



## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 14, 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Gathering: Sing With All The Saints In Glory  
BB 595

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 I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
BB 685

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion: Eat This Bread BB 325

Recessional: Hail Thee, Festival Day BB 737

## ✠ 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 30, 2023

Offertory

\$6,128.06

COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR  
MAY 7, 2023  
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.



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.

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 14	Catholic Communications
May 18	Ascension



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to [www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/](http://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.

### 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

Thank you on behalf of Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish for making a donation to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. If you have not made a donation to the Appeal, You can do so by filling out a donation envelope found in the pews or at the church entrance. You can make an online gift by visiting [www.catholicnh.org/about/get-nvolved/giving/nhca/](http://www.catholicnh.org/about/get-nvolved/giving/nhca/). You can also use your smartphone with the QR code below.

Our Parish target is \$46,740.00. Thank you again for your support of our NH Catholic community and these important diocesan ministries.



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP – SURVIVING SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

Are you struggling with life changes, isolation, and difficulties resulting from separation or divorce? Catholic Charities NH is hosting a five-week online support group called “Surviving Divorce and Separation.” This group is designed for individuals who are facing new realities during or after separation or divorce. You will have the opportunity to both receive and offer support to others experiencing similar situations, and together, discover that you are not alone. **Sessions will be held on Wednesdays, beginning May 24th, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom.** To learn more or to register, please visit [www.cc-nh.org/separation](http://www.cc-nh.org/separation).

### 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 [jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:jtremblay@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](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, May 14**  
**BLESSING OF MOTHERS AT ALL MASSES**

**Tuesday, May 16**  
**6:00 PM** Finance Council Meeting **Plaistow**

**Wednesday, May 17**  
**Holy Angels Church Open**  
**All Day For Prayer**  
**7:00 PM** St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting **Plaistow**

**Thursday, May 18**  
**8:30 AM – 8:30 PM** Eucharistic Adoration **Newton**

**Saturday, May 20**  
**8:00 AM** Men of St. Joseph **Plaistow**  
**3:00 PM** Sacrament of Reconciliation **Plaistow**

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is a holy day of obligation. Masses for Ascension are as follows:

**Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow**  
**Thursday, May 18 at 8:00 AM in 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).

### 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)

## ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

**Saturday, May 13 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21 (Vigil)**

**4:00 PM** Adelaide Sullivan by Beverley Viglione  
**Plaistow**

**Sunday, May 14 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21**

**8:00 AM** Michael LeDuc by the Stanley family  
**Newton**

**10:00 AM** The Intentions of the Jubilarians of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary  
**Plaistow**

**Monday, May 15 ~ Isidore**

**Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a**

**8:00 AM** Stephen Fogg by Barbara Metcalf  
**Newton**

**Tuesday, May 16 ~ Easter Weekday**

**Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11**

**8:00 AM** All Souls Intentions  
**Plaistow**

**Wednesday, May 17 ~ Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord**

**Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20**

**6:30 PM** Sr. Lucille Auger  
by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary  
**Plaistow**

**Thursday, May 18 ~ The Ascension of the Lord**

**Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20**

**8:00 PM** Vincent Zamierowski (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by his family  
**Newton**

**Friday, May 19 ~ Easter Weekday**

**Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23**

**No Mass**

**Saturday, May 20 ~ Bernadine of Siena, Priest**

**Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28 (Day)**

**Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a (Vigil)**

**4:00 PM** Roy Lajoie (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
by his wife and family  
**Plaistow**

**Sunday, May 21 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a**

**8:00 AM** Kenneth Jenkins by the Statezni family  
**Newton**

**10:00 AM** CONFIRMATION and FIRST EUCHARIST  
**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.



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

**Vincent Zamierowski**  
(30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

by his family

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Our bulletin company, John Patrick Publishing, is moving from New Jersey to Pennsylvania. In order to get everything set up at their new location, they have asked that we submit all of our May bulletins early. Below are the early deadlines for submissions to our May bulletins:

**For the May 28 bulletin – Tuesday, May 16**

Thank you for your cooperation!

Diocese of Manchester  
Eucharistic Revival

## Relic Tour

OF BL. CARLO ACUTIS AND  
ST. MANUEL GONZÁLEZ GARCÍA

SAVE THE DATE OF THE LOCATION  
CLOSEST TO YOU

ENDING WITH  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CATHOLIC EXPO**

### SCHEDULE

- May 10: St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester
- May 11: Our Lady of the Mountains, North Conway
- May 12: St. Anne, Berlin
- May 13-14: North American Martyrs, Colebrook
- May 15: St. Denis, Hanover
- 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](mailto:EucharisticRevival@rcbm.org) [faceofthefamily.org](http://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](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

Fr. Albert Tremblay	<a href="mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net">fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
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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.

