



## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

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

Gathering: Hold Us In Your Mercy

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 91)

*Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble,  
be with me, Lord, I pray.*

Preparation Hosea BB 665

Mass Parts Mass For Christ The Savior

Communion: Body of Christ (Cantor)

Recessional: **We depart in silence during Lent**



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

March 26	Easter Flowers
April 2	Property Management
April 7	Good Friday – Holy Land
April 9	Easter & Needs of Parish
April 16	Fuel
April 23	No Second Collection

### 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!

**March 19, 2023**

Offertory	\$6,813.73
Fuel	\$1,611.36



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

### TURKEY – SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Persons desiring to make a contribution to the relief efforts in Turkey or Syria in the aftermath of the earthquake should strongly consider these two Church agencies:

#### Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3443

[www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)

#### Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)

1011 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Floor 15, New York, NY 10022-4195

[www.cnewa.org](http://www.cnewa.org)

### 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 ✠

### HELPING THE HOMELESS

The Order of Secular Franciscans of the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Region, Greccio Fraternity in Derry, NH, are collecting **NEW** t-shirts, socks, and underwear during the season of Lent to aid those who are homeless in our local area – Plaistow, Newton, and Exeter.

Collection baskets will be available at the back of the churches to collect your donations of **NEW** t-shirts, socks, and underwear – Men's, Women's, and Children's sizes. **THANK YOU!!** Susan Ronan, ofs Mary Galpin, ofs



The Sanctuary Light  
at Mary Mother of the Church  
will burn this week in loving memory of  
**Moses and Ellen Tucker**  
by William Tucker

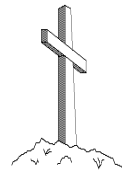
The Sanctuary Light  
at Holy Angels Church  
will burn this week in loving memory of  
**Paul G. Antkowiak**  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
by his family



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

### 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, **April 15, 2023 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 PM in Plaistow. **A Soup Supper will follow Stations on March 31.**

### LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer is sung at Newton at 6:00 PM on all Sundays of Lent. Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available immediately after Evening Prayer each Sunday of the Lenten Season.



### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage to attend a **Wedding Anniversary Mass**. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2:00 PM** at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact the parish office **by March 31, 2023**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information to the Diocese.

### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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### RETROUVAILLE

#### **A Lifeline For Married Couples**

Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vi) means rediscovery in French. This program helps couples put their broken pieces back together and rediscover their love for each other. This program starts with a weekend which teaches couples a new form of communication called Dialogue and lets couples know that they are not alone. Our next Retrouvaille weekends are **June 9-11, 2023, August 18-29, 2023, and November 10-11, 2023**. For more information, email [3023@halpourmarriage.org](mailto:3023@halpourmarriage.org).

### WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING...

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

## ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

### Sunday, March 26

10:00 AM Religious Ed – K through 6 *Plaistow*  
6:00 AM Vespers *Newton*  
6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Newton*

### Wednesday, March 29

7:00 PM Disciples On The Journey *Plaistow*

### Thursday, March 30

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*  
1:30 PM Disciples On The Journey *Plaistow*

### Friday, March 31

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper *Plaistow*

### Saturday, April 1

9:00 AM Divine Mercy Workshop *Plaistow*  
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*  
5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal *Plaistow*

### Sunday, April 2

6:00 PM Vespers *Newton*  
6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Newton*

## 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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

## From the Pastor's Desk



### HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed until Spring 2023. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

## ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

### Saturday, March 25 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 (Vigil)*  
4:00 PM Sean Breen (14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his parents  
*Plaistow*

### Sunday, March 26 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45*  
8:00 AM Sr. Marilyn Lagermann by Stephanie Stanley  
*Newton*  
10:00 AM Paul G. Antkowiak (Birthday Remembrance)  
by his family  
*Plaistow*

### Monday, March 27 ~ Lenten Weekday

*Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11*  
8:00 AM Lois and Thomas Hudgens  
by Lisa and Charlie Angwin  
*Newton*

### Tuesday, March 28 ~ Lenten Weekday

*Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30*  
8:00 AM All Souls Intentions  
*Plaistow*

