



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Gathering: Table Of Plenty BB 310

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

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

Preparation Ubi Caritas BB 325

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 329
Seed, Scattered And Sown BB 330

Recessional: Lord, You Give The Great Commission
BB 378

✠ 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!

September 4, 2022

Offertory \$5,311.45
Property Management \$1,061.30

September 11, 2022

Offertory \$6,490.95



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). 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!

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.

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.

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 ✦

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 jtremblay@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 **Mateo Intervalo** by Tess Moulaison

The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **James O'Donnell** by Jane Leach and family



VIGIL LIGHT
The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn this week loving memory of **Bill Lawrence** by a fellow Knight

WHILE AWAY THIS FALL...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, September 18
St. Vincent de Paul Appeal
And Sale of Mums
10:00 AM Religious Ed – K to 6 *Plaistow*

Tuesday, September 20
6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, September 21
Holy Angels Church Open
All Day For Prayer
7:00 PM Letter of James *Plaistow*
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting *Plaistow*

Thursday, September 22
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*
1:30 PM Letter of James *Plaistow*

Saturday, September 24
Walk For The Poor
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, September 25
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 603-382-8324. For those who are interested in being part of the group that meets in person, we will gather in the Fall to decide the best day and time to start meeting again.

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, **October 22, 2022 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, September 17 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Donald Foyne (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
8:00 AM Jesselyn Driscoll by her family
Newton
10:00 AM Karen, Lillian, and John Murphy
 by Carol Lueders
Plaistow

Monday, September 19 ~ Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
8:00 AM Anne Marie Zamierowski (10th Anniversary)
 by her children and grandchildren
Newton

Tuesday, September 20 ~ Andrew Kim Tæ-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
8:00 AM James and Trudy Pratt by the Pratt family
Plaistow

Wednesday, September 21 ~ Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
6:30 PM Sr. Janice Perrault
 by the Presentation of Mary Community
Plaistow

Thursday, September 22 ~ Weekday

Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
8:00 AM John Harrigan (Month's Mind)
Newton

Friday, September 23 ~ Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
NO MASS

Saturday, September 24 ~ Weekday

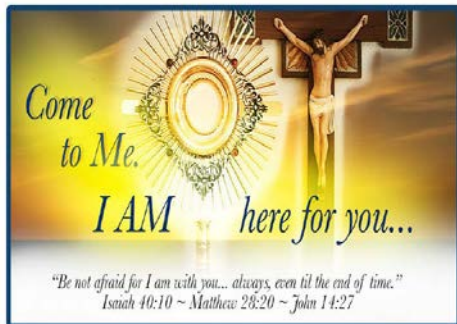
Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45 (Day)
Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Natalie and Phillip Gagnon by their family
Plaistow

Sunday, September 25 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
8:00 AM Wallace Antczak by the Burge family
Newton
10:00 AM John Harrigan by Bob and Alice Litwinovich
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!



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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Students in Junior High or High School who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to prepare to receive the sacrament, contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305, or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

Newton – Thursday
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

✘ **PARISH DIRECTORY** ✘

Parish Office	603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	603-382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	603-819-4949
Preschool	603-382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	603-382-2744

Fr. Albert Tremblay	fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net
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Joyce Szczapa	jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net
Jackie Tremblay	jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net
Val Barczak	mvmbarczak@comcast.net
Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

❖ Community News ❖



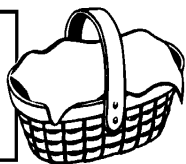
SAINT JUDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

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.



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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



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.

OCTOBER - RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Each year in the month of October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect For Life Month. Please join your Knights of Columbus, Council #6617 in celebrating Respect For Life Month on **Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 AM** in the courtyard of Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton, NH. We will gather to pray and recognize that every life is sacred, from the moment of conception until natural death. The prayer service will last approximately 45 minutes. In the event of inclement weather, we will move into the church. Come and be part of God’s calling to serve.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL
#6617
www.kofc6617.org**





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

Ever wonder how you can make a difference for those in your community?

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 madeirasm22@yahoo.com or Susan Mokraysuziqmo@aol.com Please 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?

