

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, September 11, 2022 Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Gathering: Gather Your People BB 313

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving

and forgiving are you.

Preparation Christ, Be Our Light BB 598

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion Bread Of Life BB 354
Eat This Bread BB 334

Recessional: O God, Beyond All Praising BB 541



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!

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!

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.

№ 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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN



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). 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.

COLLECTION NOTE

Because of an upcoming change in the Diocesan collection schedule, a Diocesan-wide NH Catholic Appeal will replace certain collections mandated in years past. More information about the NH Catholic Appeal will be forthcoming, but the Parish will not take up second collections for the Catholic University of America (September 11) or NH Retired Clergy (September 25). If you use envelopes, please discard these from your box. They will also be removed from the Parish Giving Website. An announcement will be made at all Liturgies concerning these collections.

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/ \$100	\$3,000/ <i>\$60</i>
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/ <i>\$50</i>	\$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	\$18.70	\$19.50	\$21.00			
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00			
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00			

№ PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Our Annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow, NH. Watch the weekly bulletins to find out how you can help, donate, volunteer, and participate in St. Luke Parish's biggest (and ONLY) fundraiser! As always, there will be 20+ vendors of high-quality, handcrafted items; plus the Country Store, Silent Auction, Jewelry Table, Cookie Heaven, and FIVE great raffles: 1000 Ca\$h Raffle, Wine Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Penny Sale, and Theme Baskets. The Cafe will serve up breakfast and lunch, and if we're lucky, Santa may stop in from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for photos! Got questions? Please email StLukeNHFair@gmail.com.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

With pandemic restrictions fading away, it would be great to return to occasional Coffee and Donuts at Sunday morning Masses.

We are looking for hosts for our

Coffee Hours. Host responsibilities include picking up donuts and coffee, placing all items on the serving tables, and clean up after Coffee Hour.

If you are interested in hosting, please send an email to fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net or call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

A schedule for Coffee and Donuts is in the works. Coffee and Donuts can happen only with the help of generous volunteer hosts!

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 itemblay@stluketheevangelist.net or 603-382-8324.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST WEBSITE

Visit our website to view our Weekly Church Bulletin and Upcoming Parish Events:

http://stlukenh.org

END OF LIFE PLANNING

Three Beliefs is a document from the Diocese of Manchester that gives valuable assistance to Catholics and others on end-of-life issues. Three Beliefs explains Catholic teaching on life-sustaining treatment and care and includes the New Hampshire Advance Directive form modified in such a way to make it consistent with both Catholic teaching and New Hampshire law. Three Beliefs contains a helpful FAQ section and wallet cards that include important information for healthcare providers.

The New Hampshire Advance Directive form was revised by a law that is consistent with Catholic teaching and the changes to the New Hampshire form. If you completed an advance directive before 2021 and your intentions for your end-of-life care have not changed, you do not need to complete a new form as long as your advance directive was valid when it was executed. For example, if you completed the October 2007 version of *Three Beliefs* and signed the document before two witnesses or a notary public or justice of the peace, you do not need to complete a new advance directive form.

Copies of *Three Beliefs* are available at the church entrance.



The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Bill Lawrence by a fellow Knight

The Sanctuary Candle in
Holy Angels Church
will burn this week in loving memory of

Paul Antkowiak by his family



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.

WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER / FALL...

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

₩ WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 11

11:00 AM Catechist Meeting

Plaistow

Wednesday, September 14 **Holy Angels Church Open** All Day For Prayer

Thursday, September 15

8:30 AM - 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Newton 6:30 PM Cookout and Rosary Newton

Saturday, September 17

8:00 AM Men of St. Joseph Plaistow 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation Plaistow

Sunday, September 18

10:00 AM Religious Ed - K to 6 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.

PRAYER LINE INTERCESSORS NEEDED

How does the "Prayer Line" work? Once a prayer request is given, an email is sent to the intercessors who respond by praying for the intention. The request is written on a list. Now that we can meet in person again, several of the intercessors will get together once a week and pray for each person. If you are interested in being an intercessor, either through an email or meeting in person once a week, please contact Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net or 382-8324.

