



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, October 8, 2023
Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering: All Creatures Of Our God And King BB 549

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 116)

Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of Christ; and the bread we break, it is a sharing in the body of the Lord.

Preparation Parable BB 691

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion One Bread, One Body BB 341

Recessional: Alleluia, Alleluia BB 171

✠ 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!

October 1, 2023

Offertory \$6,714.31
Property Management \$1,701.45



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/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

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

October 8 No Second Collection
 October 15 Fuel
 October 22 World Mission Sunday
 October 29 No Second Collection

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

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 September 25, 2023, we have raised \$39,683.00.** Thank you again for your support of our NH Catholic community and these important diocesan ministries.



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Grief Share Support Group meets on Mondays beginning October 24 at 6:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Parish Office at 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow. Call 603-382-8324 for information.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Columbus Day holiday, the Parish Office **will be closed on Monday, October 9.** The office will reopen on Tuesday, October 10 at 8:30 AM.

WHY BE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The Eucharist: "Our Highway to Heaven" with speaker Fr. Leo Patalinghug on **October 27-28** at Saint Kathryn Parish, Hudson, NH. Fr. Leo is a dynamic speaker and accomplished chef. He is founder of the nonprofit group *The Table Foundation*, a radio and podcast speaker, and the host of the Program "Savoring our Faith" on EWTN. Registration is \$61.00 per person, \$77.00 per couple, or \$96.00 per family. For more information, please contact Saint Kathryn Parish Office at 603-882-7793.



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 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, October 8
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades 1 to 6 *Plaistow*

Monday, October 9
 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, October 10
 6:30 PM The Gospel of Mark *Plaistow*

Wednesday, October 11
 Holy Angels Church
 Open All Day For Prayer
 7:00 PM The Book of Job *Plaistow*

Thursday, October 12
 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*
 1:30 PM The Book of Job *Plaistow*

Saturday, October 14
 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, October 15
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades 1 to 6 *Plaistow*



The Sanctuary Light
 at Holy Angels Church
 will burn this week in loving memory of
Priscilla Aro
 (20th Anniversary)
 by her children and grandchildren

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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, October 7 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Lisa Bufano (10th Anniversary) by her family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 8 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

8:00 AM Dexter Cronin (Month's Mind)
Newton

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council #6617
Plaistow

Monday, October 9 ~ Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; John Leonardi, Priest

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
 8:00 AM For the Benefit of All Prayer Shawl Recipients by the Prayer Shawl Committee
Newton

Tuesday, October 10 ~ Weekday
Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

8:00 AM John Shibel by Bonnie Lajoie
Plaistow

Wednesday, October 11 ~ John XXIII, Pope
Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

6:30 PM Mother Carmen Barbe, pm by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
Plaistow

Thursday, October 12 ~ Weekday
Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, October 13 ~ Weekday
Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
 No Mass

Saturday, October 14 ~ Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28 (Day)

Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM The Intentions of Beverly Lyons by Gerard Lyons
Plaistow

Sunday, October 15 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

8:00 AM Robert Huberdeau by his family
Newton
 10:00 AM Madeleine Aucoin by Sr. Lorraine Aucoin, pm
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.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends provide support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website at www.tcfnewburyport.org.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 4, 2023

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

26 Crystal Avenue, Derry, NH 03038

To register, or for more information, visit

www.nogreaterlove.info

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, **October 21, 2023 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall in Plaistow.

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.

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.

✦ 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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MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
St. Jude Council #6617**

The Knights of Columbus and Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry would like to thank our parishioners for the ongoing support to feed those in need. Over the last two months, support has been provided to 135 families. That represents 118 children under the age of 18 and 111 adults over the age of 60, for a total of 370 individuals served. Shopping lists and bags are provided on the 3rd week of every month with the general collection of non-perishable items happening the following (4th) weekend. Food donations can also be left in the plastic totes at the rear of either church or brought to the Parish Office any time they are open. Prefer not to shop? Gift cards or checks can be made out to Saint Luke Food Pantry anytime. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HAPPENINGS**

On **Sunday, October 8 at the 10:00 AM Mass**, the St. Jude Council #6617 will have a Mass of Remembrance for the deceased members of our council. These Knights gave of their time, talents, and treasures to help the least among us, to make our local community a better place to live in, to support our parish, and to offer many, many prayers for those who needed them. They were a shining example for us to follow. Immediately following Mass, the Knights will be serving coffee and donuts/pastries in the Church Hall. All are welcome to join us.

**THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL
#6617**



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is 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.

NH KAIROS WOMEN'S WEEKEND

NH Kairos Outside is planning to hold a Christian weekend on **November 10-12** to minister to wives, daughters, sisters, mothers, and grandmothers of people currently or previously incarcerated. The loved ones often do time right alongside their relatives due to social stigma, financial hardship, and loss of companionship. The weekend is designed to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have been impacted by incarceration. It is important for them to know they are not alone, and that there is a Christian community that cares. If interested or if you have questions email nhkairosoutside@gmail.com.

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 Sarto Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341.

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



First, St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who supported our Annual Appeal and our Mum Fundraiser. We sold out! A special thank you to Newton Greenhouse for the gorgeous mums they delivered! Secondly, we would like to report that our Annual Walk For The Poor has also been successful. Twenty participants, as well as a dog, walked with us at our new walk location in Plaistow. We have virtual walkers, as well. The numbers are still coming in as the Walk is open until October 7. Your support and generosity will go a long way in helping those in need in our community. Thank you so much for your support!

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 18 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.



Knights of Columbus

St Jude Council #6617 Memorial Mass

REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR BROTHER
KNIGHTS OF THE ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617 WHO HAVE
RETURNED HOME TO OUR SAVIOR.

Warren Ames
Gerald Assad
Edmund Barry
Fred Bishop
Robert Blanchette
Mark Bloom
Richard Brindle
Edmund Caillouette
John Caiazza
Ronald Castonguay
Robert Chrisemer
Francis Clark
Dave Coddling
Rolf Comeau
James Conley
John Connors Sr
Alfred Conte
Michael Cook
Ray Cooper
Roger Couture
Mike Daley
Arthur Decareau
Joseph DeRosa
Robert DiBella
Edward DiCarlo
Martin Dowd
Vincent Early
George Filteau

Joseph Fitzpatrick
Frederick Gabriel
John Gaff
Andy Gagnon Sr
Joseph Gesmundo
Robert Giallongo
Bernie Gosselin
Herman Green
Rev. Michael Griffin
Chuck Griggs
Ronald Guyett
Lewis Hadley
Ralph Helms
Theodore Hess
Fr. Sam Hewitt
Joe Holland
Paul Hughes
John Iola
Curtis Jacques
Will Johnson
John Kavanough
Royal Knowles
Joseph Krafton
Roy Lajoie
Richard Lapierre
Bill Lawrence
Ray Lussier
Richard Maloof
Norm Matineau

Albert Morin
Jack McNally
Jack Meli
Patrick Morris
Msgr. Eugene Murphy
Robert Murphy
Ernie Picken
Brian Plante
Louis Quinal
Elmer Ratta
Al Ravgiala
Russel Riccio
Don Richardson
Robert Rivard
Rudolph Rogers
Joseph Roldan
Jack Ronan
John Scotti
Ed Smith
Francis Smith
Paul Stefanski
Ted Stopyra
Joseph Thompson
Michael Twomey
Paul Vaillancourt
Bill Ward
Harold Widman
Robert Yanacak
George Young



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dans49@comcast.net



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Return no later than Oct. 15

Name: _____	Best time to reach you: _____
Day-time phone: _____	Evening phone: _____
E-mail: _____	

Please indicate below how you'll help and donate.

THURSDAY, 11/2

Carry, load & unload many tables & boxes onto trucks/trailers/cars from Parish Hall to Parish Center

This job involves working as a team, paying attention, and above all, having a friendly CAN-DO spirit.