### 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.

### CURSILLO

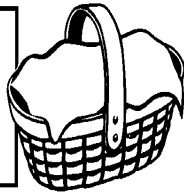
If you have a desire to know Jesus more closely, a Cursillo is for you. The Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity. The purpose of the weekend is to facilitate a meaningful personal encounter with Christ and his body, the Church. The three day weekend is also the bridge connecting the faithful 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).

FEELIN'  
TOSSED  
ABOUT?

**PILLARS of LIFE**  
YOUNG ADULT RETREAT **EARLY BIRDS  
SAVE \$15!**  
6/2-4 @ St. A's

Join us June 2-4 at St. Anselm Abbey  
Led by The Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love  
and The Benedictine Monks of St. Anselm Abbey  
First 20 Registrants Save \$15  
~Discount for Doubles~  
**REGISTER TODAY!** [vitanova.org/pillars-of-life-retreat](http://vitanova.org/pillars-of-life-retreat)

**St. Vincent  
de Paul  
Society**



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting our Easter Lily Fundraiser. It was a complete success! We sold out!!! St. Vincent de Paul appreciates your kindness in supporting our good works in assisting those in need in our community.

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.**



JOIN MEMBERS OF THE  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THIS THURSDAY  
EVENING, MAY 18 AT  
7:00 PM AT  
MARY MOTHER OF THE  
CHURCH, NEWTON, NH

AS A GIFT FROM GOD,  
EVERY HUMAN LIFE IS  
SACRED FROM  
CONCEPTION TO  
NATURAL DEATH.

TOGETHER WE WILL  
PRAY AND DEDICATE  
THE ROSARY FOR THE  
RESPECT FOR LIFE.

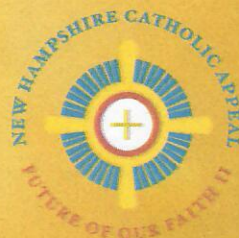
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617  
[WWW.KOFC6617.ORG](http://WWW.KOFC6617.ORG)**





2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

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



### *Make Your Gift Today!*

[WWW.CATHOLICNH.ORG/NHCA](http://WWW.CATHOLICNH.ORG/NHCA)

A gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians and much more. Each dollar is carefully stewarded to provide the maximum cost effectiveness for our ministries.

*Your gift supports these essential ministries that keep our faith thriving in New Hampshire*

- Increasing and supporting vocations (seminarian education, formation, and support of the permanent diaconate)
- Making Catholic education affordable, accessible, and available to all who desire it
- Catholic Charities New Hampshire
- Caring for our retired clergy
- Vibrant parishes
- Evangelization and catechesis at home with *Parable* magazine
- Missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry in New Hampshire



**Learn more or donate online!**

"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







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## WAYS TO GIVE

### Make Your Gift Online

[www.catholicnh.org/NHCA](http://www.catholicnh.org/NHCA)

Make a one-time gift, pledge, or give a monthly recurring gift using a credit or debit card.



### Pay by Cash or Check

Make your check payable to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal** and mail to:  
New Hampshire Catholic Appeal  
P.O. Box 5456 Manchester, NH 03108

Check pledges will receive monthly reminders.  
All pledges will be a maximum of 10 months and should be paid in full by March 31, 2024.

➔ **Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish goal is \$46,740.00**

➔ **Gifts to Catholic Charities NH separately do not count toward the Catholic Appeal Parish Goal.**

### Securities/Stocks, IRAs, Donor Advised Funds and Bequests

We are grateful for your consideration of these types of important gifts. Please call the Development Office for more information on how to plan your gift at 603-663-0136. Please consult your legal representative or tax advisor first to maximize your benefit.

# Bread

The word “companion” means “someone we share bread with.” In communion, when we share the sacred bread and wine, Christ becomes our companion.

Have you ever made bread? If not, give it a try. But be warned: Making a yeast-raised bread will take many hours of waiting for the dough to rise. Yeast is a kind of fungus that slowly grows throughout the dough. Like any living thing, yeast gives off carbon dioxide. The gas expands the dough.

In the old days, people would keep a small lump of yeast alive in their kitchens by feeding it flour and water. Whenever bread was made, a bit was taken from the lump to add to the dough. But every so often other kinds of funguses would contaminate the lump and make it stink. When that happened, people threw it out and borrowed some uncontaminated yeast from a neighbor.

