



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering: Come, Christians, Join To Sing BB 560

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19)

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Preparation Hosea BB 665

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion The Supper Of The Lord BB 337

Recessional: How Can I Keep From Singing BB 446



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. Thanks for being attentive and respectful! F. Albert.



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✠ 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!

August 15, 2023
Assumption of Mary **\$1,095.00**

August 20, 2023
Offertory **\$6,798.85**
Fuel **\$1,590.96**



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 & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

August 27	Missionary Co-op
September 3	Property Management
September 10	No Second Collection
September 17	Fuel

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-involved/giving/nhca/. You can also use your smartphone with the QR code below.

Our Parish target is \$46,740.00. **As of August 14, 2023, we have raised \$35,543.00.** Thank you again for your support of our NH Catholic community and these important diocesan ministries.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, September 4**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 5.

Our regular office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon and from 1:00 to 4:30 PM. The Parish Office is closed on Fridays.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS

Do you sense Jesus inviting you to “come away” with him for a while? Do you desire to learn how to pray more deeply? Do you wonder how this can happen in the busyness of your daily life? The 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius might be just what you are looking for. This retreat is commonly called, “The Retreat of Daily Life”. It begins in mid-September and ends in mid-May. We meet weekly on Wednesdays and there is a choice of morning or evening sessions. The sessions are about 1 & 1/2 hours long. We now hold the retreat on Zoom which is very convenient as you can experience the retreat from the comfort of your home. If you would like more information about the retreat, you can visit our website at www.ManresaWayMaine.org.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Our Annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH.

Watch weekly bulletins to find out how you can help, donate, volunteer, and participate in St. Luke Parish’s biggest (only) fundraiser!

We will host 20 wonderful vendors of high-quality, handcrafted items, as well as FIVE great raffles: \$1000 Ca\$h Raffle, Wine Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Penny Sale, and Theme Baskets, PLUS our SILENT AUCTION with 100 outstanding auction items!

Plan to visit each of our fantastic church-run tables: Cookie Heaven, Lollipop Game, Jewelry Table, Country Store, and our table of gently used Holiday Décor.

Also, we cannot say enough good things about the St. Luke Café!! Every year they serve up the most delicious choices for breakfast and lunch! COME HUNGRY!!

Lastly, if we’re lucky, Santa will stop in from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to take photos with all those who are young at heart.

Got Questions? Please EMAIL the Fair Coordinator directly at StLukeNHFair@gmail.com

WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Wednesday, August 30
Holy Angels Church
Open All Day For Prayer

Thursday, August 31
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, September 2
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *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.

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.

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 weekend is **November 10-11, 2023**. For more information, email 3023@helpourmarriage.org.

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✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, August 26 ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ord. Time
Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Robert Lonergan (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Sunday, August 27 ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ord. Time
Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
8:00 AM Vincent Early by Dan and Kathy Sullivan
Newton
10:00 AM Jesselyn and Donald Driscoll by their family
Plaistow

Monday, August 28 ~ Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Tuesday, August 29 ~ The Passion of John the Baptist
1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
8:00 AM James and Trudy Pratt by the Pratt family
Plaistow

Wednesday, August 30 ~ Weekday
1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
6:30 PM Donald Culbert, Jr. by his family
Plaistow

Thursday, August 31 ~ Weekday
1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, September 1 ~ Weekday
1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
No Mass

Saturday, September 2 ~ Weekday
1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30 (Day)
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Jayne Lickteig-Ringuette (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Sunday, September 3 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
8:00 AM Ruth Early by Dan and Kathy Sullivan
Newton
10:00 AM Mother Carmen Barbe, pm
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.

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few good people to help us with one of our “hidden ministries,” the counting of our Parish collections. Volunteers are needed to help count and document collections each week. The counts are usually done on Monday mornings from 9:00 – 10:30 and occasionally on a Tuesday morning when holidays occur. If you think that you might enjoy the company of this dedicated group while sharing in this important ministry, please speak to Fr. Albert for more information.

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. 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>.

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available. Call 6034-663-0192 or email ProjectRachel@rcbm.org.



