



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

**Sunday, May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

Gathering: Christ The Lord Is Risen Today BB 163
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

*Sing a joyful song to the Lord! Alleluia!
Let the heavens and earth rejoice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Sprinkling Rite: *God, you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters, make us people of the water and your name.*

Preparation Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BB 488
Mass Parts Storrington Mass
Communion Bread For The World BB 342
Come To Me And Drink BB 355
Recessional: Hail Thee, Festival Day BB 737

✠ 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!

May 15, 2022

Offertory \$7,879.58



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!

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 22	Fuel
May 26	Ascension
May 29	Catholic Communications
June 5	Property Management
June 12	No Second Collection



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!

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

CREMATION AND 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.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH

On the weekend of May 1, we held our Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities NH. Father Albert spoke about how your support allows Catholic Charities NH to continue to help hundreds of New Hampshire residents and families overcome hardship and create better paths forward. **It's not too late!** In a year unlike any other, every gift matters. To bring more positive, lasting change to your New Hampshire neighbors in need, visit www.cc-nh.org/everything. Catholic Charities NH thanks you in advance for your prayerful gifts!

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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>.

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.

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

WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, May 22
11:00 AM Vacation Bible School Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, May 25
Holy Angels Church
Open All Day For Prayer

Thursday, May 26
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, May 28
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

MASSES FOR ASCENSION

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, falls on Thursday, May 26 this year. Our Mass schedule for the holy day is:

Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow
Thursday, May 26 at 8:00 AM in Newton

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, May 30**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 31.

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.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Our ministry aims to emulate St. Joseph and 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. Join us on Saturday morning, **June 18, 2022 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.



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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, May 21 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Mary Walsh by her children
Plaistow

Sunday, May 22 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
8:00 AM Joe Thompson by Dan and Kathy Sullivan
Newton
10:00 AM Kenneth Jenkins (Anniversary)
by Arthur and Lorrie Statezni
Plaistow

Monday, May 23 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Tuesday, May 24 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
8:00 AM Alton Sanford, Jr. (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Wednesday, May 25 ~ Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Gregory VII, Pope; Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15
6:30 PM Priscilla Barry (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Thursday, May 26 ~ Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53
8:00 AM Roy Lajoie (Birthday Remembrance)
by Bonnie Lajoie
Newton

Friday, May 27 ~ Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
No Mass

Saturday, May 28 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28 (Day)
Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Mark Hammond by Colleen Hammond
Plaistow

Sunday, May 29 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
8:00 AM Vincent Early by Dan and Kathy Sullivan
Newton
10:00 AM People of the Parish
Plaistow





MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that ALL Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert at the parish office for more information.

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.

The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Michael Cutrana** (2nd Anniversary) by Carol and John Tucker



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Mark Hammond** by Colleen Hammond



CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow, as well as the Vigil Candle 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.

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

✕ PARISH DIRECTORY ✕

Parish Office	603-382-8324	Fr. Albert Tremblay	fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314	Cathy Smith	csmith@stluketheevangelist.net
St. Vincent de Paul Society	603-382-8324 x 315	Joyce Szczapa	jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net
St. Luke's Food Pantry	603-819-4949	Jackie Tremblay	jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net
Preschool	603-382-9783	Val Barczak	mvmbarczak@comcast.net
Presentation of Mary Convent	603-382-2744	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.**

Dearest Parishioners – your generosity continues to amaze us! We SOLD OUT of Easter Lilys! We are so grateful to those who purchased these lovely



plants and told us to keep the change. We had the best year ever and will use the funds raised to continue our mission to help the poor in our communities with “a hand up,” and not “a handout.” In addition, the “dropped dollars” in our collection box far exceeded any previous month! THANK YOU! This past month, we helped clients with rental assistance, fuel, and car repairs. We’re able to help in these small and big ways because of your generosity. We can’t stress enough that 100% of your donation goes directly back into the community, helping your friends and neighbors. Your support of the Society does not go unnoticed. We are truly grateful!

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.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Easter is truly the Season of the Eucharist. To enrich the celebration of this Easter Season, the Diocese of Manchester has published a free eBook called *Christ Our Passover*, a collection of brief excerpts on the Eucharist from documents of the Second Vatican Council and the writings of Popes Francis, Benedict, and John Paul II. The book is available at www.catholicnh.org/Easter.



ALL ABOARD FOR FUN AT VBS!

Volunteer Information Meeting:

Come and join us to view our Rocky Railway VBS

Event Date: Sunday May 22, 2022

Time: Following the 10 AM Mass

Place: Plaistow Church Hall

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.