As a sign of new beginnings, every year at Passover the Jewish people get rid of anything yeasty in their homes. Passover bread is flat and “unleavened” (made without yeast). Our communion bread is unleavened, like the bread of Passover. Saint Paul said that stinky, contaminated yeast is like the rotten things we do. We should throw those things out and start fresh, like unleavened dough.

Christian poets have compared the Holy Spirit to fresh, pure yeast, but not the kind that makes dough rise. We’re waiting for the day that the Holy Spirit makes the whole world rise!



TAKE ME HOME, TOO



# BAPTISM

Baptism is the first of seven sacraments and the way in which a person becomes a member of the Catholic Church.

## WHO CAN RECEIVE A CATHOLIC BAPTISM?

Anyone who has not already been baptized can receive the sacrament of Baptism in the Catholic Church. Baptism leaves an *indelible* (permanent) mark on the soul and there is no way nor any reason that one could be or should be re-baptized. There are no age restrictions for baptism; one can be baptized as an infant, or as an adult. In other words, nobody is ever too old or too young to be baptized.



In the Catholic Church today, people are usually baptized as infants by a priest or deacon. There are extreme cases, however, when even an unbaptized person can baptize someone. All that is required is the will to do what the Church does, and to apply the Trinitarian Baptismal formula which is “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Catholic Church recognizes any baptism that uses water and in which the person baptized was baptized with the Trinitarian formula. Some churches do not use the Trinitarian formula for baptism and thus their baptisms are not valid.

## THE GIFT OF BAPTISM

When it comes down to it, baptism is a gift from God to humanity. Baptism initiates us into the family of God and cleanses us of sin. We do not need to earn this gift. God gives it freely to all who are open to it. For someone who is baptized as an infant, the personal response of faith comes as the child grows to respond to the graces given in baptism.

Baptism is connected to faith, and this connection is not lost when an infant is baptized. The *Apostolic Tradition* (usually attributed to St. Hippolytus) was written in the early third century. It states: “Baptize first the children, and if they can speak for themselves let them do so. Otherwise, let their parents or other relatives speak for them.” Today, the Church still recognizes the connection between faith and baptism. When a child is baptized, the parents’ faith speaks for the child who is too young to have explicit faith on his or her own. This is why the Church requires a reasonable hope that the parents will raise the child in the Catholic faith before a child is baptized.

## WHAT DOES THE GRACE OF BAPTISM ACCOMPLISH?

Baptism forgives all sins that may have been committed prior to a person’s baptism including original sin, mortal sins, and venial sins, and it relieves the punishment for those sins. It makes the newly baptized person “a new creature,” transforming the person into an adopted child of God and a member of Christ. Baptism incorporates a person into the Church, which is the body of Christ. It brings someone into the flock of the faithful and brings them to share in the royal priesthood of Christ (1 Pet. 2:9-10). Catholic baptism gives a share in the common priesthood of all believers, and it also brings about the sacramental bond of the unity of Christians. Last, but certainly not least, baptism leaves an indelible spiritual mark (character) of belonging to Christ on the soul. Nothing anyone can do in terms of sin can erase this mark. Sin may prevent one from being open to the salvation God offers through baptism, but a baptized person will always carry the mark of a Christian on their soul.



# BLOOD

**WE ALL HAVE IT  
WE ALL NEED IT  
WE CAN SHARE IT  
WHY NOT DONATE TO HELP  
SOMEONE IN NEED**

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617  
WILL BE HOSTING A RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AND INVITE YOU, YOUR  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO ANSWER THE CALL AND CONSIDER DONATING AS  
OUR NATION FACES A SEVERE BLOOD SHORTAGE, THE NEED IS REAL.

**NEWTON TOWN HALL**  
**Friday May 19 , 2023**

**2 TOWN HALL RD. NEWTON NH**  
**11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

## **DONATING IS SIMPLE**



### **Registration**

Make an appointment Pre registration for an appointment time is required. You can pre-register by going to **[WWW.redcrossblood.org](http://WWW.redcrossblood.org)**. or call **1-800-733-2767**  
On the date and time of your appointment you will sign in, show an ID, and be asked to read some required information.



### **Health History and Mini-Physical**

Answer some questions online or in a private interview, and receive a general health check.



### **The Donation**

You'll be seated comfortably while a pint of blood is drawn. The actual donation only takes 8-10 minutes.