The Sanctuary Light at Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Deceased Members of the Marciano Family** by the Marciano family

SANCTUARY CANDLES AND VIGIL LIGHT

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow, as well as the Vigil Light in front the Blessed Mother icon in Newton, may be offered in memory or in honor of a loved one. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

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 ❖



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617
MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus of our Parish sponsor a monthly food drive to support the Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry. A list of items needed, along with a paper shopping bag, are distributed at the end of Masses on the third

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 reaching out to help families in our community who need assistance. The Knights and the Food Pantry appreciate your generosity and support.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HAPPENINGS**

The Knights provide ongoing support to our food pantry in several ways during the year. One of the ways we help is by handing out shopping bags with a list of needs on the 3rd weekend of each month. We just completed our first year of the collection. The response from our parish community has been fantastic. The Knights want to thank everyone who has supported our monthly food drive. The Knights also purchased with the SVDP society a new 20 cu ft upright freezer for the food pantry.

The Knights welcome individuals and families to assist us in our works in the local community. If you want more information, please contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or at Dans49@comcast.net.

**THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617**
www.kofc6617.org



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is being held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels.) Masks are required. Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

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. Instead, we gather together for sharing among men to help each of us to become a better person, a better family man, and a better member of the Church. Join us on Saturday, morning, **September 16, 2023 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall of the Plaistow campus.



**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education Registration for the 2023-2024 Academic Year for **Grades K through 6** begins in September. Whether your child is currently enrolled or is new to the Program, please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324 for more information.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.



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, September 20 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, O LORD, and answer me
for I am poor and needy.**

BRING THE BIBLE TO LIFE AND LIVE SCRIPTURE EVERY DAY!



Join us for six weeks of exploration of the Bible that equips you to apply the message of Scripture to your daily life.

Six Weeks with the Bible series, published by *Loyola Press*, is an ideal way to learn important background information on Scripture, experience praying God's Word, and discover the difference the Bible can make in your life today.

Our Fall Bible share groups will be exploring the book of *Job* and the theme: *A Good Man Asks Why*. *Loyola Press* states: "The book of *Job* helps us work through one of the most difficult questions that confronts us in life: Why do bad things happen to good people? In *Job: A Good Man Asks Why*, author Kevin Perrotta walks us through the key points in the book of *Job* and helps us understand suffering, justice, and love in a new light."

If you are interested in joining a group either on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning September 20, or Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., beginning September 21; please cut the form at the bottom and complete. Completed forms should be returned either in the collection basket or the parish office no later than Tuesday, September 12. Any questions, contact Cathy Smith at (603) 382-8324 or csmith@stluketheevangelist.net

Groups will meet downstairs in the Church Hall

(There is an \$8 book fee)

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Job: A Good Man Asks Why (check one)

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. ____ Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. ____
Sept. 20 – Oct. 25 Sept. 21 – Oct. 26

BAPTISM IS ONE OF THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Sacraments are celebrations and milestones in our relationship with God and are a must for a Catholic to go through in his/her life. Participating in sacraments is also God's way to show us His graces and love that invites us to salvation with Him.

WHY ARE CHILDREN BAPTIZED?

Children receive baptism primarily to remove original sin but also as a way to initiate a child into the family of the Church. Infant baptism has been debated for centuries. First, let us appeal to the Bible. John 3:5 says, "Jesus answered, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.'" Note that Jesus says "no one" can enter heaven in that passage. In the spirit of brevity here is the short answer straight from the Catechism: "The practice of infant Baptism is an immemorial tradition of the Church. There is explicit testimony to this practice from the second century on, and it is quite possible that, from the beginning of the apostolic preaching, when whole "households" received baptism, infants may also have been baptized," (Acts 16:15,33; 18:8; 1 Corinthians 1:16). (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1252)

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF SPONSORS OR GODPARENTS?

Sponsors or Godparents for Catholic Baptism are like Sponsors for Confirmation. They assist in the faith development of the person being baptized. Sponsors or Godparents can also be helpful through their prayers and example, helping the child's parents fulfill their own promise to raise the child in the faith. Therefore, the faith of the Sponsors is important in fulfilling the baptismal promise of being raised in the Catholic faith. Sponsors must be able to show the value of the community of faith by their own example as active and committed members of the Church.

WHEN ARE BAPTISMS CELEBRATED?

Since Baptism incorporates a person as a member of the Body of Christ, the ideal time for the Sacrament's celebration is when the community gathers on Sunday (or Saturday evening) for Mass.

The Rite of Baptism during Mass consists of a welcome for the candidate at the beginning of Mass, and the actual Baptism immediately following a Profession of Faith. Baptisms are scheduled for the 4:00 pm vigil Liturgy on Saturday (Plaistow), or the 8:00 am (Newton) or 10:00 am (Plaistow) Liturgies on Sunday.

