



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Gathering: As We Gather At Your Table BB 311

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

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

Preparation What Wondrous Love Is This BB 481

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion Take And Eat BB 358

Recessional: How Can I Keep From Singing BB 443



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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 25	No Second Collection
October 2	Property Management
October 9	No Second Collection
October 16	Fuel
October 23	World Missions
October 30	Archdiocese for Military Serv.

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!

September 18, 2022

Offertory	\$5,601.65
Fuel	\$1,198.50



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.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Diocese of Manchester has created a new annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) to enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, retired clergy, seminarians, Catholic schools, and much more. Due to this change, we will NOT be collecting for the NH Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund on September 25.

Read more about the NHCA here:

<https://www.catholicnh.org/about/get-involved/giving/nhca/>

Our parish will begin participating in the NHCA in May 2023. Additional information will be made available in the future.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

The St. Jude Council #6617 of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on **Friday, October 7, 2022 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM** at the Atkinson Community Center, 4 Main Street, Atkinson, NH. **Pre-registration for an appointment time is required.** You can pre-register by going to www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767. The need for blood is urgent at this time, so please consider giving the gift of life!

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.

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
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

Wallace Antczak

by the Burge 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 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 25

10:00 AM Religious Ed – K to 6 *Plaistow*

Wednesday, September 28

Holy Angels Church Open

All Day For Prayer

7:00 PM Letter of James *Plaistow*

Thursday, September 29

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

1:30 PM Letter of James *Plaistow*

Saturday, October 1

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, October 2

10:00 AM Religious Ed – K to 6 *Plaistow*

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!

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.

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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, September 24 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, September 26 ~ Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

8:00 AM Eva Shea (Month's Mind)
Newton

Tuesday, September 27 ~ Vincent de Paul, Priest

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

8:00 AM For Michael and his recovery
Plaistow

Wednesday, September 28 ~ Wenceslaus, Martyr;

Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

6:30 PM Sr. Therese Lefebvre
by the Presentation of Mary Community
Plaistow

Thursday, September 29 ~ Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

8:00 AM Earl Donald Lewis (Month's Mind)
Newton

Friday, September 30 ~ Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
NO MASS

Saturday, October 1 ~ Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24 (Day)

Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Alfred Araskiewicz
by Armand and Rachel Lanseigne
Plaistow

Sunday, October 2 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

8:00 AM Bill Lawrence by Mick and Susan Swanwick
Newton

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Fogel family and
Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow



SECULAR FRANCISCANS

Who Are the Secular Franciscans?

We're people like YOU! Accountants, nurses, teachers, moms, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles,....!

What makes us different?

By choosing the Life of Christ as his guide, St. Francis of Assisi answered God's call to "rebuild His Church". We seek to pattern our lives after Christ in the spirit of St. Francis. We, too, are called to embrace the values of poverty, joy, simplicity, gratitude and love of all God's creatures as St. Francis did 800 years ago when times were difficult and war and greed were rampant.

What do we do?

We pray alone and together.
We learn about Christ through the gospels,
Francis, Clare and ourselves.
We share our journeys and ourselves.
We live with the gospels as our guide –
reaching out to others.

Join us as we celebrate the **Transitus of St. Francis** on **Monday evening, October 3 at 7:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church**, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry NH

For more information, contact Susan Ronan, ofs at 603-706-8381 or Sues3sons@comcast.com.

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 in honor of a loved one. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

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
Cathy Smith	csmith@stluketheevangelist.net
Joyce Szczapa	jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net
Jackie Tremblay	jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net
Val Barczak	mvmbarczak@comcast.net
Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

❖ Community News ❖



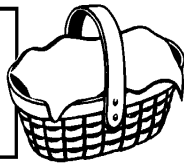
SAINT JUDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

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 of 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, October 19 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.**

ROSARY RALLY

Sts. Mary and Joseph Parish (200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH, South Campus) will hold an indoor Rosary Rally on **Sunday, October 2 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM**. A procession will begin at 3:00 PM outside and will move inside the church, followed by recitation of the Rosary for our families, our community, and our country. A Presentation on the power and beauty of the Rosary will be given. Music will grace the program. For questions, contact Beccah at 603-893-8661, ext. 109.

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



St Luke Christmas Fair 2021 UPDATES

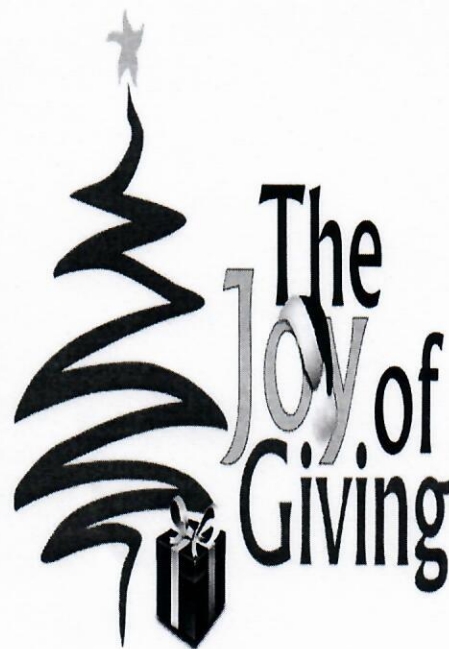
Donations are starting to come in (THANK YOU) but we still need a lot more.