### **Refreshment and Recovery**

After donating, you can enjoy a snack and a drink (They are free) for 10-15 minutes before resuming your day. The entire donation process takes about an hour.

Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



# WHAT CAN IT HURT???

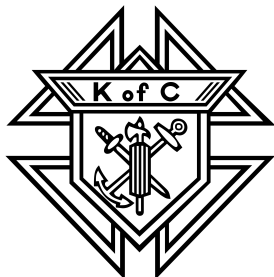
**YOU LOSE ONE HOUR OF AN EVENING.  
MAYBE JUST MAYBE YOU FIND  
SOMETHING YOU WANT TO BE PART OF  
OR CALLED TO DO.**

“‘What should we do then?’ the crowd asked. John answered, ‘Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.’” LUKE 3:10-11

**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.**

**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.**

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# Bringing Home the Word

*Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)*

**May 14, 2023**

## What Is Your Hope?

*By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**W**e have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today's second reading. He is talking about religious hope: not hope that, but hope in. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

Genuine hope for those who believe in God is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can't possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God's love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who "suffered for sins...that he might lead you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Who could ask for more?

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything... because God loves us with a passion we can't possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. †

***For those who believe  
in God, hope can be  
defined as trust in God.***

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

To have a healthy family, three words need to be used: please, thanks, sorry. We say "please" so as not to be forceful in family life....We say "thank you" (yet) how many days go by without uttering this word...? And sorry. We all make mistakes....Don't ever let the sun set without reconciling.

ADDRESS, PILGRIMAGE OF FAMILIES,  
ROME, OCTOBER 26, 2013



## Sunday Readings

### **Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

Unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people.

### **1 Peter 3:15-18**

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.

### **John 14:15-21**

[Jesus said,] "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth...You know it, because it remains with you."

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I hope and trust in God?
- In what circumstances do I need to try harder to hope in God?



# Sharing a Cup with the Queen of Angels

By Emily Blasik

I run a lifestyle blog for women called *Her Story Goes* in which I occasionally interview inspiring women in my community. While the conversation typically centers around their passions, accomplishments, and daily rituals, I always end on the same question: “If you could have coffee with one woman, living or dead, who would it be?”

I chose this question because the answer can tell you a lot about a person’s values and aspirations, and the array of names I get are always fascinating—varying from current celebrities to sixteenth-century saints to legendary authors, adventurers, and trailblazers. It’s a hard question for some, but for me, the answer is easy.

I’ve always wondered what it might be like to have coffee with the Blessed Mother. It seems kind of trivial to picture Mary in that context, doesn’t it? The Queen of Angels sitting opposite of me with a warm mug in her hand, softly smiling as I share my innermost thoughts and ask my most burning questions. But somehow, I get the sense that she’d like us to think of her that way: like an old friend with a listening ear, a confidant to lean on during times of sadness or stress, a mother to guide us when we’re lost.



If I could talk to Mary in the flesh, if I could ask her anything I wanted—what would I say? What would I ask? At first, I’d be speechless—in awe of her holiness, as visible as the crown of roses upon her head. But eventually I’d start to relax, to open up, to engage in genuine conversation with our Lady about everything under the sun. I’d embrace her like a long-lost daughter who has finally found her way home: with joy, curiosity, and perhaps a tinge of sorrow at not having met her sooner.

How many hours going forward would I seek her company, knowing full well the infinite amount of love, comfort, and wisdom she’d have to give? Most of

my life, I imagine, would be spent in her presence, if I had anything to say about it. And it occurs to me now, as I write this, that I do. We all do.

Mary might be the Mother of God, perfect in love and kindness and purity, but she’s still a woman who walked this earth like the rest of us. And I have a feeling that she simply wants to be the person sitting across from us at the end of the day, sharing secrets and struggles and hopes and dreams over coffee. †

***Our Blessed Mother  
sits opposite of me with  
a warm mug in her hand,  
softly smiling as I share  
my innermost thoughts  
and ask my most burning  
questions.***



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*Lord Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, inspire us to lead holy, faith-filled, generous lives. Amen! Alleluia!*

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

May 15–20

### Monday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 16:11–15 / Jn 15:26–16:4a

### Tuesday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 16:22–34 / Jn 16:5–11

### Wednesday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 / Jn 16:12–15

### Thursday, Easter Weekday:


Acts 18:1–8 / Jn 16:16–20

### Friday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 18:9–18 / Jn 16:20–23

### Saturday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 18:23–28 / Jn 16:23b–28

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