DO SOMETHING GOOD WITH US

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish.

We welcome any practicing Catholic man, 18 years 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**



The Ascension of the Lord



Great feast that Easter is, one day (not even three days!) is insufficient to celebrate the fullness of the mystery of the resurrection. So, as Christians, we keep a fifty-day-long festival, punctuated by the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord—the fortieth day of Easter. The feast

of the Ascension, like a prism, helps us focus the wondrous colors of the Easter spectrum.

The images from the Ascension Liturgy give us a sense of the hope and joy that color this feast: “Christ’s Ascension is our glory and hope.” “The joy of the resurrection and the ascension renews the whole world.” “Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow.” “Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us, but to be our hope.” “Christ was taken up to heaven to claim for us a share in his divine life.”

If we have been united with Christ through baptism in his death and resurrection, we are surely united with him in the transformation and redemption of humanity. What we celebrate, however, is not only a past or future event. We are given glimpses of our glorious destiny even now. So, feet firmly planted on earth, the community gathers to rejoice in the life we share with the risen Lord.

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The Solemnity of the Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation.

We will celebrate a Vigil Liturgy on **Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 PM at Plaistow**, and a Liturgy on **Thursday, May 26 at 8:00 am in Newton**. Eucharistic Adoration will go on as usual on that day, starting a bit later than usual.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE CREED

Based on the film series presented by Bishop Robert Barron

As stated by WORD ON FIRE: “Bishop Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced both Eastern and Western spirituality, theology, and liturgy. *The Creed* will help you rediscover the great intellectual and spiritual depths of Christian doctrine and reclaim the unity, clarity, and conviction of the Christian faith.”

If you are interested in joining a group for six weeks either on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning June 1, or Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., beginning June 2, please cut the form off at the bottom and complete. Completed forms should be returned either in the collection basket or at the parish office no later than Thursday, May 26. Any questions, contact Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net or at 382-8324, Extension 305.

Both groups will meet in the Church Hall

THE CREED

Name _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Cell Phone _____

Wednesday, June 1–July 6, at 7 p.m. ____

Thursday, June 2–July 7, at 1:30 p.m. ____



**Easter Flower
Offerings Were Made In
Loving Memory / Honor of:**

*William T. Scully
Deceased Members of the
Scully and Belanger Families
Lionel J. LaFleur
Louise R. LaFleur
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Helen T. Sielicki
Cecelia Sielicki
Marie Ferrandi
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Lumina LaChance
Paul LaChance
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*Lionel Roy
Ralph and Arlene Waldron
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Kate Ashley Barczak
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Mark Goodnough
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Deceased Members of the
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Mary and Gene Vader
Johanna Power
Michelle Grimes
Michael Kisiel
Mary Kisiel*

*Our Grampy Roy Lajoie
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Our Angel in Heaven
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Raymond Fournier
Harold Lloyd
John and Faith
John Marciano and Family
The Muscionesi Family
Tim Hercules
Margaret and Leon Cote
Robert and Eleanora Davidson
Norma and Paul Cote
Regina and Jesse Cote
Robert and Theresa Viens
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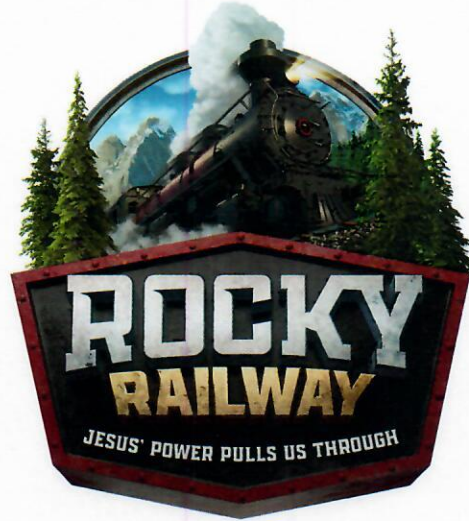
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*Thank You To Those
Who Made Donations
Toward Our
Paschal Candles:*

Jeanne Sullivan



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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)



Bringing Home the Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

May 22, 2022

Interpreting Christ's Teachings Today

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The passage of Acts in Sunday's readings shows us something about the early Church that we often overlook. Paul, Silas, and the other apostles felt a responsibility to preserve the true doctrine passed on to them. When they understood that certain Christians were teaching demands that didn't come from the Holy Spirit, they corrected that doctrine by sending a letter and endorsing the true interpretation.