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, September 17, 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, September 10 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Kay Fitzpatrick by Rachel Lanseigne Plaistow

Sunday, September 11 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

8:00 AM Ian Miller by Bruce and Rita Moore

Newton

10:00 AM Raymond Huberdeau by Linda Huberdeau

Plaistow

Monday, September 12 ~ The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for a Favor Received

by Bonnie Lajoie

Newton

Tuesday, September 13 ~ John Chrysostom, Bishop and **Doctor of the Church**

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Paul Antkowiak (2nd Anniversary) by his family 8:00 AM

Wednesday, September 14 ~ The Exaltation of the **Holy Cross**

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

6:30 PM Gloreen DeNovellis by Cathy Smith

Plaistow

Thursday, September 15 ~ Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Newton

Friday, September 16 ~ Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 15: 12-20; Lk 8:1-3 **NO MASS**

4:00 PM

Saturday, September 17 ~ Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15 (Day)

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 (Vigil)

Donald Foynes (25th Anniversary) by his wife and children

Plaistow

Sunday, September 18 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

MA 00:8 Jesselyn Driscoll by her family

Newton

10:00 AM Karen, Lillian, and John Murphy

by Carol Lueders

Plaistow



IGNITE NEW HAMPSHIRE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2022



REGISTRATION REQUIRED www.EucharisticRevivalNH.org

National Eucharistic Preacher

Holy Mass & Eucharistic Procession

200 Person Choir

Children's Activities

Concessions & More!



Religious Education

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration for the 2022-2023 Academic Year for **Grades K through 6** begins in September. If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Program, please call Cathy Smith at 382-8324 for more information.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

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 <u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u> 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 Cathy Smith Joyce Szczapa Jackie Tremblay Val Barczak Parish Council fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u> jszczapa@stluketheevangelist,net jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net mvmbarczak@comcast.net parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

▼ Community News **▼**



SAINT JUDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus of our Parish are sponsoring a monthly food drive to support the Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry beginning this August. A list of items needed, along with a paper shopping bag,

will be distributed at the end of Masses on the 3rd weekend of each month to those who wish to participate. We ask that you bring back the non-perishable food items the following weekend (4th weekend of the month). You are also welcome to drop off donations at the Parish Office during normal business hours or at one our Parish churches. Monetary donations are also welcome (make checks payable to Saint Luke Food Pantry), or gift cards to local supermarkets. Thank you for reaching out to help families in our community who need assistance. The Knights and the Food Pantry appreciate your generosity and support.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

In thanksgiving for the canonization of our foundress, Saint Marie Rivier, on May 15, 2022, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at St. Kathryn parish in Hudson, NH. All are invited to join Bishop Peter Libasci and the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary on **Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 2:00 PM**.



Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Vincent de Paul box on your way out of church.

Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those who need a hand up, not a hand out.

Our next meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 PM. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. New members are always welcome!

If you seek assistance or need information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

Hear, OH LORD, and answer me for I am poor and needy.

BEREAVEMENT GROUPS

Catholic Charities NH will be hosting another online support group for those who are struggling with the recent loss of a spouse, family member, or loved one. "Bereavement — Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding Your Way Again" is a weekly online (Zoom) program held Wednesdays between September 14 and October 19. Participants will learn about the dynamics of grief, explore different coping strategies, and have an opportunity to connect with others in similar situations. To register, call Elaine Frenette at 603-752-1325. There is no cost to attend.

CURSILLO

If you have a desire to know Jesus more closely, a Cursillo is for you. The Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity. The purpose of the weekend is to facilitate a meaningful personal encounter with Christ and his body, the Church. The three day weekend is also the bridge connecting the faithful with the supportive post-Cursillo community, where we live our faith joyfully with our fellow Christians. Cursillo weekends are being offered **October 13-16 for men** and **November 3-6 for women** at the Sato Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341 or explore www.nhcursillo.org.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is being on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall in Plaistow, NH (Holy Angels). Bring your own coffee. For more information, call 617-921-9899.

Food, Faith, Fellowship

Join the Knights of Columbus on **Thursday September 15 at 6:00 PM** in the courtyard at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton, NH for a hot dog cookout with sides and drinks.

Enjoy a nice meal while meeting your brothers and sisters of St Luke Parish.

