



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering: Let Us Go To The Altar BB 318

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

Preparation Ubi Caritas BB 483

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Come To Me And Drink BB 356

Recessional: Let All Things Now Living BB 613



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.

✠ 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 29, 2023

Offertory \$6,284.44



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

- November 5 Property Management
- November 12 Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- November 19 Fuel
- November 26 Christmas Flowers

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

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

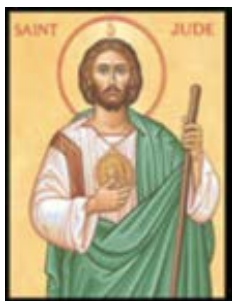
The month of November is a time when the Church traditionally prays in a special way for the faithful departed. The celebration of All Souls Day on November 2 is a joyful and poignant reminder that we worship and live in communion with those who have gone before us in faith.

All Souls envelopes are available at the entrance of both Churches. Any intentions listed on the envelopes will be remembered at Liturgies offered as "All Souls Intentions" throughout the coming liturgical year. All Souls envelopes can be deposited in the regular collection basket at your convenience.

The Holy Liturgy can be offered for any deceased Catholic person. Please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 to inquire about scheduling. Exact dates cannot always be accommodated, so calling early for the coming year is advised. The suggested donation for an announced commemoration is \$10.00 payable to Saint Luke Parish.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

Throughout November, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be open near the Baptismal Font & Paschal Candle for parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names of loved ones and the dates of their death.



RELIC OF ST. JUDE

The arm of St. Jude the Apostle is visiting St. William of York Church, 1351 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA on **Tuesday, November 14**. Veneration from 2:00 to 10:00 PM, Mass in honor of St. Jude at 7:00 PM. Known as the Apostle of the Impossible,

St. Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need. For more information, go to www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com.

HELP WANTED – ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Volunteers are invited to help do some rearranging and decorating on **Sunday, November 26 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow**. Our tasks include Advent decorating and some light clean up of the churches in preparation for the Advent season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

With the holiday season approaching, we have several early bulletin deadlines:

Deadline for the November 26 bulletin is **Monday, November 13 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 3 bulletin is **Monday, November 20 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 10 bulletin is **Monday, November 27 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 17 bulletin is **Monday, December 4 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 24 bulletin is **Monday, December 11 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 31 bulletin is **Monday, December 18 at 12:00 Noon**.

Deadline for the January 7 bulletin is **Monday, December 18 at 12:00 Noon**.



UPCOMING CHRISTMAS FAIRS

St. Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH on **Saturday, November 11, 2023** from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and **Sunday, November 12, 2023** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA on **Saturday, November 18** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Nativity Hall, Merrimac

St. Patrich Parish, 12 Main Street, Pelham, NH on **Saturday, December 2, 2023** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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 ✠

Monday, November 6

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus *Plaistow*

Tuesday, November 7

6:00 PM Grief Share Group *Plaistow*

6:30 PM The Gospel of Mark *Plaistow*

Wednesday, November 8

Holy Angels Church
Open All Day For Prayer

Thursday, November 9

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

Saturday, November 11

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!

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
PARISH**

Grief Share Support Group meets on Tuesdays beginning October 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Parish Office at 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow. Call 603-382-8324 for information.

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.

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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, November 4 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Jeanne Marcinkowski by Bonnie Lajoie
Plaistow

Sunday, November 5 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

8:00 AM Dexter Cronin by Jack and Barb Brotz
Newton

10:00 AM Jayne Lickteig-Ringuette by Jackie Tremblay
Plaistow

Monday, November 6 ~ Weekday

Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

8:00 AM Ruth Harrigan by Barbara Metcalf
Newton

Tuesday, November 7 ~ Weekday

Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Fogel Family and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Wednesday, November 8 ~ Weekday

Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

6:30 PM Sr. Rita Garneau, pm, by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
Plaistow

Thursday, November 9 ~ The Dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

8:00 AM Gerard King by the Parish
Newton

Friday, November 10 ~ Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

No Mass

Saturday, November 11 ~ Martin of Tours, Bishop

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15 (Day)

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Jay Knowles by Bob and Alice Litwinovich
Plaistow

Sunday, November 12 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

8:00 AM Paul Caiazza by Bob and Alice Litwinovich
Newton

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Fogel Family and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
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 **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.

