



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Gathering: At The Lamb's High Feast BB 168

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118)

This day was made by the Lord; let us rejoice, let us be glad! This day was made by the Lord; let us rejoice in salvation.

Sprinkling Rite: *God, you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters, make us people of the water and your name.*

Preparation Three Days BB 180

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion: The Supper Of The Lord BB 337

Recessional: Hail Thee, Festival Day BB 737



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!

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!

April 6, 2023

Rice Bowls \$1,307.18

April 7, 2023

Good Friday – Holy Land \$1,038.07

April 9, 2023

Offertory/Easter/Parish \$13,721.67

April 16, 2023

Offertory \$7,085.37
Fuel \$1,640.50



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). 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.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 23 No Second Collection
April 30 NH Catholic Appeal
May 7 Property Management

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 ✠

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Next week begins the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, Many Parts, One Body (NHCA), an initiative designed to strengthen our ministries for the Church in New Hampshire and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. Last year, 41 parishes participated in the appeal and raised over \$1.4M. This year all 88 parishes in NH will participate, including our parish. The Appeal will take place over the next two weekends at Mass. The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, evangelization through *Parable* magazine, Catholic Charities NH, and more. Everyone in our parish will receive more information in the mail soon. Please keep the Church in New Hampshire in your prayers that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. For more information, go to <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>



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.

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or by email at jtremlay@stluketheevangelist.net. If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. Registration forms can also be found on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>.

BLESSING OF MOTHERS

A special blessing of mothers will be given at all Masses on the weekend of **Mother's Day, May 14, 2023.**



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, **May 20, 2023 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.



MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that ALL Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Fr. Albert at the parish office for more information.

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.

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 ✠

<u>Sunday, April 23</u>		
10:00 AM	Religious Ed – K to 6	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Wednesday, April 26</u>		
Holy Angels Church		
Open All Day For Prayer		
<u>Thursday, April 27</u>		
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	<i>Newton</i>
<u>Saturday, April 29</u>		
3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Sunday, April 30</u>		
10:00 AM	Religious Ed – K to 6	<i>Plaistow</i>

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.

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.

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

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✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, April 22 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Fogel Family and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Sunday, April 23 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

8:00 AM John Mack by Jack and Barbara Brotz
Newton
10:00 AM Norman Lambert by Jackie Tremblay
Plaistow

Monday, April 24 ~ Fidelis of Sigmaringen,

Priest & Martyr

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Tuesday, April 25 ~ Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

8:00 AM Adelaide Sullivan by Cathy Smith
Plaistow

Wednesday, April 26 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

6:30 PM Patrick Foynes (Birthday Remembrance) by his mother, brother Mark, and family
Plaistow

Thursday, April 27 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

8:00 PM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, April 28 ~ Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;

Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

No Mass

Saturday, April 29 ~ Catherine of Siena, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69 (Day)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Lisa Bean by Cathy Smith
Plaistow

Sunday, April 30 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

8:00 AM Angelina Antczak by the Burge family
Newton
10:00 AM Sr. Anita Dagesse by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
Plaistow



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.

CREMATION AND THE CHURCH

On October 25, 2016, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published a new instruction on the burial of the dead and on the conservation of the ashes in cases of cremation. The instruction reiterated the long held view that the Church is not opposed to the practice of cremation, though it continues to recommend that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. **However, the new document insists that ashes should not be kept in private homes, and that the scattering of ashes in the air, on land, or at sea is not permitted.** The instruction also insisted that cremains may not be divided among various family members, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry, or other objects.

Please contact Father Albert in the Parish Office with any questions. Brochures about the Rite of Christian Funerals are available at the church entrances.



SCHEDULE

- May 10: St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester
- May 11: Our Lady of the Mountaintops, North Conway
- May 12: St. Anne, Berlin
- May 13-14: North American Martyrs, Colebrook
- May 15: St. Denis, Hanover
- May 15: Aquinas House, Dartmouth College
- May 16: Parish of the Holy Spirit, Keene
- May 17: St. Martin, Somersworth
- May 18: Immaculate Conception, Nashua
- May 19-20: St. Andre Bessette, Laconia
- May 20: New Hampshire Catholic Expo. Come and see the variety of Catholic organizations, ministries, programs and retailers in New Hampshire! St. Andre Bessette Parish Laconia

EucharisticRevival@rcbm.org faceofthefamily.org

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 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.

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 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.

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.

**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, May 17 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.**

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.

VITA NOVA: Married Couples Day of Enrichment



DO SOMETHING GOOD WITH US

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant
part of St Luke the Evangelist Parish.