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.



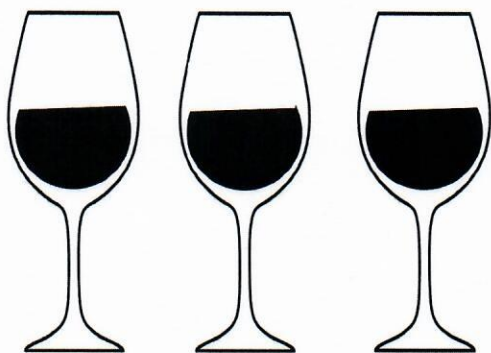
Fabulous Raffles

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

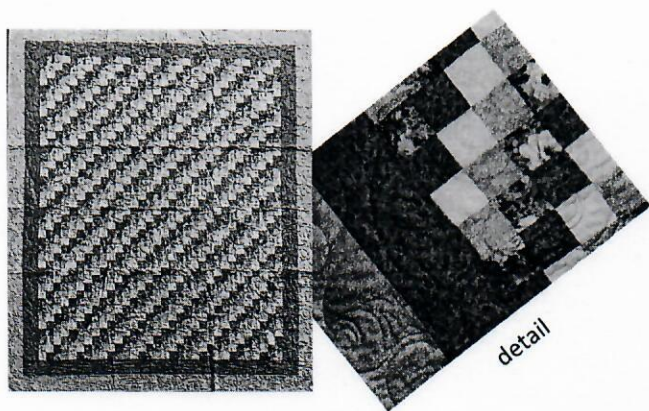
1st Prize: 50+ bottles of WINE!!

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 16:19-31

This Sunday's Gospel challenges us to be selfless and care for others who need help. Jesus tells a story of a poor beggar named Lazarus who lived outside the gates of a Rich Man's house. Lazarus' requests for help were ignored for years. Lazarus finally found comfort in Heaven once he had died. The Rich Man passed away and suffered in Hell. The Rich Man begged Abraham for mercy, just as Lazarus had once begged the Rich Man. Abraham reprimanded the Rich Man for his actions during his lifetime and for not heeding the warnings in Scripture. Jesus reminds us that we have been provided with all of the resources in our lives to understand God's desire for us to serve one another. Take time this week to reflect on steps your family can take to become more aware of the ways you can share God's love with other people.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): The children learned the importance of helping people who need assistance. Class members also discussed how they can help their friends when things go wrong and which adults they can depend on for help. They read the story of the Rich Man who would not share with the Poor Man. Talk with your child about the importance of sharing with other people and helping others feel welcome. Ask your child about some things he or she can do to help others, especially members of your family.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child's class talked about the importance of sharing with others. Ask your child to tell you about how and where we can share food with those who don't have enough. How did he or she feel when the Rich Man didn't share his food with the Poor Man? What could the Rich Man have done to help the Poor Man? The class concluded by learning that we share our world with all of God's Creation. Make a plan with your child to do something good for another person, or the planet, this week.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This week's lesson taught the importance of being aware of other people's needs. The class learned about Saint Francis of Assisi's encounter with a leper. The class also presented a play of the Rich Man and the Beggar. What were the consequences of the Rich Man's lack of awareness of the Beggar's needs? How could the Rich Man have benefitted from being aware of God's word? Ask your child to tell you what he or she is good at. Discuss how your child can use his or her gifts to help others who may be gifted in different ways.

Venture (Grades 4-6): The class began by reading a series of interviews about Saint Francis' conversion to Christianity. Saint Francis of Assisi changed his life after encountering others who needed help. The young people then read the Gospel reading of the Rich Man and Lazarus. How could the Rich Man have treated Lazarus when they were both alive? What does Jesus want us to learn from this Gospel story? How can your young person avoid growing complacent?

Visions (Grades 7-9): Ask your youngster to recount the story of Marcus and Jalen. Discuss what clues did Marcus miss that indicated his friend was hungry. How could Marcus have handled the situation better? Compare the story of Marcus and Jalen to the Gospel passage of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Talk to your young person about how we can avoid becoming complacent. What can we do to open our eyes and be more aware of the needs of others?

Pray Together

Have each family member use his or her own words to pray for those who feel left out by their friends, families, and communities. Brainstorm ways your family can work toward helping those who will benefit from your love.





Anointing of the Sick I: The Mystery of Illness

We get hurt. We wear out. The lungs, the eyes, the memory, and any of the many limbs and organs that compose us break or ache. Gloom comes over us then: pity for ourselves, sorrow, depression, anger. But hope can come, too, and courage, and sometimes peace.