There are certain Liturgical celebrations (Christmas, RCIA dates, First Eucharist dates) and Liturgical seasons (notably Lent) when Baptism is not celebrated. There are unusual circumstances when Baptism is celebrated outside of Mass. Accommodations are made to help you and your family celebrate with our Parish family in an appropriate way. The Parish assists parents in these special cases.

A Baptism preparation session for parents is required to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the Parish Office at (603) 382-8324 for more information.

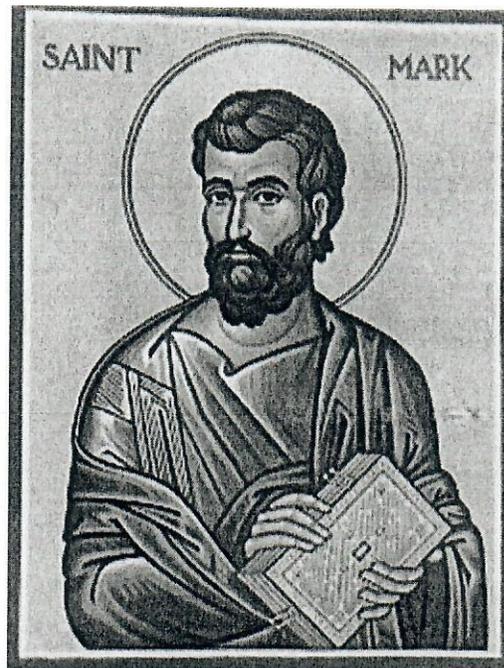


SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

**FALL 2023
ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

**TUESDAYS, 6:30 – 8 PM
Holy Angels Church Hall, Plaistow**



In the coming Liturgical year B the Church will hear many selections from the Gospel of Mark. This adult formation session will focus on the major themes of Mark and will feature a close reading of the Gospel text from a historical-critical and narrative perspective.

Materials for the course will be provided, a personal Bible (NAB or NRSV) is recommended. Contact the Parish Office at fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net or call 603.382.8324 for more information.

Class meetings: September 5, 12, 26, October 3, 10, 24, November 7, 14



GOSPEL OF MARK Fall, 2023

NAME: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Drop in the collection basket at Church, or visit the Parish Office.

You are also welcome to register on-line at fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK



This shortest of all New Testament gospels is likely the first to have been written, yet it often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail than either Matthew or Luke (for example, the miracle stories at Mk 5:1–20 or Mk 9:14–29). Mark recounts the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth in a rapid, almost breathless style, where one incident follows directly upon another. In this narrative, Mark stresses Jesus' message about the kingdom of God now breaking into human life as good news (Mk 1:14–15) and Jesus himself as the gospel of God (Mk 1:1; 8:35; 10:29). Jesus is the Son whom God has sent to rescue humanity by serving and by sacrificing his life (Mk 10:45).

The opening verse about good news in Mark (Mk 1:1) serves as a title for the entire book. The action begins with the appearance of John the Baptist, a messenger of God attested by scripture. But John points to a mightier one, Jesus, at whose baptism God speaks from heaven, declaring Jesus his Son. The Spirit descends upon Jesus, who eventually, it is promised, will baptize “with the Holy Spirit.” This presentation of who Jesus really is (Mk 1:1–13) is rounded out with a brief reference to the temptation of Jesus and how Satan's attack fails. Jesus as Son of God will be victorious, a point to be remembered as one reads of Jesus' death and the enigmatic ending to Mark's Gospel.

The Gospel of Mark ends in the most ancient manuscripts with an abrupt scene at Jesus' tomb, which the women find empty (Mk 16:1–8). His own prophecy of Mk 14:28 is reiterated, that Jesus goes before the disciples into Galilee; “there you will see him.” These words may imply resurrection appearances there, or Jesus' parousia there, or the start of Christian mission, or a return to the roots depicted in Mk 1:9, 14–15 in Galilee. Other ancient authors have attached additional endings after Mk 16:8, providing Mark's text with as many as six additional endings.

Traditionally, the Gospel of Mark is said to have been written shortly before A.D. 70 in Rome, at a time of impending persecution and when destruction loomed over Jerusalem. Its audience seems to have been Gentile, unfamiliar with Jewish customs (hence Mk 7:3–4, 11). The book aimed to equip such Christians to stand faithful in the face of persecution (Mk 13:9–13), while going on with the proclamation of the gospel begun in Galilee (Mk 13:10; 14:9). Modern research often proposes as the author an unknown Hellenistic Jewish Christian, possibly in Syria, and perhaps shortly after the year 70.