We welcome any practicing Catholic man,
18 or older, to join the Knights.

We are sons, fathers, husbands and grandfathers,
whose main purpose is charitable works in support
of our parish and community.

Where there is a need, there is a Knight.

Joining is simple – talk to a brother Knight, contact

Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803, email him at

dans49@comcast.net or you can now join online:

www.kofc.org/joinus

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617
WWW.KOFC6617.ORG**



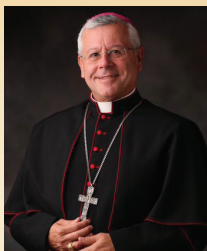
Coming this Spring:

2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II: *Many Parts, One Body*

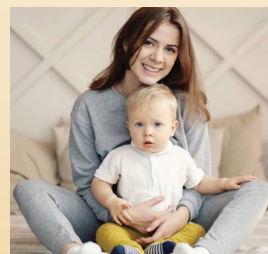


Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all the faithful across New Hampshire to participate in the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal this spring.



“We are building upon our first Future of our Faith campaign from 1995 with this annual diocesan-wide appeal which will fund vital ministries of our Church. By consolidating many Catholic collections, appeals, and causes into this one appeal effort, we move forward as **one Church; one body in Christ**. With your help, the NHCA will provide these ministries with the resources needed to carry out their important missions.”

– Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Tenth Bishop of Manchester



Parishioners will receive a letter from Bishop Libasci further outlining the NHCA with an envelope to give. Envelopes will also be available in pews on the appeal weekend. More information will be coming to our parish in the coming weeks or you can scan the QR code or go to catholicnh.org/nhca to learn more today!

Holy Oil

Nowadays we use oil mostly for cooking. We fry with it. We drizzle it on salads. We add it to dough to make baked goods light and flaky. Check out a supermarket to discover some of the many plants that produce edible oils. One oil-producing plant is the olive. Next time you eat an olive, notice that it's a bit greasy. That's olive oil.

Sometimes athletes are given a rubdown with oil to limber up their muscles. In the old days, oil was used to help heal burns and other injuries. Jesus' famous parable about the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29–37) mentions how oil was used as medicine.

The church uses two different oils—one is to help heal the sick and the other is to rub on the catechumens, who are the people getting ready to be baptized. Catechumens are a bit like athletes, except that their struggle is to enter into the Christian way of life.

Besides the two oils, the church also uses a mixture of oil and perfume called chrism. Ask to smell your parish's sacred chrism. What other great fragrances does this Easter season bring to your neighborhood?

The word “christ” means someone who is anointed with chrism. We are anointed when we are baptized and confirmed. We become a new Christ. The holy name of Jesus becomes our family name.

Why is the perfume added? In his second letter to the church of Corinth, Saint Paul says that since dead things stink, a good smell can remind us of God's Spirit, the giver of life. People who are christened can share this life-giving aroma with everyone they meet.



The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

This Sunday's Gospel tells the classic story of the presence of the Risen Jesus in the lives of his followers. Two discouraged disciples walk home to Emmaus after Jesus' Death in Jerusalem. A stranger falls in step and helps them see that the Messiah was not to be a triumphant king, but a suffering servant. At supper they recognize the stranger as Jesus in the breaking of the bread. At Mass we listen to the Scripture and we recognize the Risen Christ in the community and in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): The story of the Risen Jesus meeting two followers on the road is full of details your child will remember. Help your child understand that every time you go to Mass you recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Promise (Grades K-1): This week's lesson helped your child understand how Jesus is with us today at Mass—in the Eucharist, in the priest, in the people who come together to celebrate the breaking of the bread, and in the Word of God. Share with your child how important Sunday Mass is to you. Ask your child to show and tell about the happy heart medallion he or she made in class.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child learned the importance of making loving choices. Ask your child to tell the family the story of Paul and how he changed. In your own words, tell the Gospel story of Jesus and the two disciples at Emmaus and talk about how you all recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread at Mass every Sunday. Talk about what is meant by the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Venture (Grades 4-6): The class focused on the story of Jesus and his disciples on the road to Emmaus, and discussed how we can recognize Jesus in our midst. Allow your child to have an opportunity to tell you about his or her own Emmaus Walk, and to share what was learned about the different characters met along the journey. Ask your young person to tell you about how our faith practices and traditions are similar to the disciples' in the Gospel.

Visions (Grades 7-9): When the two disciples in the Gospel story walk with Jesus to Emmaus, they began to understand why Jesus had to suffer. They also recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Make a list of questions each of you would want to ask Jesus if you had the chance to take a long walk with him. Share the questions with one another. Talk, too, about ways you can make Mass a more important part of your life. Your family may want to go to weekday Mass during the Easter season. Talk, too, about Saint Paul's missionary travels from the week's lesson, including the map provided to see where the locations are.

