



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 29, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Gathering: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BB 488
 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 Loving And Forgiving BB 664
 Mass Parts Storrington Mass
 Communion One Love Released BB 353
 Unless A Grain Of Wheat BB 498
 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!

	<u>May 22, 2022</u>
Offertory	\$6,172.98
Fuel	\$1,405.40



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 29	Catholic Communications
June 5	Property Management
June 12	No Second Collection
June 19	Fuel
June 26	Works of the Holy Father



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 catholicstv.org
Sunday Mass from Notre Dame catholicstv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass
Salt & Light TV saltandlighttv.org

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 thank you 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.amazonmile.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



PENTECOST IS UPON US!
SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT!
WEAR RED TO CHURCH
ON THE WEEKEND OF
JUNE 4 & 5

Pentecost Evening Prayer and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Holy Angels Church
Sunday, June 5 at 6:00 PM
Pentecost Dessert Reception follows
at 6:30 PM in the parish hall

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 ✠

Monday, May 30
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, June 1
Holy Angels Church
Open All Day For Prayer

7:00 PM The Creed *Plaistow*

Thursday, June 2
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*
1:30 PM The Creed *Plaistow*

Saturday, June 4
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

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 28 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter
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 ~ Seventh 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

Monday, May 30 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Tuesday, May 31 ~ Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
8:00 AM Recipients of Prayer Shawls
by the Prayer Shawl Committee
Plaistow

Wednesday, June 1 ~ Justin, Martyr
Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
6:30 PM People of the Parish
Plaistow

Thursday, June 2 ~ Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, June 3 ~ Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
No Mass

Saturday, June 4 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25 (Day)
Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14; Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Michael Gerard Lyons (5th Anniversary) and Bryan Paul Lyons (2nd Anniversary)
by Gerard Lyons
Plaistow

Sunday, June 5 ~ Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23
8:00 AM Thomas Antczak by the Burge family
Newton
10:00 AM Paul O'Leary by Colleen Hammond
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 honor of **St. Jude Open Participants** by a fellow Knight

The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Paul O’Leary** 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!

CLIMB ABOARD THE ROCKY RAILWAY for the best week of summer! New Friends, Amazing Experiments, Creative Games, Super-Fun Snacks, Surprising Adventures, Incredible Music! Vacation Bible School will take place from **9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on June 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24**. For more information, or to register, call Joyce Szczapa at 603-382-8324, ext. 303 or email her at jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men’s AA Step Meeting is held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall. 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**





Bringing Home the Word

Ascension of the Lord (C)

May 29, 2022

Jesus Awaits Us

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In the Apostles' Creed we pray, "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Jesus lived forty days in his glorified body after the resurrection, but at the end he rose into heaven where he awaits each of us. It was planned all along that he who came down from heaven would return there. "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man" (John 3:13).

The amazing truth is that he has opened heaven for us, cheering on each of us to join him forever! "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come

back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:3). So we're not only striving to get to heaven, but Jesus is there interceding with his power for an ongoing outpouring of his Holy Spirit upon each of us (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 667).

Imagine Jesus as your intercessor in heaven, pleading your case as a brother before our loving Father! If God is for us, who can be against us?

He is also there inaugurating his messianic kingdom. He told Pilate that his kingdom wasn't of this world. He has now taken the throne of his kingdom and will draw all peoples to himself. You and I will become witnesses to this kingdom with no end.

So, let's live with newfound confidence. Jesus is in heaven today interceding for us, inaugurating his kingdom, and preparing our eternal home. +

Sunday Readings

Acts 1:1-11

"[Y]ou will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."

Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church.

Luke 24:46-53

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

The amazing truth is that Jesus has opened heaven for us, cheering on each of us to join him forever!

A Word From Pope Francis

[Jesus] is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Savior, our Advocate.

General Audience, April 17, 2013



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I live like a person who is aware that I'm on my way to heaven?
- How can I live this week with a more heavenly perspective?

Threads of Time

By Joanne Bennardo

I never imagined that stitches on a canvas could lead to prayer, but that's exactly what happened when I found a long-forgotten sewing project I had packed up in 1987 as our family prepared to move. Finding the project tucked away in a drawer evokes many memories of Ed and me and our three little boys.



I carefully take out this piece of my past. My arthritic fingers ply the labeled green yarns that had been gathered by younger, more flexible digits. I survey the canvas and find that only four colors of the total twenty-four had been worked: black, white, brown, and the first shade of green. This resonates. My younger self thought in black and white, right and wrong. Unlike today, back then there wasn't much time given to life's gray areas.

I study the diagram and the stitch directory and separate the huge bulk of unused threads. Slowly I guide the material between the two round stretchers. My needle resumes its rhythmic in and out, up and through.

This piece is creating an extraordinary bridge between my younger and present selves. Memories cascade through my very being with each stitch. I smile as I recall leaving Kevin's stuffed panda bear under the blankets in a hotel bed during

the move. The hotel staff mailed us the wayward bear, and our youngest was full of glee when he opened the soft package. I can still picture the bulky lettering of the thank you note he sent to the thoughtful staff.

I outline three white buds with a dark lime green. The green of today is anchored by the white of yesterday. I wonder what else I did on the day I filled in the white buds. I picture the room where I sewed after boys and teddy bears had all been tucked into bed. I feel the old comfy couch where I cuddled my babies and played peek-a-boo. I hear the constant commotion of laughter and antics meshed with endless tasks. Back then, I could only imagine the day the canvas would boast a completed vase of colorful flowers.

I sew and remember, remember and sew, and God's grace helps me realize that my project may have been interrupted, but God's creativity never missed a stitch. The years I spent as a young mother are an integral part of my life canvas. The finished crewel holds the blessings of loosely held French knots as well as tight ones. Each is necessary and part of the whole picture. Weaved together, the varied threads of my

relationships and experiences have created a tapestry of light, shape, density, and form.

Throughout it all, God has been present in my ordinary and extraordinary days. He is present in the mundane and in crisis, ever-present in the packing and unpacking, sewing and unraveling of our lives.

The rhythm of my current season includes a daily walk. I savor the smell of the grass and the sound of birdsong. I meet young parents for whom I breathe a slow prayer. Some push strollers, others tug at muddy tricycles, and one beams as she receives an imaginary "vamella" ice-cream cone from a small, clenched fist. The past and present entwine, interconnect, and transform.

God gave me the ability to see the significance of old yarns. The pastel pink strands mingle with the deep purple in the same way lightheartedness and toil then and now caress and expand the contours of my life. I pray, "Thank you, creator God. I knocked, and you answered." +

PRAYER

Risen Lord, your resurrection and ascension give witness to God's power. May my life bear witness to God's love, compassion, forgiveness, and peace.

—From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

May 30 – June 4

Monday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 19:1–8 / Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 / Lk 1:39–56

Wednesday, St. Justin:

Acts 20:28–38 / Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 / Jn 17:20–26

Friday, St. Charles Lwanga and Companions:

Acts 25:13b–21 / Jn 21:15–19

Saturday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 / Jn 21:20–25