tempted. Pray as a family to be able to avoid temptation.

Venture (Grades 4-6): This week your youngster learned that Lent is a time to pray. Ask your young person what happens in this week's story titled, "Tempted!" Jesus faced temptation in the desert, but ask your young person who filled Jesus and helped him resist Satan. Discuss how the Holy Spirit speaks with us and directs our lives. Ask your young person how studying The Lord's Prayer during Lent will help them prepare for Easter.

Visions (Grades 7-8): Your youngster learned that Lent is also a time of sharing. Ask your young person what he or she plans to share or give up during Lent. Maybe the family could join in a project together. Have a discussion about the Gospel when Jesus says to not put God to the test. Talk about the history of Israel, and consider making a place and time to pray together as a family during Lent. This is a great week to talk with your youngster about the temptations he or she faces. Have your youngster explain Saint Ignatius Loyola's way to pray and reflect every day called the Examen. Give it a try this Lent.

Pray Together

Prayer is emphasized in all the lessons this week. In addition to praying to avoid temptations as Jesus did in the Gospel reading, pray that the Holy Spirit can help your family prepare for Jesus' great sacrifice and Resurrection. Take advantage of prayers from the lessons and adapt them for use at home.

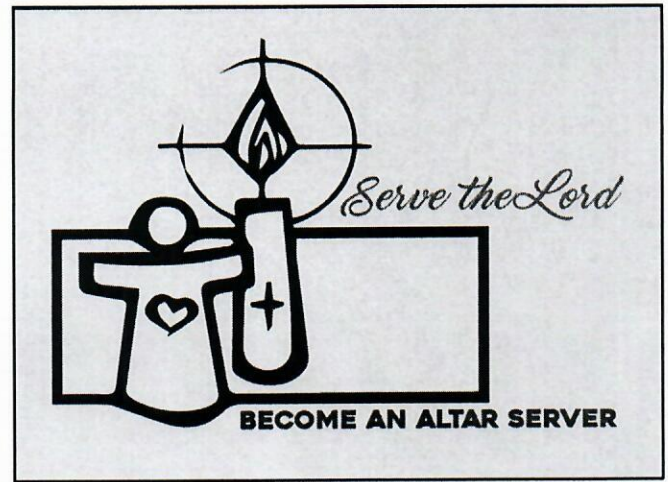


PARISH SERVERS WANTED

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

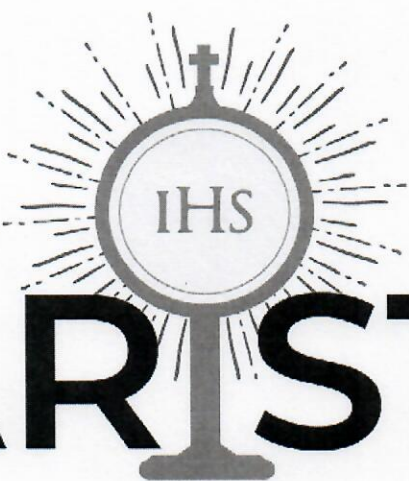


Readers proclaim the Word of God at Liturgy. They also offer the Prayer of the Faithful at weekend Liturgies. A good public speaking voice and attention to the nuances of the Scriptures are needed to be a good Reader. Adults and youth age 14 and up are welcome to serve as Readers. New Readers receive 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

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| 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



Bringing Home the Word

First Sunday of Lent (C)
March 6, 2022

Learning from Jesus' Temptations

By Fr. Mark Haydu

Every Lent, priests, nuns, monks, and many laypeople pray the following: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus encountered this truth in his temptations in the desert, another place in his ministry where he experienced the struggle of humanity.

The temptations begin, "If you are the Son of God..." All our temptations begin by doubting and challenging

Jesus to prove himself. Although Jesus is all-powerful and all-good, we struggle to make sense of suffering and tragedies.