Pray Together

Each day this week, pray the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be together. These three prayers weave together many of the great mysteries of the Easter feast.



KNIGHT LINE

April 2023

What's happening with your Knights of Columbus, St Jude Council #6617
Our Mission: Assist Those In Need and Help Support Our Parish

A Message from our Grand Knight Peter Richards

Welcome to our second edition of Knight Line. This publication is intended to let you know what your Knights of Columbus are doing around our parish and in our local community. I'm very proud of the work our Council is doing, and the esprit de corps displayed by our members, their families and members of our parish who participate with us. The Knights offer very flexible opportunities to take part in acts of charity and for prayer and reflection for our members and non-members. Feel free to check out our website at www.kofc6617.org. Vivat Jesus! (Jesus Lives)

Some of our many successful events

- ❖ After a three-year hiatus, the Knights hosted a St Patrick's Day Dinner at the Parish Center in Plaistow. The turnout was tremendous, serving over 200 dinners, all prepared by Chef Rudy. In addition to the great food, guests were entertained by the Murray School of Irish Dance. Thank you to all who joined us. Proceeds raised from the dinner will be used to fund the many local charities the Knights of Columbus support throughout the year.
- ❖ Purchased Food Baskets at Easter for our Food Pantry.
- ❖ The Knights hosted the Station of the Cross at Holy Angels Church. Following the Stations, a soup and bread dinner was served.
- ❖ Blood Drives: We collected 33 pints of blood at the Blood Drive held at the Newton Town Hall and 35 prints at the Atkinson Community Center. To all those who donated, Thank You.

Upcoming events and activities

- ❖ The St Jude Open Golf Tournament is fast approaching at Apple Hill Golf Course in East Kingston, NH, on June 3, 2023. This is our 28th year helping local individuals / families whose lives have been upended due to events not in their control, job loss, illness, death in the family, mounting medical bills and need support. This year we are assisting three individuals and a charitable organization. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, contact Dan Sullivan at either 603 770 4803 or dans49@comcast.net.
- ❖ Our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Look out for the Knights at various businesses around Plaistow, May 4 - 7. All donations assist the mentally and physically challenged in our local community.
- ❖ Thursday Evening Rosary - Mary Mother Church at 7PM. We pray for peace and the intentions of others. The third Thursday of each month is dedicated to the respect for Life.
- ❖ Food for Families: Collections held the 4th weekend of the month at all Masses.
- ❖ Blood Drives: Newton, NH Town Hall and the Atkinson Community Center.

Get to Know Us

This issue we introduce you to Andy Pellerin, here is his story;



My name is Andy Pellerin. I was born and brought up on a farm in Salem, NH by wonderful hard working and loving parents, and of course 8 brothers and sisters. I have been a Catholic my whole life and I remember saying the Rosary as a family growing up. Like most young adults, going to church meant very little, until one day it hits you, you understand why there is a God and how loving and forgiving he is. It must have worked as I have not had any serious tragedies in my life and wouldn't trade a day of it.

I have two terrific children that live nearby and four awesome grandchildren. I got to be the two oldest grandkids sponsors for their Confirmation and enjoyed meeting the Bishop. I have retired and now consult one day a week and the rest of the time is watching all four grandchildren play sports or babysitting when asked; I don't refuse too often.

I joined the Knights of Columbus by accident through a different Council, but one Knight of our Council convinced me to move to the Plaistow Council. I started slowly, started asking questions, started helping on KofC projects, played in their Golf tournament, shopping for food for the Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners, and more. What a wonderful feeling when you help those that need it and expect nothing in return. Today I am the Recorder for our Council and this year I am Chairman for our Saint Jude Open (SJO) Golf outing, which is our biggest fundraiser and helps many families with our terrific golfers and volunteers. Want to help, let a Knight know! God Bless!

Pray, Discern, Join

Do not deceive yourself by just listening to his word;
instead, put it into practice
James: 1:22

Empowering Men to Live Their Faith at Home, in Their Parish,
at Work, and in Their Communities

DISCOVER YOUR MISSION, BECOME A KNIGHT

For more information talk to a Knight. Join us and participate in one of our many events, help is always welcomed, and you do not need to be a Knight to participate. Sit in on a Knights Business Meeting to meet and learn more about what we are all about. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM and take place in the Parish Hall at Holy Angels Church in Plaistow.