Donations for Our Christmas Fair

Our Parish-Run Tables **DEPEND ON YOUR GENEROSITY**

Can You Donate??

New and/or Like-New items WINE Antiques and/or Collectibles
WINE Gift Cards Newly Knitted/Crocheted Items Lottery Tickets
Fun Gadgets WINE Original Artwork Tootsie Roll Lollipops
New TOYS Theme Baskets WINE New Power Tools Jewelry

DONATION DROP-OFF DATES

The following SATURDAYS from 3:00PM-5:00PM
September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 14

The following SUNDAYS from 10:00AM-12:00PM
September 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 15

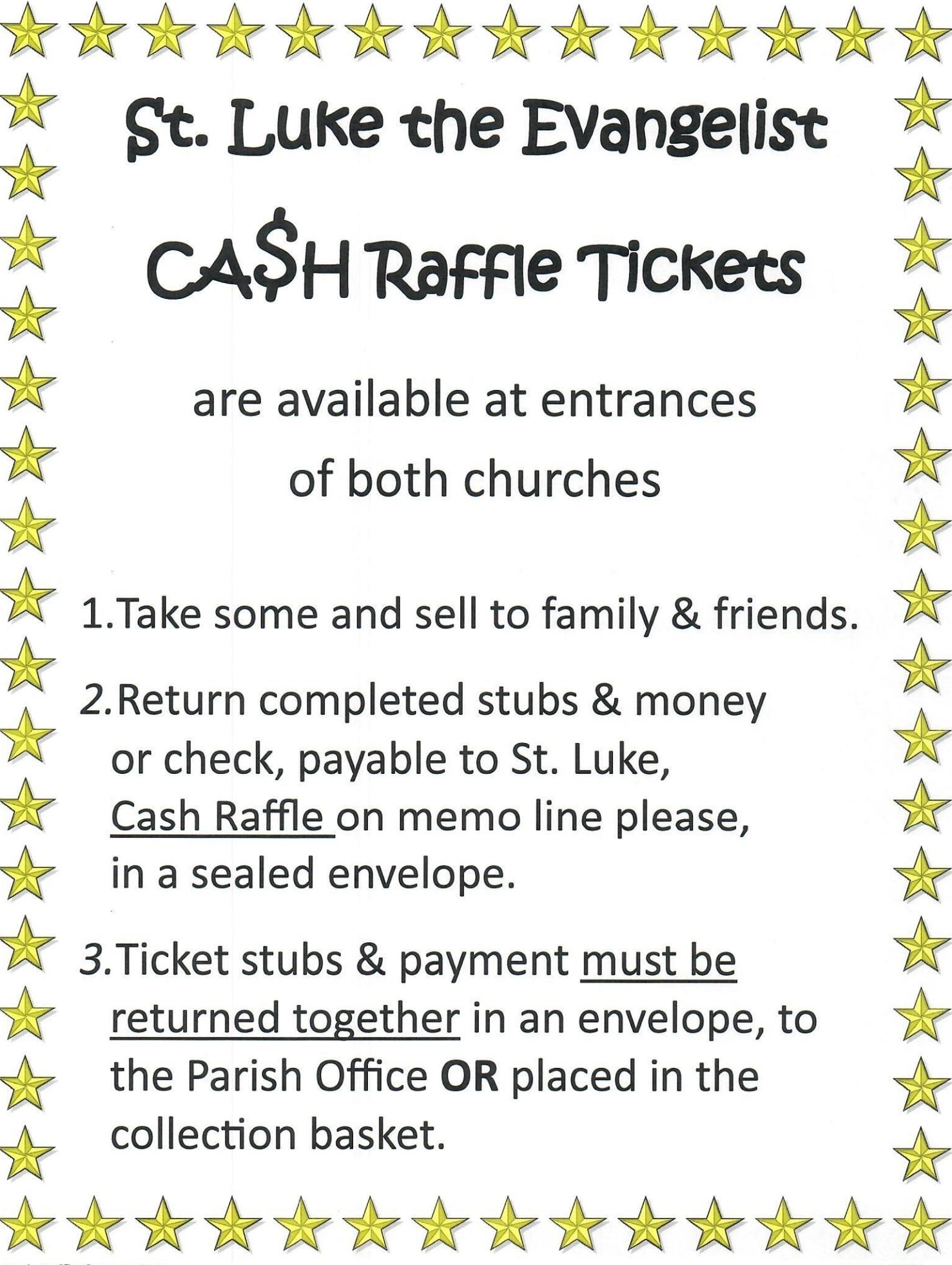
Drop-Off **CLOSED** October 7 & 8

DROP OFF LOCATION

Downstairs Parish Hall PLAISTOW

LAST DAY DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Sunday, October 15, 10:00AM-12:00PM