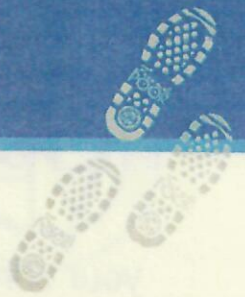


www.fopwalk.org



FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Walker/Runner Pledge Sheet

Walker's Full Name: _____

SVdP Conference/Council Name: _____

	Donor's Name	Donor's Address	Pledge \$ Amount	Paid
0	Example: Bob Smith	1212 Main Street, Anytown, MO 12345	25.00	✓
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St Luke Christmas Fair 2021 UPDATES

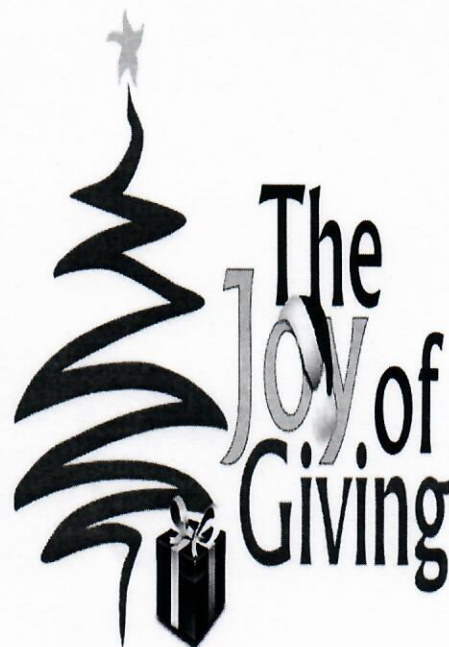
Donations are starting to come in (THANK YOU) but we still need a lot more.

All donations are needed by Sunday, October 16, but sooner IS better.

Please drop your donations off downstairs in the Parish Hall in Plaistow any Saturday, from 3:00PM-5:00PM or Sunday, from 10:00AM-12:00PM until October 16.

Our fair's success relies on your fabulous donations. Your donations are used at the Penny Sale Table, the Silent Auction, the Country Store, and to make Theme Baskets. We need... New (like-new) items in original boxes * New Power Tools * New Toys * Fun Gadgets * Newly Knitted and/or Crocheted Coordinated Sets or Afghans * New (like-new) Items for Men and/or Women * Lottery Tickets * TOOTSIE ROLL POPS for the Lollipop Game * WINE WINE WINE * Jewelry * Rings * Watches * Chains * Necklaces * Earrings * Bracelets * Original Artwork * Large/Sturdy Wicker Baskets

Could you give new items for a Theme Basket? Here are some ideas: 'As Seen On TV' Items, Baking, BBQ King/Queen, Beauteous Beards, Birthday-In-A-Box, Breakfast-In-A-Basket, Book Club, Caffeine Fix, Car Care Kits, Chocolate Madness, Cooking & Cocktails, Cozy on a Cold Day, Craft Corner, Family Movie Night, Fanatic Fisherman, Fabulous Foodie, First Aid, Football Fan, Gardeners Gifts, Get Well Basket, Golf-Galore, Hot Cocoa Enthusiast, Ice Cream Party, Kitchen Gadgets, Manicure Maniac, Mexican Fiesta Night, More S'Mores!, New Momma, New Year's 2023!, The Knifty Knitter, Outdoor Adventurer, Pamper-the-Chef, Pasta Night, Puppy Lovers, The Quintessential Quilter, Road Trip, Relaxing Spa Day Basket, Sports Lover, Snow Day Survival Kit, Stampers Delight, Take A Hike!, Tea Lovers, Vehicle Safety, Weekend Getaway, Winter Fun.



Fabulous Raffles

You'll notice at the back of both churches, a full-color poster of an **Absolutely Gorgeous Cream & Pink(ish) Quilt (92x77ish)** made by Cathy Cronin. This stunner will be the star of our quilt raffle this year. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, or 6 for \$20.

You will also find a red bin filled with stacks of **CASH RAFFLE TICKETS**. Please grab a few stacks and **SELL SELL SELL!** Return the Stubs and Cash in an envelope marked **RAFFLES** via the collection basket - OR mail it to: St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH 03865

If you can't wait to purchase **WINE RAFFLE TICKETS**, please use the "Order Form" on the other side of this bulletin insert. Simply fill out the requested information, Add up the total owed, Make your check payable to: St. Luke Parish, Pop the form and check in an envelope marked **RAFFLES** via the collection basket - OR mail it to: St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH 03865

Raffle Tickets! Get Your Raffle Tickets HERE!!”



