



## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Pentecost

8:00 AM  
10:00 AM

Gathering: Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid BB 195  
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 Send Us Your Spirit BB 455

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion: Our Blessing Cup BB 358

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!

May 14, 2023

Offertory \$7,041.40  
Catholic Communications \$1,313.00

COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR  
MAY 21, 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.

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

May 28 No Second Collection  
June 4 Property Management



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.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING AND REGISTRATION

On **Sunday, June 4 and Sunday, June 11** following the 10:00 AM Mass, parents and volunteers are invited to attend information meetings in the Plaistow Church Hall. Come and see an exciting preview of our Stellar Vacation Bible School 2023!!!!

### 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 are held on Wednesdays 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).

### BLESSING OF FATHERS

A special blessing of fathers will be given at all Masses on the weekend of **Father’s Day, June 18, 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, **June 17, 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@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3023@helpourmarriage.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 28

6:00 PM Vespers *Plaistow*  
6:30 PM Pentecost Reception *Plaistow*

### Monday, May 29

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

### Wednesday, May 31

Holy Angels Church Open  
All Day For Prayer

### Thursday, June 1

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*

### Saturday, June 3

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

### Sunday, June 4

11:00 AM Vacation Bible School Meeting *Plaistow*

## RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

### Attention Parents

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind!

## PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](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 27 ~ Vigil of Pentecost

*Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Roy Lajoie (Birthday Remembrance)  
by his wife and family  
*Plaistow*

### Sunday, May 28 ~ Pentecost Sunday

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23*

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Ballard and Justin families by Charlie and Lisa Angwin  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Veronica Webster by her daughters  
*Plaistow*

### Monday, May 29 ~ The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of The Church

*Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34*

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions  
*Newton*

### Tuesday, May 30 ~ Weekday

*Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31*

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
*Plaistow*

### Wednesday, May 31 ~ The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56*

6:30 PM Joan Pichowicz by the Parish  
*Plaistow*

### Thursday, June 1 ~ Justin, Martyr

*Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52*

8:00 PM Marcia Morse (Month's Mind)  
*Newton*

### Friday, June 2 ~ Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

*Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26*

No Mass

### Saturday, June 3 ~ Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

*Sir 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33 (Day)*

*Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Katherine Fitzpatrick by her children  
*Plaistow*

### Sunday, June 4 ~ The Most Holy Trinity

*Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18*

8:00 AM Doreen Burge by the Burge family  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Michael and Bryan Lyons by Gerard Lyons  
*Plaistow*



SAINT LUKE THE  
EVANGELIST PARISH

Grief Share Support  
Group meets on  
Mondays beginning May  
22 at 6:30 PM. Meetings  
are held at the Parish  
Office at 8 Atkinson  
Depot Rd., Plaistow.

Call 603.382-8324 for  
information.

Diocese of Manchester  
Eucharistic Revival



*Relic Tour*  
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ST. MANUEL GONZÁLEZ GARCÍA  
SAVE THE DATE OF THE LOCATION  
CLOSEST TO YOU  
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**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)

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, May 29**. The office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 30.

**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>.

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**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Below are the early deadlines for submissions to our June bulletins:

**For the June 4 bulletin – Tuesday, May 30**

**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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Parish Council	<a href="mailto:parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net">parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net</a>



## ❖ 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).

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TOSSED  
ABOUT?

tether together at our 2023  
**PILLARS of LIFE**  
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Join us June 2-4 at St. Anselm Abbey  
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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, June 21 at 7:00 PM.**  
We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New  
members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about the  
St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, OH LORD, and answer me  
for I am poor and needy.**



### 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](mailto:dans49@comcast.net) or you can now join online:

[www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

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



# Pentecost Sunday



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## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

The Marian title of "Mother of the Church," was given to the Blessed Mother by Bl. Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council and today's memorial was decreed by Pope Francis in 2018.

## Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (June 1)

*In 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar to be observed on the Monday after Pentecost, taking precedence over an obligatory Memorial that coincides with it.*





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## **HAPPY PENTECOST MONDAY!**

### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Kindle in us the fire of your love.**

**Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.**

The Marian title of "Mother of the Church," was given to the Blessed Mother by Bl. Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council. The celebration of Mary, Mother of the Church was decreed and inserted into the Church's liturgical Calendar for the Monday following Pentecost by Pope Francis in 2018.

Our church in Newton is the only church in our Diocese with that title. Mass on Pentecost Monday is at 8 am. Join us to celebrate !





# **SAINT LUKE PARISH AND THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

## **What is the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II?**

The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) is a combined campaign and fundraising effort with the parishes and ministries of the Church in New Hampshire.

## **What ministries and needs will be included in the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal?**

The following will be funded by the NHCA:

- Catholic Education and Catholic Schools
- Seminarians, Deacons, and Vocations
- Priest Retirement
- *Parable* magazine
- Parish needs (Parish to Parish Support Fund and individual parish support)
- Missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry in N.H.
- Catholic University of America and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Catholic Charities NH

Many of these needs and ministries were previously funded through second collections. These second collections have been eliminated or consolidated into the NHCA. Parishioners can still give to any of these causes and programs separately, though it does not count towards the overall NHCA Parish goal.