At 7:00 PM we will gather in the church to pray the rosary. We pray for an end to the pandemic, for the intentions of each other, and for the parish.

If you plan to attend the cookout, and we hope you do, please contact Jim Edwards at 603-642-5236.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617



www.kofc6617.org

Time for a Little Sprucing Up At Holy Angels Church

The Knights of Columbus, their families and friends are inviting members of St Luke the Evangelist Parish to join us sprucing up the inside and outside of the church in Plaistow.

We will gather Saturday September 17th from 8:30 to 12:00 Noon with rakes, hedge trimmers, buckets and towels in hand to make Holy Angels Church sparkle.

Help us with as much time you can.

Many hands make light work.

We will be doing the Following:

Removing and cleaning all the screens in the church Cleaning the pews top to bottom, washing the heat registers Trimming shrubs, garden clean up and leaf removal outside

All are Welcome

For more information and to answer any questions, please contact Peter Richards at 603 382 4315 or pmrpjs6@comcast.net





Make a Difference

IN YOUR LIFE, YOUR FAMILY LIFE, YOUR PARISH, YOUR COMMUNITY

WE ARE ALL CALLED FOR SOMETHING

CONSIDER JOINING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND FIGURE OUT WHAT THE SOMETHING IS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN CONTACT DAN SULLIVAN AT 603-770-4803 OR EMAIL HIM AT dans49@comcast.net

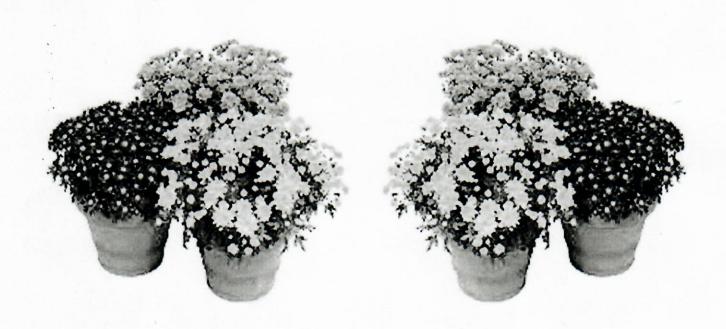


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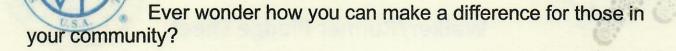


PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING ST.
VINCENT dePAUL'S ANNUAL APPEAL TO
BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF
SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18 AFTER ALL
MASSES, FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL
SALE OF FALL MUMS. (FLOWERS
GROWN RIGHT AT NEWTON
GREENHOUSE.)

10" PLANTS - \$15



FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Saint Vincent de Paul's Annual Fundraiser, the Walk for the Poor, is our largest fundraiser. This year, the need is greater than it has ever been. We all know more people are struggling financially than ever before. They are looking for a hand up to get them through this rough patch. This is where the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul can help. We give that hand up - to help pay rent, put food on their table, get their car repaired to be able to go to work, keep their home heated, get medicine they require, etc. We want to have the funds to be able to help anyone who asks, but we need your help in doing that! Please consider joining our walk this year. We would love to see families walking to help other families. We encourage people to walk in memory of a loved one - what a beautiful way to be remembered. Every dollar raised goes directly to helping people in our community.

This year, there are two options for our walk: Option 1 - Walk with us on September 24, 2022. Our Walk will start by leaving from Mary, Mother of the Church by proceeding left onto Amesbury Road, right onto Durgin Drive, right onto Bear Hill Road and back, which is a little over a mile. Registration is at 9 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. Water, Gatorade and tee-shirts will be available.

OR

Option 2 - Walk "Virtually" ANYTIME from September 24 through October 15, 2022 virtually. Walk your dog, do a family walk, family bike ride or hike, walk on your treadmill at the gym, walk around your neighborhood – just please WALK! Send us a picture of you walking, (if you want) and we will post it on our Facebook page.

Both options require you to fill out a simple registration form at https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2741. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Madeiros madeirosm22@yahoo.com or Susan Mokraysuziqmo@aol.com

Please visit our visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/SVDP/?ti=as

The Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run is a national event coordinated by the Development Team at the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Will you walk a mile with us to support our mission to help the poor in our community?