The temptations continue as Jesus is invited to satisfy himself, impress others, and skip suffering. But Jesus responds repeatedly in humility. In the desert he doesn't turn stones into bread. He later does something far greater; he turns bread and wine into himself. When tempted, we cry out to him to soften the hard realities of our lives. And Jesus does just that. He suffers in his passion, dies, and rises again to become life-giving bread for us. He becomes manna in our desert.

When we wish for power, Jesus promises we will reign with him if we also let him suffer for us and we with him. The devil would have us take matters into our own hands, doubt God, and make him prove himself by our measures. Yet if we listen to Jesus, look at his answers, and learn from his life, then true power will be ours. +

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Then the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders.

Romans 10:8-13

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him.

Luke 4:1-13

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

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A Word from Pope Francis

Fasting makes us share the situation of many people who face the torment of hunger and makes us more attentive to others; almsgiving is a blessed opportunity to collaborate with God's providence for the benefit of his children.

—Address to Pro Petri Sede Association, February 16, 2018



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- What makes me question God the most?
- How can God's word and Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection respond to that doubt?

Signed, Sealed, Delivered

By Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

An illustrated *Catholic Guide to Ashes* by Bill Donaghy comically identifies the different shapes and sizes of the dark smudge we receive on our foreheads at the beginning of Lent. Examples include a neatly formed ashen cross as “First in Line,” an amorphous spot as “The Blob,” and an oversized, heavily stroked cross as “Father’s Revenge.”

While ministering in New Orleans, I observed people on Ash Wednesday bearing on their foreheads what may be mistaken for a flattened palmetto bug. However, I wouldn’t attribute this splotch to “Father’s Revenge” but to the aftermath of “Father’s Revelry” on Mardi Gras the day before! (I speak indulgently from experience.)

In 1949, British author Evelyn Waugh had his own observations about New Orleans: “Ash Wednesday: warm rain falling in streets unsightly with the dragged survivals of carnival. The Roosevelt Hotel overflowing with crapulous tourists planning their return journeys....But across the way the Jesuit Church was teeming with life all day long; a continuous, dense crowd of all colors and conditions moving up to the altar rails and returning with their foreheads signed with ash....All that day, all over the lighthearted city, one encountered the little black smudge on the forehead which sealed us members of a great brotherhood who can both rejoice and recognize the limits of rejoicing” (*Life* magazine).



Lent is the penitential season to rejoice within limits: “For you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19). We recognize our short lifespans and limitations, but we rejoice assuredly that the dust to which we shall one day return is glorified in Christ without limit! “The cross, with which the ashes are traced upon us, is the sign of Christ’s victory over death....It might be good stoicism to receive a mere reminder of our condemnation to die, but it is not Christianity” (from *Ash Wednesday: Spiritual Medicine* by Thomas Merton).

Thus, ashes are both a sign of mortality and purification in Christ. Before the charred remnants of last year’s palms take fuzzy form on our foreheads, the holy chrism oil first

marked the spot at our baptism! “The person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark...of his belonging to Christ” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1272). Moreover, “The faithful Christian who has ‘kept this seal’ until the end, remaining faithful to the demands of his Baptism, will be able to depart this life ‘marked with the sign of faith’...in expectation of the blessed vision of God...and in the hope of the resurrection” (CCC 1274).

So, if the cross is a little disfigured on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, let its distortion represent a desire to reconfigure ourselves to Christ in Lent. Now’s the time to give alms, do penance, and amend our lives! +

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PRAYER

Lord, give me the courage to accept the painful, ugly realities of life and become your advocate of truth and justice in the world.

—From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 7–12

Monday, Lenten Weekday:
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18 / Mt 25:31–46

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday:
Is 55:10–11 / Mt 6:7–15

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday:
Jon 3:1–10 / Lk 11:29–32

Thursday, Lenten Weekday:
Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25 / Mt 7:7–12

Friday, Lenten Weekday:
Ez 18:21–28 / Mt 5:20–26

Saturday, Lenten Weekday:
Dt 26:16–19 / Mt 5:43–48

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