All of this is marked and celebrated in the rites of our tradition. With a word and a deed, with touch and breath and spit and mud, Jesus heals those who ail. In every place and time, we who are the church remember and tell stories of healing, anoint the sick with oil and share the one bread even with those who cannot assemble for Mass. Thus the sick and the healthy, the homebound and the spry, saints and sinners are made one and remain one, a single body of many parts.

Anyone who is seriously ill can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, including the elderly who become weaker, even if no illness is present; those waiting for surgery when a serious condition is the reason for the operation; sick children who have sufficient use of reason to be helped by the celebration; and those who are unconscious or who have lost the use of reason, provided that they probably would have asked for the sacrament had they the use of their faculties. Furthermore, many forms of mental illness are now known to be serious. So the mentally ill may be anointed, provided that they will be helped and not harmed by the rite. If you have questions, consult a priest or other parish leader.

The most complete celebration of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a communal one, a celebration in which those to be anointed are surrounded and supported by other members of the Christian community, whether at home, or in the house of the church (for those who can leave their beds and come here). In song and in silence, with scriptures and prayers, we strengthen the bonds of love and faith that are stronger than the most lethal disease and more powerful even than death.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
September 25, 2022

Aspire to Greatness

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

It's so easy to fall into complacency and not strive for greatness. When we're young, we may idealistically dream of reaching the heights of success, however we define that word. Then with time, maybe a few setbacks, one or two genuine hardships, we gradually settle for less and less. Eventually we're content with just getting by and we no longer embrace the arduous struggle upon the higher road that once attracted us.

The rich man of today's Gospel passage was also complacent. His wealth blinded him to the needs of Lazarus, a poor man he passed by and

stepped over every time he entered his home. Even though he could have helped, he refused to do so. How could one be so blind as to have everything and not be willing to offer leftover food to someone in need?

God opposes complacency and settling for the easy and sensual. In today's first reading, God upbraids the rich for exactly that. They are too comfortable on their expensive, comfortable couches (Amos 6:4). In the second reading we hear Saint Paul challenge the young bishop Timothy to pursue high ideals such as righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, gentleness, and all other virtues. We should strive for them as well. How?

Jesus is the beautiful, timeless ideal of every soul aiming for perfect love. If we keep our eyes on him, we will never settle for anything but true greatness in the eyes of God. +

Sunday Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to those who are complacent in Zion!...They shall be the first to go into exile.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

You, man of God...pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Luke 16:19-31

There was a rich man... and lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus.

***How could one be so blind
as to have everything
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A Word from Pope Francis

No one must be excluded. God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- How do I feel when I ponder today's readings: Challenged? Overwhelmed? Inspired?
- What is one thing I can do this week to serve those less fortunate?

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

By Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

His potato crop was failing. The rest of his crops were being seized by British landlords for payment of taxes. So in 1887 my great-grandfather, John Patrick Fitzmaurice, left County Kerry, Ireland, with little more than the clothes on his back and the knowledge that his brother had found work in America in St. Louis.

Although the days of the “coffin ships” were dwindling, the boat he boarded was hardly a luxury liner. Some passengers still died in transit. John felt lucky, though, for he had met Mary Cahilan, the love of his life, and together they would embark on a new life in a new land. But had they tried to immigrate forty years later, they would have been sent packing because from 1924 to 1965, few Catholics were allowed into the United States.

Migrants are not new; people have always been on the move, crossing borders as they run from death or toward survival. The Hebrew children wandered out of the desert and announced to the people of Canaan that God had promised the Canaanites’ land to the Hebrews. The Normans invaded Ireland and informed the Irish that King Henry II had given their homes to the Normans.

It’s easy to understand fear of immigrants who enter a country as a



marching army, but for some reason even poor and powerless immigrants seem to terrify us. Even though almost all of us have an ancestor who came to America from somewhere else, we find it hard to identify with others in the same situation. Immigration is a difficult and emotional topic. Many struggle with the issue of who is “legal” and who isn’t. Some believe that immigrants should stay in “their own” countries and fix “their own” problems.

Yes, there are many concerns and no simple solutions, but the Catholic Church teaches that our preferential

option, like Christ’s, must be for the poor. Their welfare must come before other considerations, even our own. This is simply and plainly the gospel we profess. This must be our starting point.

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees, celebrated since 1914 on the last Sunday of September. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once preached a sermon on the parable sometimes referred to as “A Knock at Midnight” (Luke 11:5–13). He reminded us that there is bread in our house and that we *must* open the door to those who stand and knock. Will we let them in? Will we feed them? Or will we tell them we are already in our beds and cannot get up to look after their needs? +

PRAYER

*Loving and faithful God,
help us to learn the true joy
of living together as brothers
and sisters with all your children.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 26—
October 1

Monday, Weekday:

Jb 1:6–22 / Lk 9:46–50

Tuesday, St. Vincent de Paul:

Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 / Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday, Weekday:

Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 / Lk 9:57–62


Thursday, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael:
Dan 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12a / Jn 1:47–51

Friday, St. Jerome:

Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 / Lk 10:13–16

Saturday, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus:

Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 / Lk 10:17–24

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