District the poor in our community is a mile in my shees

www.fopwalk.org



FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Walker/Runner Pledge Sheet

Walker's Full Name:

SVdP Conference/Council Name:

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It's Time to plan the Annual Christmas Fair

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 5, from 9 AM - 3 PM

We will have all our favorites: The Café, Ca\$h Raffle, Cookie Heaven, Country Store, Jewelry Table, Lollipop Game, Penny Sale, Photos with Santa, Quilt Raffle, Silent Auction, Theme Baskets, Vendors, and Wine Raffle.

Wine and Quilt Raffle tickets will be available mid-September.

<u>Ca\$h Raffle tickets are available</u> at both churches so SELL! SELL! SELL! Sell to your friends, neighbors, family, strangers! Offer up Ca\$h tickets to ALL your FaceBook Friends!! If they live far away, have them mail you a check or VENMO you. Checks should be made out to St. Luke's with <u>CASH RAFFLE</u> in the memo line.

Last year ONE-THIRD of the Ca\$h Raffle tickets went UNSOLD.

If each household in our parish had sold 5 more sets of tickets, the parish would have earned an additional \$2000 in profit last year. Let's work together to sell ALL the Ca\$h Raffle tickets this year!!

We need a lot of donations to make our Fair successful!!

Parish-run tables (Country Store, Jewelry Table, Penny Sale, Silent Auction, Theme Baskets, and Wine Raffle) DEPEND ON YOUR GENEROSITY. Please see reverse side of this bulletin for list of Theme Basket ideas.

Can You Donate...

New and/or Like-New items?
Antiques, Collectibles, Gift Cards?
Lottery Tickets? Lots & Lots & Lots of Lottery Tickets?
Newly Knitted and/or Crocheted Coordinated Sets or Afghans?
Original Artwork, New Toys, Fun Gadgets, or New Power Tools?
New Items for men, Items for women, Items for boys, or Items for girls?
Wine: White wine, Red wine, Pink wine, Sparkling wine, Wine, Wine, Wine !!!
Vases? We can get a generous Gift Certificate from a local florist in exchange for them.
Jewelry: new/like-new Rings, Watches, Pins, Necklaces, Earrings, and/or Bracelets??

Donations will be accepted downstairs in Plaistow Parish Hall, Saturday, September 10 from 3:00PM-5:00PM and Sunday, September 11 from 10:00AM-12:00PM. The last chance for donation drop off is Sunday, October 16, from 10:00AM-12:00PM.

Got Questions?? Email stlukenhfair@gmail.com

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St. Luke the Evangelist Annual Christmas Fair

Ideas for Theme Baskets!!

Adventurer, As-Seen-On-TV, Baby Boy/Girl, Baking, Bodacious Beards, Birthday-In-A-Box, Book Club, Breakfast-In-A-Basket, Caffeine Fix, Chocolate Madness, Cooking, Crazy for Cats, Doodads for Dogs, Family Game Night, First Aid, Fishing, Football Fanatic, Gadgets for Gardening, The Golf Pro, The Grill Master, Ice Cream Party, Kid's Crafts, Kitchen Essentials, Knifty Knitter Knapsack, Ladies Night Out, Loco for Legos, Lotions & Potions, Mani/Pedicure Care, Mexican Fiesta, Movie Night, Pamper-the-Chef, A Quilter's Quotient, Relaxation Station, Ring in the New Year, Road Trip, Sports, Stampers Delight, Super Scientist, Vehicle Safety, Weekend Getaway, Winter Wonderland, Yoga/Zen Master.

Donation dropoff begins Saturday, September 10, from 3:00PM-5:00PM and Sunday, September 11, from 10:00AM-12:00PM, in Plaistow, DOWNSTAIRS, in Parish Hall. Last chance to drop off donations is Sunday, October 16, 10:00AM-12:00PM.