Ready to join or would like more information, contact either:

Peter Richards, Grand Knight
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pmrpis6@comcast.net

Dan Sullivan, Financial Director
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dans49@comcast.net

If you would like to help the Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council #6617 providing assistance to our neighbors in need, please consider making a donation. Checks can be made out to St Jude Council #6617 and mailed to: KoC St Jude Council #6617 PO Box 589 Plaistow NH, 03865 Your donation will go to supporting the many charities and neighbors we assist every year.



Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

April 23, 2023

He Will Walk You Home

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

It was a very simple encounter. Two people, possibly husband and wife, on their way home from Jerusalem to a neighboring village, are joined by a lone traveler walking on the same path. The couple was downcast for some reason, and the lone traveler showed interest and concern. It was nothing out of the ordinary, just simple human interest. However, it's often just such an unexpected situation that becomes a profound event of God.

Jesus was talking beside them, explaining their sacred writings, and

they did not recognize him. What would it take for them to realize the identity of their companion? As he appeared to continue his journey, they offered him hospitality: "Stay with us" (Luke 24:29). Though they didn't understand who he was or everything he had said to them, their hearts were open to him and so he stayed. "At table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30). That did it! Now they knew. "He was made known to them in the breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35).

This is another moving story about the past and the present. How often we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst. He is with us in the very ordinary events of life, like walking home or preparing a meal. He is there even in our misunderstandings and disappointments. When we realize this, our hearts burn within us. We begin to see that the entire world is a place of encounter. Every human action holds the possibility of revelation. †

Sunday Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-33

God raised [Jesus] up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.

1 Peter 1:17-21

He was...revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory.

Luke 24:13-35

He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened.

A Word from Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters, we are always journeying in life. And we become what we go toward. Let us choose the way of God, not of self... We will discover that there are no unexpected events, no uphill path, no night that cannot be faced with Jesus.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 26, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Have I ever experienced our Lord in an unexpected encounter?
- Where do I least expect to find him today?

The Problem of Evil and God's "Silence"

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Why doesn't God make things easier? Perhaps the most vexing faith question of all time is the problem of God's silence and his seeming indifference. Why does God allow evil? Why do bad things happen to good people?

The presence of evil in the world poses a deeper question. Why does God seem to be hidden? If God is so massively real, why do so many people not recognize, acknowledge, or care about his existence? Why do believers have to live, almost always it seems, on the edges of doubt? Why doesn't God make his existence clear, a fact beyond doubt? Why doesn't God silence his critics?

Evil exists because God respects freedom, both in nature and in human beings. When we are confronted with the problem of evil in the world, the conclusion we might draw is not that God doesn't exist or doesn't care, but rather that God respects and values freedom in a way that we don't.

God doesn't make things easier because God can't make things easier, at least not without making us and the world into something far less than we are. When God made us, he gave us as much freedom, creativity, and spunk as was possible. He

didn't play it safe but gave us as much godliness as he could without making us into gods ourselves. Simply put, in making us, God went so far as to give us a freedom that even he won't tamper with. That's risky, but as a parent, it seems God would rather risk than control, allow creativity outside of his influence than limit ingenuity, and tolerate the misuse of freedom than relate to robots. God is perceived as silent because he allows human freedom and ingenuity to be precisely what they are meant to be: noncoerced, even by God. God is not a frightened parent who needs to control, nor a threatened creator who kept what was best back for himself. God allows evil because God respects the freedom and ingenuity of creation and, as we know from our faith, can ultimately redeem whatever goes wrong.

Things could only be simpler if God had made us Swiss clocks—wonderfully tuned to preset rhythms, with no mess, no sin, no evil, and the beauty of perfect crystal. But then there wouldn't be any love, freedom, creativity, or meaning. No. God built us on a razor's edge, so full of godly fire that we are capable of both martyrdom and murder. ‡



In the resurrection we are assured that there are no doors that are eternally closed. Every time we close a door, or one is closed on us, God opens another for us. The resurrection assures us that God never gives up on us, even if we give up on ourselves, that God writes straight with the crooked lines of our lives, that we can forever revirginize, regain lost innocence, and move beyond bitterness.

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Lord Jesus, when we fail to recognize you in friend or stranger, in familiar or foreign, please open our eyes of faith, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

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WEEKDAY READINGS

April 24–29

Monday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 6:8–15 / Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday, St. Mark:

1 Pt 5:5b–14 / Mk 16:15–20

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 8:1b–8 / Jn 6:35–40

Thursday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 8:26–40 / Jn 6:44–51

Friday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 9:1–20 / Jn 6:52–59

Saturday, St. Catherine of Siena:

Acts 9:31–42 / Jn 6:60–69

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