VITA NOVA – MEN’S RETREAT

Join other Catholic men for fellowship and spiritual growth as they explore *Surrendering To Divine Providence* on **January 5-7, 2024**. For more information, go to www.vitanova.org/catholic-mens-retreat.

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, **November 18, 2023 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall in Plaistow.

ADORERS NEEDED AT 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 is a great source of grace for us as a parish family. We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord. Adoration takes place each Thursday in Newton from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM. **We are currently looking for someone to be at the 11:30 AM through the 12:30 PM hour.** We also need people at other times so we can have 2 people at each hour. 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 a 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**

Our Council recently made a \$500 donation to the Haverhill Pregnancy Care Center. The work the Center does to encourage pro-life choices and to support young mothers is amazing. The Council will also be participating in a gift card drive starting next month that helps support Pregnancy Care Centers in New Hampshire. The Knights worldwide have donated over 1500 ultrasound machines to various Pregnancy Care Centers. As of January 2022, these machines have allowed over one million moms to see their unborn babies!

**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.

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 October 16, 2023, we have raised \$40,963.00.** Thank you again for your support of our NH Catholic community and these important diocesan ministries.



**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, November 15 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.**

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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.



BE OUR GUEST FOR

PASTA WITH A PURPOSE

A BENEFIT ITALIAN DINNER TO SUPPORT THE SAINT LUKE FOOD PANTRY. OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$1400 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FREEZER AND TO RECOGNIZE THE FOOD PANTRY STAFF FOR THE GREAT WORK THEY DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY



HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #6617

NOVEMBER 18th

5:00 - 7:00 pm

**St Luke The Evangelist
Parish Center**

8 Atkinson Road, Plaistow NH

TICKET PRICES

\$10 PER ADULT

\$5 KIDS 10 AND UNDER

TAKE OUT MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE

TICKET INCLUDES, CHEF RUDY FERRANDI'S SPAGHETTI SERVED WITH HIS HOMEMADE SAUCE AND MEATBALLS, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, DRINK AND DESSERTS.

HOT DOGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

YOUR TICKET ALSO INCLUDES A CHANCE TO WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD TO ANY TUSCAN BRAND RESTAURANT OR MARKET.

Entertainment to include: Traditional Italian Music, 50 / 50 Raffle

WHAT CAN IT HURT???

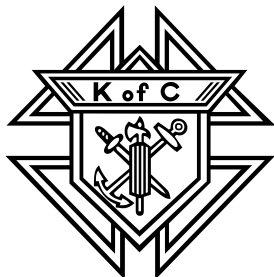
**YOU LOSE ONE HOUR OF AN EVENING.
MAYBE JUST MAYBE YOU FIND
SOMETHING YOU WANT TO BE PART OF
OR CALLED TO DO.**

“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**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #6617**



Once again this year our Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Food Pantry will provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to needy families in our area. The cost of purchasing items for all of the baskets typically runs to well over \$1500.00, and with hard times facing so many, we anticipate the need to be even greater than previous years.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Thanksgiving Baskets, please place your contribution in an envelope marked "**THANKSGIVING BASKETS,**" and place it in the offering basket. You may also visit the Parish Offices and contribute in person.

Thank you for your support of the poor among us.



Concerns about Funerals

National flags: Citizens who have earned the right to have their casket draped with their national flag are rightly proud to do so. At a Catholic funeral, the casket may be draped with the flag during the vigil and the rite of committal. In the funeral liturgy, however, the status of the deceased as a child of God by baptism takes precedence. At the door of the church, the flag is replaced by the pall, a reminder of the white garment of baptism. The flag may be replaced after the casket is taken from the church.

Suicide: The death of a loved one by suicide complicates the normal anguish of family and friends after a death. The church offers the full support of its ministers at this difficult time. The funeral liturgy and its related rites are not denied to a person who ended his or her life by suicide. Special prayers are provided in the rite for this circumstance.

Cremation: Although the church recommends that the custom of burying the dead be observed, assuming proper motives, cremation is permissible. The Order of Christian Funerals prefers that cremation take place after the funeral liturgy and before the committal service. The rite of committal includes a prayer specifically for a person who has been cremated. The church prefers that cremated remains be buried, not scattered.

