



**MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY**

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering: God, We Praise You BB 208

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;  
Oh taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Preparation As The Deer Longs BB 511

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 332

Recessional: They'll Know We Are Christians BB 586



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.



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.

**✠ 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 27, 2023**

**Offertory \$4,820.87**  
**Missionary Co-op \$1,193.00**

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 3, 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). 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**

September 10	No Second Collection
September 17	Fuel
September 24	No Second Collection
October 1	Property Management

**Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income**

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

**Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase**

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

**NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL**

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/](http://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 28, 2023, we have raised \$37,568.00.** Thank you again for your support of our NH Catholic community and these important diocesan ministries.



**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](mailto:3023@helpourmarriage.org).

**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](http://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](mailto:StLukeNHFair@gmail.com)

**WHILE AWAY THIS FALL...**

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

**Sunday, September 10**

11:00 AM Religious Ed Registration *Plaistow*

**Tuesday, September 12**

6:30 PM The Gospel of Mark *Plaistow*

**Wednesday, September 13**

Holy Angels Church  
Open All Day For Prayer

**Thursday, September 14**

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

**Saturday, September 16**

ST. VINCENT de PAUL APPEAL  
AND SALE OF MUMS AFTER MASS

8:00 AM Men of St. Joseph *Plaistow*

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

**Sunday, September 17**

ST. VINCENT de PAUL APPEAL  
AND SALE OF MUMS AFTER MASSES

11:00 AM Catechist 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).

**PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available. Call 603-4-663-0192 or email [ProjectRachel@rcbm.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@rcbm.org).

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

**Saturday, September 9 ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Deceased Members of the O'Donnell family  
by Jane Leach  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, September 10 ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20*

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Jesselyn and Donald Driscoll by their family  
*Plaistow*

**Monday, September 11 ~ Weekday**

*Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11*

8:00 AM The Intentions of the Mattison family  
by Arlene Walker  
*Newton*

**Tuesday, September 12 ~ The Most Holy Name of Mary**

*Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19*

8:00 AM Paul R. Antkowiak by his family  
*Plaistow*

**Wednesday, September 13 ~ John Chrysostom, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church**

*Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26*

6:30 PM Jeanne Marcinkowski  
by Joe and Ann Marie Sheehan  
*Plaistow*

**Thursday, September 14 ~ The Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross**

*Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17*

8:00 AM Ruth Early (Month's Mind)  
*Newton*

**Friday, September 15 ~ Our Lady of Sorrows**

*1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35*

No Mass

**Saturday, September 16 ~ Cornelius, Pope, and  
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

*1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49 (Day)*

*Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Thomas Dominic Salafia, Sr.  
by Eric Jones  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, September 17 ~ 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35*

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Karen, Lillian, and John Murphy  
by Carole Lueders  
*Plaistow*





**WELCOME IN CHRIST!**

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish invites all to a deeper love of Jesus and to a fullness of communion with the Church. The **rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is a process where adults and older children are welcomed into the Catholic Church. Some have never been Baptized, others never received Eucharist or

Confirmation, and others arrive at our door after a long faith journey.

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming part of our Catholic community? Are you the non-Catholic spouse of a parishioner who is wondering about full communion with the Church? Are you an adult Catholic who for whatever reason, "missed" one or more of the sacraments of initiation while growing up? Do you have children over 7 years of age who were never Baptized, or older children who "missed" sacraments?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (and its adapted form for children) welcomes all kinds of people into the Catholic family. The RCIA is for any adult who is: unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life, or Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or Baptized in the Catholic faith, but never received any formal religious training.

Children of all ages are welcome and participate in age appropriate meetings for their RCIA experience.

Contact Father Albert or Cathy Smith in the Parish Office at 603.382.8324 for more information.

**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](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>.

**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.**



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

**Deceased Members of the O'Donnell Family and for the Intentions of Samuel Raby**

by their family

The Sanctuary Light at Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of

**Paul R. Antkowiak**

by his family



**✠ 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 (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 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 were recently approached by the Red Cross to increase our Blood Drives from two (2) per year to four (4) per year. The Knights gladly accepted the request from the Red Cross. The next Blood Drive will be held on **Friday, September 15 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at the Newton Town Hall. Pre-registration is encouraged by calling 1-800-733-2767 or by visiting [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org). If you would like to help the Knights at a Blood Drive, please call John Tucker at 603-974-2177 for more information.