Even in the earliest Church, there was an evolving hierarchy that interpreted what was God's will for the Christian

Sunday Readings

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It is the decision of the holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities.

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light.

John 14:23-29

[Jesus said,] "The holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you."

community. This charism of the proper interpretation of Christ's teaching continues in today's Catholic Church through the pope and the bishops.

Jesus declared to the apostles at the Last Supper that the Holy Spirit would remind them of all he told them. Jesus gave this gift to the Church, and it's something we should value. How often do we search a subject online to learn about it and then trust what a few articles say? Yet, are we as quick to look up what the Holy Father and the bishops say on different subjects in order to be guided by that light?

We are not sheep without a shepherd but have bishops and priests who preach the word of God and lead us toward the truth. When the bishops, in communion with the Holy Father, exercise their teaching office (the magisterium), they help us understand God's revelation in faith and morals. This is the way the early Church developed and the way the Church still lives today. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

[J]esus says that true authority is when one performs service; it is in serving, not exploiting others. The vineyard is the Lord's, not ours. Authority is a service, and as such should be exercised for the good of all and for the dissemination of the Gospel. It is awful to see when people who have authority in the Church seek their own interests.

ANGELUS, ST. PETER'S SQUARE,
OCTOBER 4, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Are there things I can let go of to make my home more peaceful?
- Are there attitudes I can let go of to make my heart and mind more peaceful?

Spring Cleaning

By Paige Byrne Shortal

In my part of the world, May is not a time to think about personal self-improvement and other interior matters. We do that in January, in Lent, maybe in September, but not in May. In rural Missouri, May is when the weather is reliably warm. It's time to raise the storm windows and let in the fresh air. It's time for spring cleaning the house, for throwing out the accumulation of winter.

It's astounding what we hold on to. The shirt we never wear but might someday. The books we never read but might someday. The platters, plastic storage containers, pots with no lids, lids with no pots, that old brown purse, the shoes that never fit, unused tools, half-completed projects, that cluttery stuff!

It's too much! Let's go yard-sale-ing instead. Sale signs are popping up everywhere along with the violets. There might be some good deals. But first, what about the cost of too much stuff?

In our house we try to control too much stuff by adhering to the wisdom of designer William Morris, who said, "Have nothing in your homes that you do not know to be useful and believe to be beautiful." My husband is better at it than I am. He has a rule for himself—when something comes in, something must go out. Give him a shirt, he gives a shirt away. He has one small closet, one bureau drawer. I cheat. I put clothes in a cedar chest so I can decide later what to do with them.



Here's a sobering fact. The self-storage industry claims over 39 billion dollars in annual revenues and construction spending on self-storage has increased by 584 percent from January 2015 to January 2020. Self-storage is an apt name. For we give a little bit of ourselves to each thing we own—our time and energy to buy it, clean it, walk around it, store it, wonder what to do with it. And someday, someone we love will inherit all this. Lucky them.

A home can hold only a few beautiful and useful things. Too much and they cease to be beautiful or useful. The same is true for our hearts and minds. We can only hold so much. If our homes are cluttered, chances are our hearts and minds will be cluttered, too.

In the Easter stories, we hear about the disciples hiding in the upper room or walking on the road to Emmaus or meeting Jesus on the shore. Keeping a low profile, they would have traveled light, and they were feeling empty inside after the death of their friend and teacher. Each time Jesus appeared to them, they didn't recognize him—who would? He was dead!—but they had room for him and his words. Their eyes were opened, their hearts burned within them, and his words changed their lives.

Do we have room for life-changing words? Do we have time for the risen Jesus? For Jesus to rise in us, anything that is not of Jesus has to go. Let's do what comes naturally in May. Let's spring clean. But while we're cleaning out the closet, let's let go of whatever is holding us back from being the person we're meant to be. As we jettison the outgrown clothes or unused kitchen items, let's also surrender the grudges, anxieties, selfishness, envy, pessimism, cynicism, anything and everything about which the Spirit is whispering in our ear: "*Oh come on, you don't need that. Let it go. Trust me.*" +

PRAYER

Risen Lord, your death and resurrection brought peace to the world. Help me to be an instrument of your peace to others.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

May 23–28

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:11–15 / Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:22–34 / Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 / Jn 16:12–15

Thursday, St. Philip Neri:
Acts 18:1–8 / Jn 16:16–20

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:9–18 / Jn 16:20–23

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:23–28 / Jn 16:23b–28