Teams will carry & load (onto/into vehicles) 20 tables (some heavy/some light), a chair, a rolled rug, & MANY boxes of donations, from Parish Hall, and then, unload them at Parish Center. These volunteers must be able to negotiate stairs while carrying awkward items and do a fair bit of walking.

_____ **4:30PM – 5:30PM** SIX (6) Robust volunteers needed. _____

If you have one, please name 'favorite person' with whom you will work.

Also, may we utilize your vehicle to transport the items from Parish Hall to Parish Center? If yes, what are you driving? TRUCK ___ w/TRAILER ___ SUV or MINIVAN ___ a 4-door Sedan ___ a Hatchback ___

FRIDAY, 11/3

Decorate Stage & Hang Banners

_____ **3PM-5PM** – Four (4) volunteers total, TWO (2) must be comfortable using a step ladder.

_____ I am comfortable going up and down a step ladder.

Help Arrange Merchandise on Parish Tables

Volunteers are needed between the hours of 1PM and 7PM to help arrange merchandise at the Parish Tables.

Please indicate the timeframe that you can help. I am available from _____ to _____

I will deliver PERISHABLE donations DIRECTLY to Parish Center on Friday, 11/3 between 1PM-7PM.

___ **Cookie Heaven:** _____

What kind of cookies will you bake? How many dozen can we count on?

___ **Country Store:** _____

Can you bake and donate Breads? Pies? Do you can your own fresh vegetables? Do you make your own jam/jelly?

Turn over for more opportunities to volunteer!!

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Our fair provides our parish community with the great opportunity to work together towards a common goal, and it's success is largely dependent upon what YOU directly contribute. As Lead Coordinator, I am very grateful for how generously you all have donated time, talents, and goods to the Fair in years past. Without YOU this fair is not possible! Can you contribute again this year? Thank you for your donations, your physical assistance, and your participation. ~ Julie Lamere

SATURDAY, 11/4 THE DAY OF THE FAIR

PARKING ATTENDENT - Parking is 'staffed' 7AM - 2PM. Your info will be passed on to Ray Viglione.

_____ I am available from _____ to _____

PARISH TABLE HELP – During the Fair, please indicate your preferred shift. You will be placed where needed most.

_____ Early AM SHIFT, 7:30AM – 9:30AM

_____ AM SHIFT, 8:30AM – 12:30PM

_____ PM SHIFT, 12:00PM – 3:30PM

LUNCH BREAKS – we need to fill many lunch breaks, feel free to sign up for more than 1 shift.

_____ 11:30AM – 12:00PM

_____ 12:00PM – 12:30PM

_____ 12:30PM – 1:00PM

_____ Sign Me Up for ALL THREE (3) LUNCH BREAK SHIFTS!!!

POST FAIR TASKS

_____ 3:30PM-5PM – Help "After Fair" with Silent Auction – monitor tables as bids are tallied, organize items, etc.

_____ 3:30PM-5PM – Muscle needed to breakdown fair and/or bring specific tables back to Parish Hall as labeled.

_____ 3:30PM-5PM – We need TWO Trucks (or SUVs) sign-up if we can utilize yours!

_____ 3:30PM-5PM – I have an open trailer as well

Assignments will be confirmed via email/phone, be sure to provide BOTH on this form. Arrive 5 minutes early for your confirmed shift. Be sure to check-in with the Volunteer Coordinators for badge & assignment.

SUNDAY, 11/5, THE DAY AFTER...

_____ **10AM-12PM** – FOUR (4) people are needed to help the Silent Auction Coordinators with prize distribution at Parish CENTER. This task involves walking and carrying light items.

If you would like more specific information about anything fair-related, please email: stlukenhfair@gmail.com

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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

October 8, 2023

Caring for God's Vineyard

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today's readings are troubling texts. This is not because of what they say, but because of how they have been interpreted through the ages. In the first reading, despite everything the owner has done, the vineyard identified as Israel/Judah has brought forth wild grapes. In the Gospel the issue is with the trustworthiness of those who work and care for the vineyard. It is clear that Jesus is criticizing the leaders of his day with a failure of leadership. For this reason, leadership will be taken from them and given to others.