Eulogy: A eulogy is a speech that honors someone who has recently died. Because Christian funeral rites focus not simply on the life of the deceased but rather on God's presence and goodness in that person, a eulogy per se is not permitted. However,



words of remembrance that recall the deceased in the light of his or her faith are certainly appropriate, and may be spoken by a family member or friend during the vigil or final commendation.

Funerals during the Triduum: Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday. Several options are available. Families may choose to delay the services until after Easter Sunday. Or they may have a funeral liturgy outside Mass, proceed with the interment, and celebrate a memorial Mass after Easter. In this way, both the needs of the mourners and of the larger church can be taken into account.

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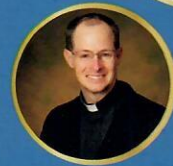


CONSIDERING VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

Are you or someone you know discerning the priesthood or religious life?

Father Matthew Mason, our Director of Vocations, along with Father Volney DeRosia and Father Charles Pawlowski, our Assistant Directors, are available to offer advice and support to men interested in becoming a priest, and to accompany those in the process of discernment.

Email mmason@rcbm.org or call 603-663-0196 to reach them directly. We look forward to hearing from you!



JOIN US!
2024 YOUTH VOCATION EVENTS

QUO VADIS DAYS FOR YOUNG MEN
FIAT DAYS FOR YOUNG WOMEN
Summer 2024 at Magdalen College, Warner

SAVE THE DATE: Quo Vadis Days (July 29-August 2, 2024) and Fiat Days (August 5-9, 2024) are special events designed for young women and men, 14-18 years old, to intentionally listen for the Lord's call in your life while having fun! Enjoy games, prayer, and meals together. Grow in friendship — with God and your peers. Attendance is just \$50. *Aid is available.*



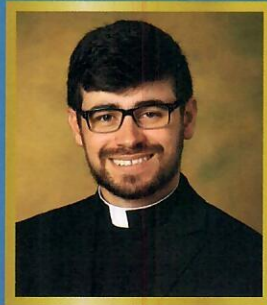
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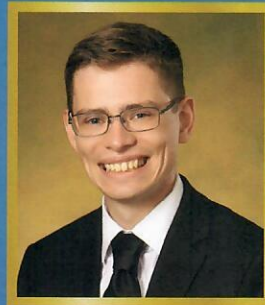
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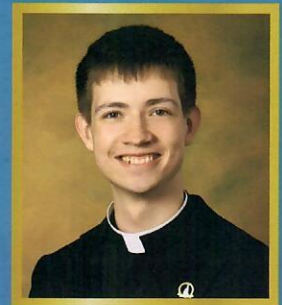
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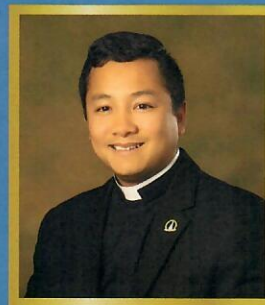
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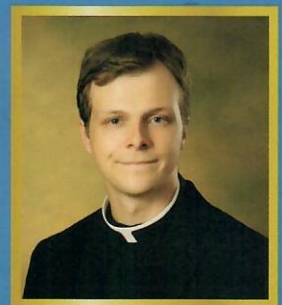
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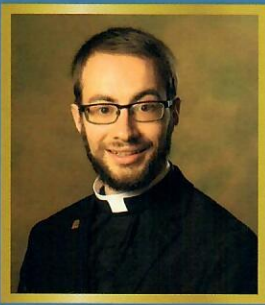
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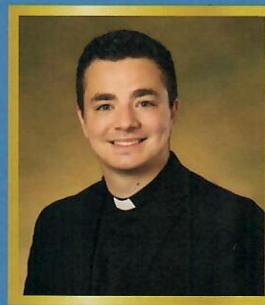
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Pray for Vocations

Your loving support and encouragement is so important for our next generations of Catholic leaders in NH! Please pray for them by name...

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men,
let Your sweet invitation continue to resound: **Come, follow Me!**

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
November 5, 2023

A Priest's Lot

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Today's readings are a stern call to conversion for priests who obviously have a special call to holiness. Like a parent cares for his or her children, a priest is entrusted with the spiritual children of God's family. His example, his words, and his way of carrying out his service all have profound effects on the holiness of the Church.