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

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

## **How are the goals for each parish determined?**

The parish NHCA goal is calculated as 10% of the parish average assessable income over the last three fiscal years. Due to Covid concerns, we excluded fiscal year 2020 from the calculation. This year's calculation was 10% of the average assessable income for fiscal years 2022, 2021, and 2019. The goal formula will be reviewed after the 2023 appeal cycle.

## **If the parish goal is exceeded, does the parish get to keep the amount raised over the goal?**

Yes. The NHCA will allow parishes to keep 100% of their revenue over their set goal for the first three years of the appeal. In June 2024, the Diocese will assess whether or not this has been successful or may need adjustments.

## **What happens if a parish does not make their goal?**

If a parish does not reach its goal, it will be assessed (billed) the remainder.



### **Why should I give to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal if I already give to my parish?**

Your participation helps the entire Church in New Hampshire where the needs are the greatest – recruiting new priests, evangelization, the vulnerable, and more. Your support makes these ministries possible that no one parish could support on its own. Your gift demonstrates your commitment to the greater Church. We are many parts in the Diocese of Manchester but one body in Christ with a common mission.

### **Does my parish have to support the NHCA?**

Yes. Each parish in the diocese has a set goal which represents the parish share of the total Appeal. A good faith effort is requested of all parishes. Additionally, individual parishes can benefit significantly by retaining any funds raised over their set goal; administering fewer second collections; and parishes will see a reduction in fees and administrative costs (assessments) paid to the Diocese.

### **How much should I give?**

Charitable giving reflects our Christian stewardship of treasure. Giving back to God, either through contributions to your parish, the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, or other worthwhile charities, should require a sacrifice, one that recognizes God's generosity to us individually. Therefore, your gift is a personal decision between you and God and should be made after careful reflection. Please consider the dollars you have donated in the past to the six discontinued 2<sup>nd</sup> collections plus the Catholic Charities NH special collection and the *Parable* magazine drive to help you determine how much to give. The pledge and recurring gift option may make this amount feasible.

### **Should I make a pledge, recurring gift, or a one-time gift?**

Making a pledge or a recurring gift allows you to spread your gift over several months, which may make it easier for you to budget, and may also allow you to give a larger gift.

### **How Should I Give?**

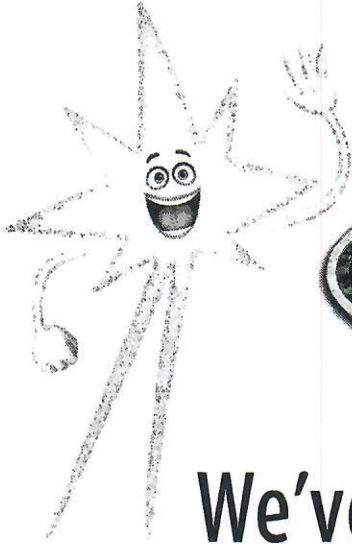
There are many ways that you can give to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.

- Donate online with credit/debit card.
- Pledge – submit your pledge (through the gift envelope, or online)
  - All check pledges will receive a monthly reminder.
- Recurring Gift – set up a monthly recurring gift (through the gift envelope, or online)
- Check – make checks payable to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**.
- Cash may be sent in using the gift envelope, but we encourage check or credit card.
- Donate stock – call (603) 663-0136 for broker instructions.
- Donate through your IRA – contact your IRA administrator and have your gift sent directly to the Office of Development and Communications at 153 Ash Street, Manchester, NH 03104 – include your name, and the parish you want the gift credit to go towards.

### **Can Saint Luke parishioners donate using our online giving platform used for parish offertories?**

**No.** At this time, Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish electronic giving is not connected to the NH Catholic Appeal. This is because of the complications of reporting to the Diocese and the tax-deductible reporting that must be done for all donations.

# NEED SOME SPACE?



## We've got a Stellar spot for you!

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games  
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: St. Luke the Evangelist Parish -Plaistow  
(church name)

Save these dates: June 19-20-21-22-23  
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 9 AM- Noon  
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: Joyce, 603 382 8324 -x303  
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net  
(registration web address)



## Milk and Honey

**C**ows love fresh, green grass. Late spring must be their favorite time of year. An old English title for these days is “three-milk” because well-fed cows need to be milked several times a day. The result is that milk, cream, butter, cheese and yogurt are especially abundant in spring.

The Jewish holiday of Shavuot—50 days after Passover—is celebrated by eating sweetened dairy dishes such as cheesecakes, blintzes and rice pudding. So is the Christian holiday of Pentecost—50 days after Easter Sunday. Jews and Christians learned this delicious custom from one another.

Shavuot is a celebration of the people’s arrival at Mount Sinai after their escape from slavery in Egypt. In fire and wind, God came down on the mountain to give the people their holy law. God promised that if they stayed faithful to this law, they would prosper in “the land flowing with milk and honey.”

Pentecost is a celebration of the fiery, windy outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Jesus’ disciples. In giving us the Spirit, Jesus keeps his promise to be with us until the end of time. If you can imagine it, Shavuot and Pentecost are like wedding days, promises of love and faithfulness.