WINE RAFFLE 2020

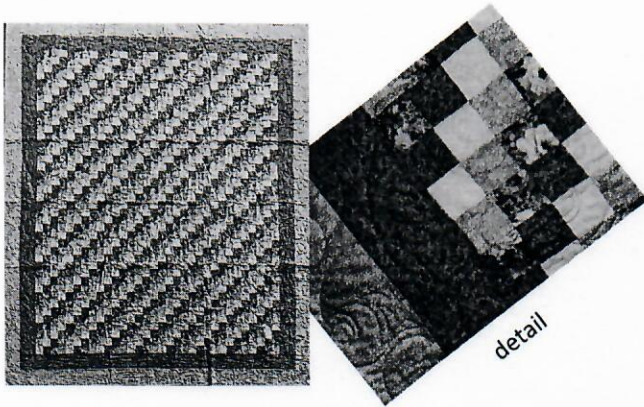
1st Prize: 50+ bottles of WINE!!

2nd Prize: 12 bottles of wine of various types.

One (1) for \$10.00, THREE (3) for \$25.00, or FIVE (5) for \$40.00

CASH RAFFLE

1st Prize: \$1,000 – 2nd Prize: 200 – four 3rd Prizes @ \$50 each \$1.00 each, or SIX (6) chances to WIN for \$5.00



THREE QUILT RAFFLES!

One (1) ticket for \$5.00, THREE (3) for \$10.00 or SIX (6) chances to WIN for \$20.00

Cream & Pink Floral Quilt, approx. 92" x 77"

Made by Cathy Cronin

RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

Make your check payable to: St. Luke's Parish, Pop the form and check in an envelope marked WINE RAFFLE and drop it in the collection basket - OR ... Mail to:

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, 03865

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Raffle	Quantity of Tickets	Total \$
WINE Raffle	_____	\$ _____
CASH Raffle	_____	\$ _____
Floral Quilt Raffle	_____	\$ _____
	Total Owed	\$ _____

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

This week we hear a challenging parable about a rich man who is cheated by his steward. After squandering his master's property, the steward makes amends with his master's debtors by lowering their debts. The steward hopes that this goodwill offering will help repair friendships with those in the community he has lied to. The master commends the steward for acting wisely. Jesus reiterates that we should strive to be trustworthy in both big ways and small so that we develop honest habits.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): In this week's class, your child learned about the different ways people serve at Church. Talk to your child about some of the people who help at Mass, and what he or she can do to help. The class discussed how they can follow Jesus every day. Ask your child to share some ways that he or she can follow Jesus. Practice making the Sign of the Cross together as you start and end prayers together this week.

Promise (Grades K-1): This week's class focused on the Mass. The children read a story about a girl named Lucy and her family's trip to Mass. The children shared their stories of going to Mass, and acted out some of the parts of the Mass together. Talk to your child about how he or she can show love for God. Ask your child to show you the Mass booklet he or she made in class, and make plans to bring it with you to Mass next week.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child learned about Pope Francis. The children discussed how Pope Francis encourages us to take care of our planet and to show mercy to others. Pope Francis is a great example of someone who shows mercy to the poor. Ask your child what it means to him or her to show mercy. Share ways that you can both try to be faithful to God in big and small ways this week.

Venture (Grades 4-6): The young people learned the importance of honesty, especially in cases when they are pressured by others to do something wrong. The class read a choose-your-own adventure story featuring Sophie who faces a dilemma when Maddie and some popular girls urge her to shoplift. Talk to your youngster about the different outcomes of the story, and the consequences of Sophie's decisions to live with the guilt or tell the truth. Discuss the importance of honesty and integrity for building a strong and trusting community, as Jesus wants us to do in our church and beyond.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Your youngster discussed Pope Francis's mission to care for Creation and all its members. Your young person learned how Pope Francis shares many goals with Saint Francis of Assisi, including showing love and mercy to the poor. The class presented a play of today's Gospel story of the steward who cheats with his master's money, and learned about the prophet Amos, who spoke out against people who took advantage of the poor. Ask your young person how he or she is inspired by Pope Francis, and ways he or she can follow his example daily.

Pray Together

After your conversation, sit quietly for a few moments as you reflect on what each member of your family has shared. Close your time together in prayer by taking turns offering the names of the people who serve your parish and help your family. Thank God for these people's presence in your lives.



Maybe ... it's time

To re-connect with your Church

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

If you are a baptized Catholic, have received your First Communion, but decided against Confirmation as a teen, maybe **NOW IS THE TIME** for you to re-consider **Confirmation**.

- ✓ Maybe you weren't ready when you were sixteen years old.
- ✓ Maybe you didn't want to be pressured into it by your family and peers.
- ✓ Maybe you weren't sure that Catholic is who you wanted to be.
- ✓ Maybe you were just beginning to doubt that what you were taught as a child -- about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, the saints, eternal life -- was all too good to be true.
- ✓ Maybe you were overwhelmed with school commitments, personal disappointments, and feeling that God really didn't care if you were Catholic anyway.