### Wednesday, March 29 ~ Lenten Weekday

*Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42*  
6:30 PM Adelaide Sullivan by the Brotz family  
*Plaistow*

### Thursday, March 30 ~ Lenten Weekday

*Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59*  
8:00 AM John and Katie Cotter by Cathy Smith  
*Newton*

### Friday, March 31 ~ Lenten Weekday

*Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42*  
**NO MASS**

### Saturday, April 1 ~ Lenten Weekday

*Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56 (Day)*  
*Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 (Vigil)*  
4:00 PM Kevin A. Gallant (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by his mother Patricia Gallant and family  
*Plaistow*

### Sunday, April 2 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66*  
8:00 AM The Intentions of Slawek Gawlik and his family  
by Slawek Gawlik  
*Newton*  
10:00 AM Bob Giallongo by his family  
*Plaistow*



### WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry, and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.**

In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In addition to Saturdays at 3:00 PM in Plaistow and 6:30 PM in Newton on the Sundays of Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be celebrated on **Monday of Holy Week, April 3:**

**11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Plaistow**

**5:00 to 7:00 PM in Newton**

### BUSTED HALO

Busted Halo is a unique media resource sponsored by the Paulist Fathers of the US that utilizes a relevant and accessible voice to help people understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others. Check out their site, podcasts and videos at [www.bustedhalo.com](http://www.bustedhalo.com).

### 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](http://www.thegodminute.org)

### TAX TIME SUGGESTION

Did you know? If you are 72 or older and need to take a "required minimum distribution (RMD)" from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income. Ask your tax preparer or IRA trustee for more details.

### FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2022, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

### PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available from Project Rachel Ministry. Call 603-6630192 or email [ProjectRachel@rcbm.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@rcbm.org) for Project Rachel in New Hampshire.

### 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](mailto: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

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## ❖ 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. A list of items needed, along with a paper shopping bag, will be distributed at the end

of Masses on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of each month to those who wish to participate. We ask that you bring back the non-perishable food items the following weekend (4<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**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 handout.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, April 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.**

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

All announcements going into the Easter bulletin (April 9, 2023) must be received by the Parish Office **no later than 10:00 AM on Monday, March 27.** Thank you for your cooperation!

### 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 at the Sato Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341 or explore [www.nhcursillo.org](http://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.

### Divine Mercy Workshop



Join the Knights of Columbus on **Saturday April 1** in the Holy Angels Church Hall for a presentation on the meaning of Divine Mercy and an explanation of the devotion. The presentation will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 12:00 Noon. We will show two videos followed by discussions and questions.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617  
[WWW.KOFC6617.ORG](http://WWW.KOFC6617.ORG)**





## JOIN OUR HOLY WEEK CHOIR !

We welcome Parishioners of all ages to help sing during the holiest days of the Church year – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. All you need is a voice to sing and heart willing to learn! Our rehearsals are held at Plaistow as follows:

SATURDAY, 2/25, 5:00-6:30 PM  
SUNDAY, 3/5, 11:30 am – 1 PM  
SUNDAY, 3/12 11:30 am – 1 PM  
SATURDAY, 3/18 at 5:00-6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, 3/25 at 5:00 -6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, 4/1 at 5:00 – 6:30 PM

*Help us  
welcome Easter  
with song!*

Please contact Val Barczak at church or email her at [mvmbarczak@comcast.net](mailto:mvmbarczak@comcast.net).

## *Taking Time to Be Christ's Body*

**S**undown on Holy Thursday marks the end of the season of Lent. At that wonderful moment, we begin the Paschal Triduum, a tongue-twister of a phrase that means "the three days of Passover." The Triduum lasts until sundown on Easter Sunday. During these holiest days of the year, we celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

Lent is a time to get ready for the Triduum. Before Holy Thursday, we try to get the house and yard clean, the Easter food and any new clothes bought, and the decorations up so that we can keep the Triduum free from distractions. If we have school, a game or a meeting scheduled for Good Friday, Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday, we do everything in our power to reschedule it. We don't want anything to get in the way of our time together.

Of course, there are some tasks that need doing even on holidays—such as caring for the very young and the very old. But no one needs to shop or entertain themselves during the Triduum. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, leave the television and radio turned off.