Donation Drop Off Dates and Times:

Saturday, <u>Sept. 10</u> from 3:00PM-5:00PM or Sunday, <u>Sept. 11</u> from 10:00AM-12:00PM Saturday, <u>Sept. 17</u> from 3:00PM-5:00PM or Sunday, <u>Sept. 18</u> from 10:00AM-12:00PM Saturday, <u>Sept. 24</u> from 3:00PM-5:00PM or Sunday, <u>Sept. 25</u> from 10:00AM-12:00PM Saturday, <u>Oct. 1</u> from 3:00PM-5:00PM or Sunday, <u>Oct. 2</u> from 10:00AM-12:00PM **Oct.9 and Oct. 10 NO DROPOFFS THIS WEEKEND**

Saturday, <u>Oct. 15</u> from 3:00PM-5:00PM or Sunday, <u>Oct. 16</u> from 10:00AM-12:00PM

*** NO DONATION DROPOFF THE WEEKEND OF OCT 9 and OCT 10 ***

Got Questions?? Email <u>stlukenhfair@gmail.com</u>

Donation&Dates September 2022



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
September 11, 2022

Sonship Restored

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes at a later hour, receiving the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us towards those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy, should be that of the loving father in today's gospel. The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support,

Sunday Readings

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Moses implored the LORD...,
"Remember your servants Abraham,
Isaac, and Israel...." So the LORD
relented in the punishment he had
threatened to inflict on his people.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Luke 15:1-32

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. and understanding. The Father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns ruined by sin.

Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The parent-child relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father in the gospel. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Be prepared to forgive those who have hurt us. Be ready to open our hearts and our arms to embrace those who are seeking our acceptance, our understanding, our love. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

When someone whose heart is synchronized with God's sees the repentance of a person, they rejoice, no matter how serious their mistakes may have been. They do not stay focused on errors, they do not point fingers at what they have done wrong, but rejoice over the good because another person's good is mine as well!

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- With whom do you most identify in the Gospel story: the sinful son, the jealous brother, or the loving father?
- Explain your selection.

Let God Out of the Box

By Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

hristians believe that God is infinite and eternal, God stands outside the bounds of space and time. God is omnipotent, omnipresent, omnibenevolent, and omniscient. God is, as one of my favorite gospel songs says, "awesome."

And yet, we often squeeze our infinite God into tiny boxes. I guess it's inevitable. It's pretty tough to visualize something that's beyond our understanding, hard to get a handle on the infinite. And there's nothing wrong with contemplating God in bite-sized portions—it's just that it becomes so easy to deny everything that doesn't fit into our little box.

Some insist God is male and deny any other possibility. The artwork of our Catholic tradition has so often portrayed God as an older white male that artwork portraying God in any other fashion is seen as false. It's very hard to get God out of that little box. The language we use to describe God in our liturgies is masculine, and any attempt to use feminine pronouns is usually met with hostility even though Catholic theology teaches us that to do so is perfectly acceptable (Catechism of the Catholic Church 370). If God is truly all things, what's wrong with painting God as a young, black female?

Others have placed God in a box that restricts God's mercy. Each of us can probably think of a couple people we can't imagine being allowed into



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paradise for one reason or another. We build a box out of justice (our definition) and seal it with self-righteousness, imagining it will hinder the flow of God's limitless mercy to those we deem unworthy.

Some even limit God's mercy as it applies to themselves. God loves me whether I believe it or not, but not believing it greatly limits the effect God's love has on my life. Imagine yourself

drowning in the ocean. You've gone under twice; it's dark, and you're scared. Someone throws you a life preserver, but it lands behind you and you don't see it. To you, it doesn't exist. So even though it's only a few feet away, it cannot save your life, and you drown. Just so, if I deny God's mercy, then for all intents and purposes it doesn't exist in my universe.

The same is true if I deny God's love. It cannot help define who I am. It cannot change the opinion I have of myself. It cannot save me from myself. If we imagine that God acts and reasons the same way we do, we fail to see God's love and mercy that surround us. Shall we open ourselves to the wonder and mystery that is God? Shall we let God out of the box?



Merciful God, mindful of how much we are forgiven, please give us the grace to forgive those who have hurt us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

September 12-17

Monday, Weekday: 1 Cor 11:17–26, 33 / Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday, St. John Chrysostom: 1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a / Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday, Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11 / Jn 3:13–17 **Thursday,** Our Lady of Sorrows: 1 Cor 15:1–11 / Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35

Friday, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian: 1 Cor 15:12–20 / Lk 8:1–3

Saturday, Weekday: 1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49 / Lk 8:4–15



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