Sessions begin
soon!

God *does* care about you. *For some reason*, God chose you to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism.

So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice.

Confirmation.

If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office. With little time and reflection, practicing Catholics can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives.

Maybe it's your time.

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Bringing Home the Word

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Be Worthy of the Trust Given You

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Civil or religious authority should be a service. Public authority is conferred upon a person by election or appointment in order to promote the common good. Far from a career of self-aggrandizement, it's a call to place the good of others before one's own. For this reason we should obey the instruction of Saint Paul to Timothy and pray fervently for those in authority "that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life" (1 Timothy 2:2).

When speaking about the responsibility of the rich and those

in authority, Jesus places emphasis on trustworthiness. Those delegated authority are there to serve and to honor the confidence given them. That's why financial or political corruption is so grievous, for the person wins the trust of others only to misuse that trust by taking advantage of them. Nothing could be further from their mandate. And when trust is lost in public life and personal relationships, life becomes a walk through a valley of fear where we are governed by self-preservation. Truly then, we become what the Latins wrote: "Man is a wolf to man."

So be worthy of the trust placed in you by your colleagues and clients; neighbors, family, and friends. Be worthy of the confidence God has bestowed with all the talents he has given to use for the good of others. Make your life a responsible gift to others and rejoice in their flourishing more than your own! +

*Make your life
a responsible gift
to others.*

Sunday Readings

Amos 8:4-7

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

1 Timothy 2:1-8

I ask that...prayers...be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life.

Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.

A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus assures us that we are always in time to put right with good the harm done. Those who have caused tears, make someone happy; those who have wrongfully taken, give to those who are in need. By doing so, we will be commended by the Lord.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Am I trustworthy with the authority and gifts I have received?
- Do I look more for my own progress and protection or that of others?

Do What You Say You're Going to Do

By Paige Byrne Shortal

There is a life lesson in today's Gospel: the person who can be trusted with minor matters, may be trusted with great matters. Likewise, if you can't manage the small stuff, then forget about dreaming big.

This may seem obvious, but we deny the obvious every day. For example, if we overspend our bank account, don't we imagine that having more money is the answer? For the very poor this may be true, but sometimes even those who are comfortable quickly spend their raise or bonus and before they know it, they're overdrawn. There are even winners of the lottery who, before they know it, find themselves with a negative bank balance. When it comes to money, no matter the amount, there are only three possibilities: spend what we have, spend more than we have, or spend less than we have.

Or think about folks whose houses are cluttered with too much stuff. Having a bigger house looks like the answer and yet it doesn't take long to fill up more closets.

We imagine that a "little lie" is okay. "Fibbing" we call it. Yet, fibbing here and cheating there and soon we're able to tell real whoppers without giving it much thought.

We imagine that "just a few" cookies while on our diet won't



Harmful habits usually start with small stuff and grow from there.

matter too much. Skipping our walk just for today can't hurt. Putting off until tomorrow the dishes—or our homework or writing a thank you note or returning a call—"just this once" doesn't matter. Missing Sunday Mass is OK if it's not every Sunday. Calling in sick when we need a break—well, everyone does it.

These are the habits of failure and

they all start with small stuff. When life seems to be in shambles or it feels like we are spiraling out of control, we might consider trying this: Let's do what we say we are going to do. Period. If we're not eating sweets, then don't eat them. If we're Catholic, we're obliged to go to Sunday Mass, so we go. If we own it and it's dirty, clean it. If we don't have the money, we don't buy it. If we said we'd meet someone at 3 PM, we don't show up at 3:10.

If we do what we say we're going to do, life becomes simpler, and we also feel better about how we are living it because we are keeping our word. We don't have to keep making the same decision over and over because that decision is already made. And we find ourselves becoming people who can be trusted with great matters. It starts with the small stuff. +



Faithful God, you keep your promises to us. Please give us the grace to keep our promises to you and to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 19–24

Monday, Weekday:

Prv 3:27–34 / Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,

Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions:

Prv 21:1–6, 10–13 / Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday, St. Matthew:

Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 / Mt 9:9–13

Thursday, Weekday:


Ecc 1:2–11 / Lk 9:7–9

Friday, St. Pius of Pietrelcina:

Ecc 3:1–11 / Lk 9:18–22

Saturday, Weekday:

Ecc 11:9–12:8 / Lk 9:43b–45

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