Why do these days need our wholehearted attention? Over 1500 years ago, a man named Leo puzzled over the importance of the Triduum. Leo said that the body of Christ is our own body. And who could even think of being absent from their own death, burial and resurrection?

Imagine that. Without each and every one of us, Easter cannot happen!



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TAKE ME HOME, TOO



# Spiritual Carrots

**C**arrots supposedly help your eyesight. Fasting helps your vision! Vision is acquired and shaped. We learn to see and learning to recognize the real from the unreal demands discipline. Art experts spend a lifetime learning to distinguish authentic paintings from fakes and reproductions.

The preface to the eucharistic prayer today proclaims that Jesus had to teach his disciples that “the promised Christ first had to suffer and so come to the glory of his resurrection.” While preparing them for his death, he revealed himself in glory. Fasting is certainly a way of dying to self. Can it also reveal Christ’s glory within us?

The transfigured body of Christ was a foretaste of his risen glory. Our engage-

ment in fasting is a participation in the freedom promised us at baptism. God’s gifts are good but too often these goods are made by us into little gods who rule and dominate our lives. We are often ruled by the desires fueled within us by images of food and drink served up by TV, radio and magazines. Fasting is an exercise in freedom. It is a death to what we want in order to discover our deepest and truest needs. At the center we discover the glory of Christ who strengthens us in all our dyings.

What one thing is fasting helping you to see more clearly?

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## LENTEN REGULATIONS

### FASTING

**Fasting for anyone between 21 and 59 years of age means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but should not equal the one full meal. One may, however, enter more into the spiritual element of fasting and not partake of any of the above-mentioned meals. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed. Days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Wednesdays and Fridays are also traditional fast days; however, one may fast on any day of the week.**

### ABSTINENCE

**Abstinence is the observance for all those 14 years of age or older to forego the eating of meat on: Ash Wednesday; all Fridays in Lent and on Good Friday. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, this discipline does not apply.**

### EASTER PRECEPT

**The Easter Precept – or Easter Duty is the decree for all the faithful to receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042). The faithful must celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year in preparation for the reception of Holy Eucharist. Traditionally, the Church has marked the time in which one may fulfill the Easter Duty between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. A monthly celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged for all.**

### PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING

**All the faithful are encouraged to spend additional time in prayer during the Lenten season, and to participate in the devotional practices of the Parish. It is also praiseworthy for the faithful to give generously to charities and to their Church during this Season of Sacrifice.**



**QUIET MOMENTS, LITURGICAL  
PRAYER, THOUGHTFUL  
MEDITATION AND SILENT  
REFLECTION ON CHRIST'S  
JOURNEY TO THE CROSS**

**JOIN MEMBERS OF THE  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 31st  
AT 6:30 pm  
FOR THE STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS  
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH IN  
PLAISTOW NH**

**FOLLOWING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
JOIN THE KNIGHTS IN THE CHURCH HALL  
TO ENJOY A SOUP AND BREAD MEAL  
ACCOMPANIED WITH GOOD  
FELLOWSHIP**



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617**  
[www.kofc6617.org](http://www.kofc6617.org)



# YOU ARE NEEDED



# YOU ARE WANTED

WE ARE ALL CALLED FOR SOMETHING. MAYBE YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE, YOUR FAMILY LIFE, YOUR PARISH, YOUR COMMUNITY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN  
CONTACT DAN SULLIVAN AT 603-770-4803  
OR EMAIL HIM AT [dans49@comcast.net](mailto:dans49@comcast.net)

WHY NOT COME JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT. THE KNIGHTS MEET THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE CHURCH HALL IN PLAISTOW. MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 pm AND LAST ABOUT AN HOUR.

## SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

<b>THE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN FAST</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>LITURGY</b>
	<b>8 am Newton</b>
	<b>Distribution of Ashes 12:15 PM Plaistow</b>
	<b>LITURGY</b>
	<b>6:30 PM Plaistow</b>

## RECONCILIATION

**Plaistow: Saturdays 3:00 PM (except Holy Saturday)**  
**Newton: Sundays of Lent following 6 PM evening prayer**  
**Monday of Holy Week: Plaistow 11:00am – 1:00 PM**  
**Newton 5:00-7:00 PM**

**LENTEN EVENING PRAYER** Sunday evenings of Lent at Newton, 6 pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Fridays of Lent - 6:30 pm – Plaistow  
**Lenten Soup Supper** March 31

## HOLY WEEK

**Monday of Holy Week – Liturgy at 8 am - Newton**  
**Tuesday of Holy Week – Liturgy at 8 am - Plaistow**  
**Wednesday of Holy Week – Liturgy at 6:30 pm - Plaistow**  
**Tenebrae at 7:30 PM**

## PASCHAL TRIDUUM

**HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6** – Morning prayer 8 am - Newton  
Mid-day prayer 12 noon – Newton

**LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6:30 PM - Newton**  
**-Eucharistic Adoration follows-**  
**Night Prayer 9:00 pm - Newton**

**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7 - Morning prayer 8 am - Plaistow**  
**Mid-day prayer 12 noon - Plaistow**  
**Stations of the Cross 3 pm - Newton**

**SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION  
& HOLY COMMUNION 6:30 PM - Plalstow**

**HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 8- Morning Prayer 8 am - Plaistow**  
**Mid-day Prayer 12 noon - Plaistow**

## EASTER GREAT VIGIL AT 8 PM - Plaistow

## EASTER SUNDAY LITURGIES APRIL 9

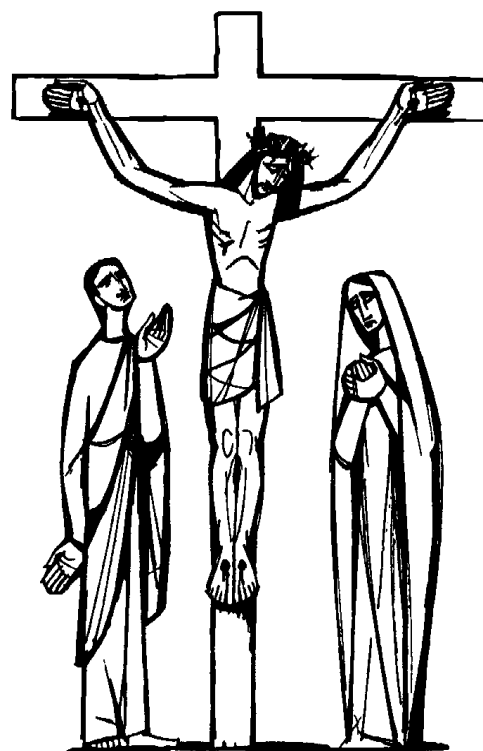
## 8 AM – Newton

## 10 AM – Plaistow

## Easter Solemn Vespers with Benediction at 6 pm – Newton

## LENTEN SEASON DAILY LITURGIES:

M 8 am Newton  
T 8 am Plaistow  
W 6:30 PM Plaistow  
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# The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospel: John 11:1-45

Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus raising of his friend Lazarus from the dead. The story hints at Jesus' own Resurrection, which we will celebrate at Easter. The raising of Lazarus puts Jesus in danger from his enemies, but he risks his life to be with and to help his friends.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** Young children learn about friendship from parents, siblings, playmates, teachers, and classmates. Friendship involves caring, helping, communicating, and sharing experiences. Remind your child that Jesus had friends whom he cared for, and Jesus' friends cared for him. Talk to your child about friendship and caring.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** Your child learned about the sadness Jesus felt when he found out that his friend Lazarus had died. Your child also learned that feelings are important. Ask your child to tell you what makes him or her sad, happy, lonely, afraid, or angry. Ask your child, too, to tell the story about how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** Ask your child to share with the family the story "A Sad Time for Peter." Talk about the sad feelings Peter had when his dog died. Then talk about the meaning of Resurrection—going from death to life. Perhaps the family can visit the cemetery and pray for all the people who have died. In your regular or daily prayers, pray for family members who have died. Discuss how Jesus' Resurrection opened Heaven for us all.

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** Your young person's class learned about compassion and caring for others. Ask your son or daughter to share with the family the story "Remember the Children" about the Holocaust. Talk about the lessons of the Gospel story of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Make and post a list of ways your family can show compassion and caring for others during the last weeks of Lent. Have your youngster tell the family about Saint Marguerite d'Youville. Discuss why mercy is important.