All holidays need their once-a-year treats. Every Pentecost you can enjoy a taste of “milk and honey” by serving cheesecake for dessert. Topped with “tongues of fire” (in the form of burning candles), it’s a traditional way to rejoice in the “birthday of the church” and the “wedding of heaven and earth.”







# Bringing Home the Word

**Pentecost (A)**  
**May 28, 2023**

## Look What Blew into Town

*By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**D**id it really happen the way the story is told? Who would not give anything to have been there? But maybe we have been there. Maybe we have met people who were so open to the mysterious power of the Spirit of God that they were able to accomplish things they never thought they could. Maybe at times even we, too, have been so moved by that mysterious Spirit. Is it possible that we are mistaken about what is truly mysterious or Spirit-driven? Is it possible that we fail to see the mystery of God in everyday life?

This is not to say that nothing extraordinary happened on that Pentecost day. It certainly did! People who kept a low profile out of fear of facing the same deadly fate as their leader seemed to rush out onto the street and proclaim that leader's mighty acts. What has happened to them? How is such a reversal of behavior to be described? It happens that when something wondrous occurs we often use exaggerated images and superlative language in an attempt to capture the astounding character of the event. To embellish language does not mean that the event was not amazing. It means that it was so amazing that we are at a loss to describe or explain it. We are, after all, talking about the dynamic Spirit of God that can completely change people. This is the same Spirit we received at baptism. Are we open to have it change us? †

## Sunday Readings

### **Acts 2:1–11**

Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and...Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire.

### **1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13**

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

### **John 20:19–23**

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

***Do we fail to see  
the mystery of God  
in everyday life?***



## **A Word from Pope Francis**

We can say that the Holy Spirit... knows how to bridge distances; he teaches us how to overcome them. It is he who connects the teaching of Jesus with every time and every person. With him Christ's words are not a memory, no: Christ's words, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, come alive today!

REGINA CAELI, ROME, JUNE 5, 2022



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- What if I look upon every person I encounter as someone introduced to me by Jesus himself?
- Have I missed knowing a wonderful person? If so, who?

# Community in the Spirit

By Paige Byrne Shortal

Today is the last Sunday of the Easter Season, or Pentecost, a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. Pentecost has been called the birthday of the church. (I remember once, back in the experimental seventies, actually singing “Happy Birthday” as part of the opening hymn. Hmmm.)

Today’s first reading describes a gathering of “devout Jews from every nation.” They were celebrating Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Passover and a day on which tradition held that the law was given to Moses. Suddenly there is wind and tongues of fire and people speaking in different languages and understanding each other. After all this occurred, Peter stood up to explain and, at the end of his preaching, about three thousand professed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized.

It is the Spirit’s work to make community out of individuals. And not just individuals from the same family or the same neighborhood or even the same race, class, or language. We’re talking strange people! We’re talking people we wouldn’t give a second glance. The Holy Spirit creates community out of those who are unlike us; people we don’t want to be lumped with.

Our church community is not always



what we want it to be. We may be too slow to respond or too quick to change. Our leaders may be too conservative, too liberal, too worldly or too out-of-touch. Our gatherings may be too much about all that fellowship stuff or too cold and inhospitable.

Here’s the thing: nowhere in the gospels is there a suggestion that the Christian life is something we can do alone. Nowhere does it suggest that the church is a comfortable club of likeminded people. The church is messy and annoying and absolutely necessary to the Christian life.

That being said, a community formed by the Holy Spirit is an amazing experience. Usually we seek out like-minded people, folks who look like us,

talk like us, think like us. Even for the most gregarious and open-minded folks, a few hours in the company of people whose ways are foreign to us is a strain, leaving us with fixed smiles and blank stares and a desire for solitude. At least that’s what it does for me.

But there’s an experience of community in the Spirit when you want to come back for more. I find it among the women of different congregations in Church Women United. I find it in a group we call Neighbors United—Undoing Racism. I find it in my parish choir, where folks of every economic and educational background meet and sing and pray and find themselves commiserating about their children, bringing meals when someone is sick, and laughing about...nothing. Just laughing because it is precious to be together and know this is what is meant by “community.” Community in the Spirit will keep you young, give you courage when you are afraid, companionship when you are lonely, and help you find God in all things. †



*So that we may know what is good, speak about the good, and do what is good, we pray, Come, Holy Spirit! Amen! Alleluia!*

The Redemptorists

***Participating in a Church community is good for all individuals.***

## WEEKDAY READINGS

May 29—June 3

### Monday, Blessed Virgin Mary:

Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 / Jn 19:25–34

### Tuesday, Weekday:

Sir 35:1–12 / Mk 10:28–31

### Wednesday, Visitation of Blessed Virgin:

Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 / Lk 1:39–56

### Thursday, St. Justin Martyr:

Sir 42:15–25 / Mk 10:46–52

### Friday, Weekday:

Sir 44:1, 9–13 / Mk 11:11–26

### Saturday, St. Charles Lwanga

and Companions: Sir 51:12cd–20 / Mk 11:27–33

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