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](mailto:Dans49@comcast.net).

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

**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, September 27 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.**



# 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 2 TOWN HALL RD. NEWTON NH**  
**Friday September 15 , 2023 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.**

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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #6617**

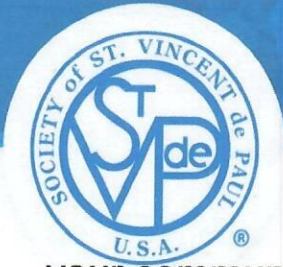


**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING ST.  
VINCENT dePAUL'S ANNUAL APPEAL TO  
BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF  
SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17 AFTER ALL  
MASSES, FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL  
SALE OF FALL MUMS. (FLOWERS  
GROWN RIGHT AT NEWTON  
GREENHOUSE.)**

**10" PLANTS - \$15**







## FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Ever wonder how you can make a difference for those in your community?

Saint Vincent de Paul's Annual Fundraiser, the Walk for the Poor, is our largest fundraiser. This year, the need is greater than it has ever been. We all know more people are struggling financially than ever before. They are looking for a hand up to get them through this rough patch. This is where the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul can help. We give that hand up - to help pay rent, put food on their table, get their car repaired to be able to go to work, keep their home heated, get medicine they require, etc. We want to have the funds to be able to help anyone who asks, but we need your help in doing that! Please consider joining our walk this year. We would love to see families walking to help other families. We encourage people to walk in memory of a loved one - what a beautiful way to be remembered. Every dollar raised goes directly to helping people in our community.

This year, there are two options for our walk: Option 1 - Walk with us on September 23, 2023. **NEW LOCATION**—Our Walk will be in the St Luke the Evangelist Church Parking Lot. (8 Depot Rd, Plaistow NH). The parking lot will be used for the walk only— cars will be parking in the lot on the other side of the church. The walk area will be marked off. We encourage children to join the walk with tricycles, bikes, scooters etc. Each lap is .2 of a mile— walk/run/jog/ride for one lap or 100 laps for this great cause. Registration is at 10 a.m. with the walk beginning at 11 a.m.- to 1pm. You may come at any time from 11 to 1 to join us. Water, Gatorade, and tee-shirts will be available.

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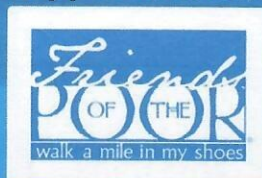
Option 2 - Walk "Virtually" ANYTIME from September 23 through October 7, 2023, virtually. Walk your dog, do a family walk, family bike ride or hike, walk on your treadmill at the gym, walk around your neighborhood – just please WALK! Send us a picture of you walking, (if you want) and we will post it on our Facebook page.

Both options require you to fill out a simple registration form at <https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2863>  
Please visit our visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SVDPSL>

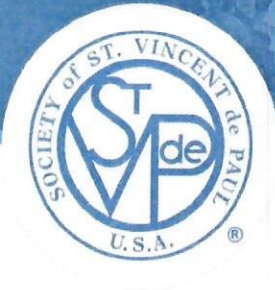
If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Madeiros [madeirosm22@yahoo.com](mailto:madeirosm22@yahoo.com) or Susan Mokray [suziqmo@aol.com](mailto:suziqmo@aol.com)

The Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run is a national event coordinated by the Development Team at the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Will you walk a mile with us to support our mission to help the poor in our community?



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



FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN  
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

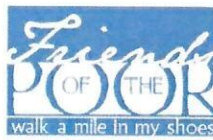


## Walker/Runner Pledge Sheet

Walker's Full Name:

SVdP Conference/Council Name:

	Donor's Name	Donor's Address	Pledge \$ Amount	Paid
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# 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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net)

## Groups will meet downstairs in the Church Hall

(There is an \$8 book fee)

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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



**You are invited!**

***Ecclesiastes 4:12***

*“Where one alone would be overcome,  
two will put up resistance; and a threefold  
cord is not quickly broken”*



**“May St. Joseph grant us the heart of a father and the soul of a warrior.”**

**Men of St. Joseph-St. Luke the Evangelist Parish**, gather on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at the Plaistow campus in the church hall at 8:00-9:00 am. We are Catholic men supporting and praying with each other to emulate the life of St. Joseph. It is St. Joseph who set the blueprint for us to be the ultimate protector and provider.