**Visions (Grades 7-9):** Your young person's class explored the meaning of friendship and the feelings associated with friendship. Ask your son or daughter to tell you about the "saint" who played video games. Talk about the steps to sainthood. Talk about Martha, Mary, and Lazarus and their friendship with Jesus. Does your family have a strong belief in Jesus, and do you experience Jesus' friendship? Do you seek Jesus' help when your family experiences sorrow or loss? What does the promise of Resurrection mean to each member of your family? Have your youngster tell the family about Ezekiel's command from God.

### Pray Together

After dinner one evening, join in a "Lazarus Prayer." Each member of the family can tell the story of a family member, a friend, or even a well-known person who has died recently. After each story, say the following prayer. "Jesus, you promised that if we live and believe in you we will have life everlasting. Please come and grant him (or her) life forever with you."





# Bringing Home the Word

*Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)*

**March 26, 2023**

## God Opens Our Graves

*By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**I**t is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God's spirit, God's power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living.

### Sunday Readings

#### **Ezekiel 37:12-14**

You shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and make you come up out of them, my people!

#### **Romans 8:8-11**

The one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

#### **John 11:1-45 or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45**

Jesus told [Martha], "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus' self-identification: "I am the resurrection and the life." What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us. †

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### ***A Word from Pope Francis***

I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: "Come out!"

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### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- What darkness—a grudge? resentment? old wound?—am I holding on to?
- What would it cost me to welcome God's invitation to let it go?

# New Life Awaits

By Fr. Paul Turner

Phil was recruiting fellow travelers for the missionary trip to Guatemala he made a few times a year. He wanted his friends and acquaintances at home to experience the discomforts of poverty in another part of the world. He wanted the poor of Guatemala to receive the compassion and help of the faithful from the North.

People who responded to him opened their wallets to provide water filtration systems and other projects, but Phil wanted more than their money. He wanted their hearts. He wanted to build relationships.

He succeeded. Over the years, he introduced hundreds of people to the plight of Guatemalans. He opened the eyes of people in the first world to the difficult demands of life in the third. People came home from his trips with a new sense of their priorities.

Once, when asked why he did this, Phil told a story. He was planning a trip with friends, and their connecting flight in Newark was delayed. The airline found seats on another flight for them to take. He doesn't know why, but the switch didn't feel right to him. He talked his friends out of getting on that plane.

It was United Airlines Flight 93. The day was September 11, 2001.

After escaping a horrifying death at the hands of terrorists, Phil decided he should do something positive with his life.

He wanted others to have a chance at living better, too. He got inspired to help the poor in Guatemala. Once he made the trip, he fell in love with the country and its people. He knew that if he could get others to go, they would have the

same experience. They did. Some people get a second chance at life. When that happens, they often suspect God has a grander purpose in mind for them.

When Jerusalem was ransacked by Babylon, the people went into exile, and their city was destroyed. But they were invited to return to their homeland to rebuild it again. Suddenly they had a new purpose. They began to spread God's word through a message of hope.

When we witness someone's loss, we mourn with them. When we witness their surprising gain, we rejoice. After a horrifying experience, when people have a new mission for their lives, they may extend an invitation

for others to see the world as they do. It can open eyes.

We don't know what Lazarus did after he was brought out of the tomb. His home with Mary and Martha was a haven of hospitality for Jesus. Perhaps they continued to welcome Jesus' followers, disciples who needed rest and respite. We don't know, but it seems likely that it was a life well-lived. †



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## PRAYER

*So that we may have the courage to heed  
your call to come out of the darkness,  
we pray—Lord, let us be like you.*

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

March 27—April 1

**Monday**, Lenten Weekday: Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62 / Jn 8:1–11

**Tuesday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Nm 21:4–9 / Jn 8:21–30

**Wednesday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95 / Jn 8:31–42

**Thursday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Gn 17:3–9 / Jn 8:51–59

**Friday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Jer 20:10–13 / Jn 10:31–42

**Saturday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Ez 37:21–28 / Jn 11:45–56

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