Both of these readings have been interpreted as condemnation of the Jewish people. This has sometimes resulted in anti-Semitism. We must remember that both readings reflect internal problems—something that all religious bodies experience. Despite their failure, the people of Judah were still called God's "cherished plant" (Isaiah 5:7). In the Gospel, leadership was taken from some Jews and given to other Jews—not to outsiders. One religious tradition didn't replace another.

We experience similar struggles in today's Church. As the vineyard of God, what kind of fruit do we produce? After all God has done for us, how do we respond? How faithful are we in caring for God's vineyard? This is a difficult time with respect to religious leadership, but how supportive are we of genuine local Church leadership? You and I have been entrusted with the growth and health of the Church. How good have we been at caring for that vineyard? †

How faithful are we in caring for God's vineyard?



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, / the people of Judah, his cherished plant.

Philippians 4:6-9

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Matthew 21:33-43

[Jesus said,] "I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

A Word from Pope Francis

In any age, those who have authority...may be tempted to work in their own interests instead of those of God. And Jesus says that true authority... is in serving, not exploiting others. The vineyard is the Lord's, not ours. Authority is a service and...should be exercised for the good of all and for the dissemination of the Gospel.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- We are the Church. Do you sometimes think of the Church as "them"?
- Do you pray for the leaders of the Church with sincerity?

Invest in Community

Paige Byrne Shortal

As the “Catholic Professional” in our family, when I go to extended family functions, I’m often put on the spot. A few days ago we were having dinner with my husband’s parents—lovely people in their eighties and as full of energy and curiosity as any two-year-old.

This past week it was announced that their parish of many years is closing. It is a hard thing—to let go of the place where you’ve worshiped for many years. They accepted the calls to stewardship, they were generous with their money, and they gave their time and energy.

When parishes are closed, I think we must be sensitive to the genuine mourning of the folks in the pews. It is like a death. There should be a funeral for the lost places of our lives—our childhood homes, the homes where we raised our children, and our church homes where we celebrated baptisms and weddings and funerals. For many, it is the people they know in their parish who anchor their lives.

I listened to these two faithful people come to terms with this latest change, and then Mom asked me, “When Jesus said that thing about building the church on Peter, do you think he intended... this? And with “this,” she gestured wildly: “You know...all these buildings and all the gilt and marble and vestments and... things.”

Between bites of excellent pie, I answered, “Well, he didn’t *not* intend it.



What the Gospel says is Jesus is building a church community—*ekklēsia*—on Peter because of Peter’s faith in Jesus the Christ. It goes on to say that as long as this faith in Jesus endures, the community will endure, and even death will not overcome it.”

Our church buildings may close, but the believing community will live on and endure. If you want to give to something that will last beyond your own death, invest in the community. †



Creator God, quiet our minds and open our hearts that we may become the holy person you created us to be. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

Salvation Unfolds in Discontinuity

Ours is a God who works through discontinuities. Interruptions in the expected pattern do not block God’s grace. On the contrary, it is through them that God creates the amazing story of salvation. So much in the world and in our private lives does not fit the ideal pattern.

For me, Advent is a time to reconcile with the dynamic of disruption, to remember salvation unfolds in discontinuity:

- * A virgin conceives a child.
- * God becomes human.
- * Death becomes life. †

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WEEKDAY READINGS

October 9–14

Monday, Weekday:
Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 / Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday, Weekday:
Jon 3:1–10 / Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday, Weekday:
Jon 4:1–11 / Lk 11:1–4

Thursday, Weekday:
Mal 3:13–20b / Lk 11:5–13

Friday, Weekday:
Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2 / Lk 11:15–26

Saturday, Weekday:
Jl 4:12–21 / Lk 11:27–28