**We are trying to gather a few like-minded men.**

We begin with an opening prayer to St. Joseph, followed by shared readings of that week, and contemplation by participants on how God’s Word is influential in our personal and family life. There are no dues and we do not participate in projects or other volunteer efforts. Our meetings are for sharing to help us be better men, family, and Church members. To be like St. Joseph we must be prayerful role models that help set the attitudes, values, and behavior of those who surround us. Our society will benefit from leaders who are humble, principled, faithful, and disciplined.

### **THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF MOSJ**

- ❖ Attend and participate in Sunday Mass with our family and community
- ❖ Encounter the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least twice a year
- ❖ Practice the virtues of sacrifice, obedience, and humility
- ❖ Build strong relationships with other faithful men in order to strengthen community



Just Drop In

# **DONATION DROP OFF BEGINS in TWO WEEKS !!!**

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

## **Can You Donate??**

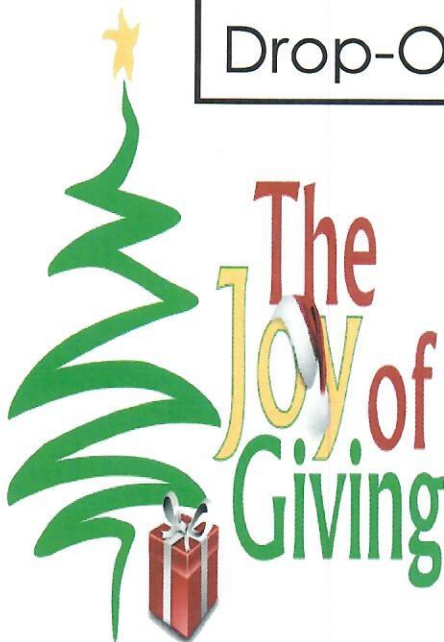
New and/or Like-New items      WINE      Antiques and/or Collectibles  
WINE      Gift Cards      Newly Knitted/Crocheted Items      Lottery Tickets  
Fun Gadgets      WINE      Original Artwork      Tootsie Roll Lollipops  
New TOYS      Theme Baskets      WINE      New Power Tools      Jewelry

## **DONATION DROP-OFF DATES**

SATURDAYS from 3:00PM-5:00PM **September 9, 16, 23, 30**

SUNDAYS from 10:00AM-12:00PM **September 10, 17, 24, & October 1**

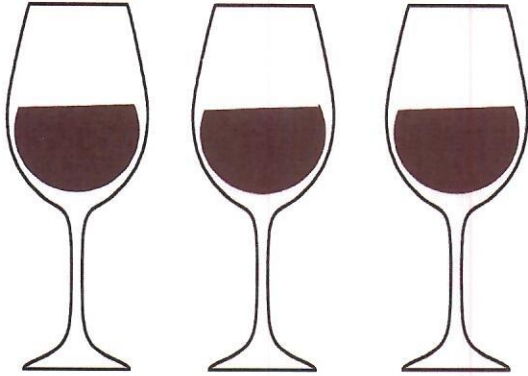
Drop-Off will be **CLOSED** October 7 & 8



## **DROP OFF LOCATION**

Downstairs Parish Hall  
PLAISTOW

# Raffle Tickets! Get Your Raffle Tickets HERE!!”



## WINE RAFFLE

1st Prize: 50+ bottles of WINE!!

2nd Prize: 12 bottles of wine of various types.

One (1) for \$10.00, THREE (3) for \$25.00, or FIVE (5) for \$40.00

## QUILT RAFFLE

One (1) ticket for \$3.00, THREE (3) for \$5.00

or FIVE (5) chances to WIN for \$10.00

White, Green, Yellow Quilt, approx. 79" x 69"

Made by Cathy Cronin



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## RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

Make your check payable to: St. Luke's Parish, Pop the form and check in an envelope marked WINE RAFFLE and drop it in the collection basket - OR ... Mail to:

**St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, 03865**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Raffle	Quantity of Tickets	Total \$
WINE Raffle	_____	\$_____
QUILT Raffle	_____	\$_____
	<b>Total Owed</b>	<b>\$_____</b>

# 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.





# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
September 10, 2023

## It's None of My Business

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This statement might sound like we are respecting the independence of others. It is none of our business how they live their lives, how they behave in society, how they worship God. We mind our own business; they mind theirs. After all, are we our brother's or sister's keepers?