The last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, condemns the priestly class of the Jewish people because they had turned away from God's commands and led people astray with faulty instruction. This rule of thumb from the Old

Sunday Readings

Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8–10

You do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your instruction.

1 Thessalonians 2:7b–9, 13

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.

Matthew 23:1–12

Do and observe all things whatsoever [the priests] tell you, but do not follow their example.

Testament is still valid today: so go the priests, so go the people!

Jesus himself had harsh words for priests and religious leaders as well. It is clear from the Gospel that one of the main reasons why Jesus was ill-received by so many of his contemporaries was because the priestly class opposed him. "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him" (John 1:11).

Saint Paul gives us the example of what priests should be. They should so love their people that they become one with them in their suffering, joys, and victories. Rather than build up heavy burdens, they should make them lighter by lending a hand to lift them. They shouldn't dilute the gospel and its demands but, with brotherly love, show the beauty of the gospel by the joy and charity with which they live. Like a good parent, they should be the first to wake up and the last to go to bed. Slow to judge, quick to forgive. †

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A Word from Pope Francis

That expression—"We have always done it that way"—is poison for the life of the Church. Those who think this way, perhaps without even realizing it, make the mistake of not taking seriously the times in which we are living. The danger, in the end, is to apply old solutions to new problems.

ADDRESS OPENING THE SYNOD,
ROME, OCTOBER 9, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Are you ever tempted to reject the truth spoken by someone you don't admire?
- Do you live up to every truth you speak?

Appreciating Firsts and Lasts

Paige Byrne Shortal

I was thirteen when the Byrds made famous Pete Seeger's song: "To everything, turn, turn, turn; there is a season, turn, turn, turn...." It was a hard time in our family and I sang the lyrics with little understanding and no knowledge that they came from the Bible (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). I thought I'd always be sad.

Fast-forward forty years to a Sunday afternoon in June. The weather couldn't have been better in Eden. The air smelled of peaches and we were picking them by the bushel. My husband's parents were with us for the weekend—two lovely and lively people in their eighties. Our two oldest grandchildren ran through the garden while their baby brother crawled around on the quilt under the oak tree.

Friends Dan and Mary came to help pick with us and stayed for dinner. Dan brought recordings by a favorite jazz band and we watched our littlest grand do his baby dances. Friend Peggy came with her two daughters, bearing their pet chickens, Buffy and Jody, who had outworn their welcome in their city neighborhood. The hens were made



welcome in the new coop and Peg and her daughters stayed and picked peaches while the city hens and the country hens competed for Queen of the Coop. After dinner we played Scrabble with Mom and Dad and ate leftover peach cobbler. A perfect day.

Fast-forward another month. The peaches are all processed for the winter. The sweet corn and tomatoes are ripe. The grand-boy who could only crawl is now walking. And Dad Shortal had a stroke. It could have been worse. He is in no pain, but his memory is not the same and he says the same things many times. But, oh, what he says: "I'm so

blest." "Aren't my children lovely?" "It's a beautiful world."

We have baby books to record a child's firsts: their first word, first step, first solid food. But what about marking the lasts? The last time a child crawled onto our lap. The last time we embraced a loved one. The last Scrabble game with our dad. "To everything there is a season, turn, turn, turn."

November is about the passing of time. We remember the saints and the souls who have left our midst. We remember veterans of wars with enemy nations, some of which are now our friends. "Turn, turn, turn."

In November we also stop to give thanks. When times are hard, when you are suffering, when someone you love is dying, when the unthinkable has happened—give thanks, for this too shall pass. And when life is good, stop and notice and give thanks. Pay attention so that those last precious hugs and Scrabble games are etched in your memory. And pray, "O God, you who have given so much to me, give me one thing more: a grateful heart." †

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Holy God, give us the grace to hold ourselves to the same standards we hold others, and to forgive ourselves and others when we fail. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 6-11

Monday, Weekday:

Rom 11:29-36 / Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, Weekday:

Rom 12:5-16ab / Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, Weekday:

Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, Dedication of the Lateran

Basilica: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 /


1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22

Friday, St. Leo the Great:

Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, St. Martin of Tours:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Lk 16:9-15

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