St. Luke the Evangelist

CASH Raffle Tickets

are available at entrances
of both churches

1. Take some and sell to family & friends.
2. Return completed stubs & money or check, payable to St. Luke, Cash Raffle on memo line please, in a sealed envelope.
3. Ticket stubs & payment must be returned together in an envelope, to the Parish Office **OR** placed in the collection basket.

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 2nd 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.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
August 27, 2023

Who's in Charge?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

There are lots of reasons one could be in charge. You might be the only one left to do the job. Or, in the case of babysitting, you might simply be older. You could be in charge because you are a bully with the biggest fists, sticks, or guns. Or you might be in charge because you are the best qualified for the job. Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership.

In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority

over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests an investiture ceremony. In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household.

In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge. What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously God thought they could do the job. †

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 22:19-23

What he opens, no one will shut, what he shuts, no one will open.

Romans 11:33-36

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever.

Matthew 16:13-20

[Jesus said,] "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

The position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the household.

A Word from Pope Francis

Charity is always the high road of the journey of faith....But it is necessary that...works of charity...not divert us from contact with the Lord Jesus. Christian charity is not simple philanthropy...it is looking at others through the very eyes of Jesus and...it is seeing Jesus in the face of the poor.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do you pray for leaders, even those you wouldn't have chosen?
- Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve on a church committee?

Put On the Clothes of Christ

By Paige Byrne Shortal

Years ago, while browsing through a used bookstore, I came across a novel by Alfred Alcorn titled *Vestments*. The premise is intriguing. A spoiled, self-centered, yuppie-type man stands to inherit a fortune from his pious Catholic aunt who is dying in a nursing home. But there's a hitch: in her confusion, she thinks her nephew is a priest. To ensure his inheritance he begins wearing a Roman collar when he visits her.

Our man not only enjoys how people treat him as he dresses as a priest (“*Can I check your oil, Father?*” “*Would you like more coffee, Father?*”), but he also begins to enjoy how he treats others. He finds that he is more beneficent, kinder, more helpful, understanding, compassionate. He is even patient! And there are other changes as well. He drinks less, stops “fooling around,” thinks about the purpose of his life, begins to believe maybe there is a God



and that Christianity is more than foolish superstition. What starts as simple fakery begins to change him.

An ancient baptismal acclamation sings, “You have put on Christ; in Him you have been baptized. Alleluia!” It is not the collar or the chasuble or the habit that we put on to be imitators of Christ. It is the robes of the baptized—the white garment. As we grow into the life of

***We will live a better life
if we make a habit of
imitating our Lord.***

the baptized, some of us may don other special clothes—the vestments of a priest, the habit of a vowed religious, the collar of a deacon who promises to serve the poor. These are garments we most readily recognize as belonging to those trying to lead a holy life. But all are called to put on Christ. All are called to holiness.

In today's Gospel, Peter could be our inspiration. He, too, had to grow in the life of faith. The cowardly fisherman put on Christ and became a courageous disciple. The doubtful Peter and the other disciples proclaimed Jesus to be truly the Son of God. The rest is history. †

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In almost all the great religions of the world we find special groups of men and women who separate themselves from the ordinary life of society, take upon themselves particular and difficult obligations, and devote themselves to one task above all: to deepening their understanding and practice of their own religion in its most basic implications.

Thomas Merton,
In My Own Words

PRAYER

*For the Church: for the courage
to preach the Gospel, to give
voice to the voiceless, to stand
with those treated unjustly, and to
minister to those in need. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 28—September 2

Monday, St. Augustine:
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10 / Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday, Passion of Saint John the Baptist: 1
Thes 2:1–8 / Mk 6:17–29

Wednesday, Weekday:
1 Thes 2:9–13 / Mt 23:27–32

Thursday, Weekday:
1 Thes 3:7–13 / Mt 24:42–51

Friday, Weekday:
1 Thes 4:1–8 / Mt 25:1–13

Saturday, Weekday:
1 Thes 4:9–11 / Mt 25:14–30

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