Today's readings challenge this attitude. Ezekiel is told that he must proclaim God's will to the Israelites. If he reneges in his calling and someone dies in guilt, Ezekiel will be held responsible for that death. However, if the wicked refuse to hear this message, their death

in guilt will be their own doing, for one must freely accept God's word. In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a way for his disciples to lead sinners back to the community. Both Ezekiel and the disciples have responsibilities to those who are not living faithfully. They both take steps to call them back. In this sense, they act as their brother's or sister's keeper. However, they do not meddle in the other's business. The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance.

This might be a hard message. Who wants to step up and point out another's error in leaving the Church? However, if we are really concerned, we will do what we can to bring them back. We might not proclaim like the prophet or the disciples did. But the way we live our lives should show them the true value in being a faithful follower of Jesus. †

## Sunday Readings

### Ezekiel 33:7-9

I have appointed you as a sentinel for the house of Israel.

### Romans 13:8-10

The commandments...are summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

### Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said,] "If your brother sins [against you], go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

***The sinner must freely  
decide to return.  
God does not force  
repentance.***



## A Word from Pope Francis

When we see a mistake, a fault, a slip, in a brother or sister, usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip. And gossip closes the heart to the community, closes off the unity of the Church. The great gossip is the devil.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Is your life an example of the values of your faith?
- Pray for those you love who have left the practice of the faith.

# Gentle Confrontation

Paige Byrne Shortal

Nowhere in the Bible is there a suggestion that we will get along without disagreements. In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear Jesus tell us what to do when there is a serious conflict. The process remarkably resembles what the folks in Alcoholics Anonymous call an "intervention."

*"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."*

Scary, huh? Who wants to confront someone in person, directly and alone? Jesus says it's the first necessary step. The best way to approach is to first remind yourself that you love the other person and then confront him or her without malice or vindictiveness. Try simply stating how you feel; how the person's actions affect you. It's called an "I-Statement." Example: "When you drink too much, I feel afraid and angry."



*"If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses."* This is the classic intervention. During this encounter the concern for the other person must be obvious at all times. The goal is to make it clear that the behavior is harming others and can no longer be supported or tolerated. If the problem is such that

special help is needed, it's good to have a plan in place—perhaps the phone number of a counselor, a nearby AA meeting that day, an appointment with a professional.

*"If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church."* Notice, that going public is the third step, not the first! We involve the community only when the first two steps have failed.

*"And if they refuse to listen even to the Church, treat them as you would a Gentile or tax collector."* Jesus is referring here to those who do not belong. It is his version of tough love. We are not to hate or harm the person, but in order to render them unable to do any further harm to the community, we must ignore them.

With each step we take to help another, we must pray, remembering the promise of Jesus: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." †

## The Younger Son By Henri Nouwen

The younger son's return takes place in the very moment that he reclaims his sonship, even though he has lost all the dignity that belongs to it. In fact, it was the loss of everything that brought him to the bottom line of his identity. He hit the bedrock of his sonship. In retrospect, it seems that the prodigal had to lose everything to come into touch with the ground of his being. When he found himself desiring to be treated as one of the pigs, he realized that he was not a pig but a human being, a son of his father. This realization became the basis for his choice to live instead of to die.

*In My Own Words, page 68*



*Generous God, help us to accept others as we want to be accepted; to love as we want to be loved. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

September 11–16

**Monday, Weekday:**  
Col 1:24—2:3 / Lk 6:6–11

**Tuesday, Weekday:**  
Col 2:6–15 / Lk 6:12–19

**Wednesday, St. John Chrysostom:**  
Col 3:1–11 / Lk 6:20–26

**Thursday, Exaltation of the Holy Cross:**  
Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11 / Jn 3:13–17

**Friday, Our Lady of Sorrows:**  
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14 / Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35

**Saturday, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian:**  
1 Tm 1:15–17 / Lk 6:43–49