



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Gathering: At The Lamb's High Feast BB 179

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

*Sing a joyful song to the Lord! Alleluia!
Let the heavens and earth rejoice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Sprinkling Rite: **God, you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters, make us people of the water and your name.**

Preparation: Christ Before Us BB 416

Mass Parts: Mass Of The Resurrection

Communion: In The Breaking Of The Bread BB 355

Recessional: Hail Thee, Festival Day BB 737

✠ 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!

April 7, 2024

Offertory	\$7,705.62
Property Management	\$1,746.25



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You can also use your smart phone to scan the QR code below. The link will take you directly to Parish Giving so you can donate.



UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 14 No Second Collection
April 21 Fuel



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.

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

ST. LUKE FOOD PANTRY

Items most needed in the Food Pantry include pasta and sauce, ramen noodles, peanut butter and jelly, soups, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, crackers, snack items, cookies and treats for kids, pancake mix and syrup, canned meats, tuna and canned fish. These are staple food items which are used all the time and there is never have enough of. Other items requested include toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels, pet food, laundry soap, dish soap and cleaners.

Gifts cards or checks made out to St Luke Food Pantry are always useful and welcome.

TAX TIME SUGGESTION

Did you know? If you are 72 or older and need to take a "required minimum distribution (RMD)" from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2023, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

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.

END OF LIFE PLANNING

Three Beliefs is a document from the Diocese of Manchester that gives valuable assistance to Catholics and others on end-of-life issues. *Three Beliefs* explains Catholic teaching on life-sustaining treatment and care and includes the New Hampshire Advance Directive form modified in such a way to make it consistent with both Catholic teaching and New Hampshire law. *Three Beliefs* contains a helpful FAQ section and wallet cards that include important information for healthcare providers.

The New Hampshire Advance Directive form was revised by a law that is consistent with Catholic teaching and the changes to the New Hampshire form. If you completed an advance directive before 2021 and your intentions for your end-of-life care have not changed, you do not need to complete a new form as long as your advance directive was valid when it was executed. For example, if you completed the October 2007 version of *Three Beliefs* and signed the document before two witnesses or a notary public or justice of the peace, you do not need to complete a new advance directive form.

Copies of Three Beliefs in English and Spanish are available at

catholicnh.org/community/public-policy/issues/endoflife/

or by visiting catholicnh.org and searching for "Three Beliefs."

CREMATION?

While burial or entombment of the body remains the preference and is encouraged by the Church, cremation may be chosen for sufficient reason. The Revised Code of Canon Law states: "*The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burial be retained but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chose for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.* (CIC, c. 1176.3)

Cremated remains are to be buried or inurned. They should not be buried on private land, but are to be buried in a cemetery or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted. If burial takes place at sea, according to local custom, the cremated remains are to be kept intact in a solid and durable container and not scattered.

Keeping the cremated remains in a private home, funeral home, or any other place is not considered to be the reverent disposition that the Church requires. The integrity of the cremated remains is always to be respected.

WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, April 14
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K to 6 *Plaistow*

Tuesday, April 16
 6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, April 17
 Holy Angels Church Open
 All Day For Prayer
 7:00 PM St Luke Outreach Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*

Thursday, April 18
 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, April 20
 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, April 21
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K to 6 *Plaistow*

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.

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

Suzanne Busch

by Jim Edwards



The Vigil Light in front of the
 Blessed Mother icon
 at Mary Mother of the Church
 will burn this week in loving memory of

Joan Burge

by the Burge family



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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, April 13 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48 (Vigil)

4:00 PM In Honor of St. Michael the Archangel
 by George Giraldo
Plaistow

Sunday, April 14 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

8:00 AM Joan Burge by the Burge family
Newton
 10:00 AM Richard, Gary, and Jody Mottram by Cheryl
Plaistow

Monday, April 15 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

8:00 AM Rosa Pacheco (Month's Mind)
Newton

Tuesday, April 16 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

8:00 AM Linda Poire by her husband
Plaistow

Wednesday, April 17 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

6:30 PM For the Intentions of Pamela Waring
 by Grace Bukowski
Plaistow

Thursday, April 18 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

8:00 AM Sean Bowler (Month's Mind)
Newton

Friday, April 19 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

No Mass

Saturday, April 20 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69 (Day)

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18 (Vigil)

4:00 PM In Thanksgiving for a Blessing Received
 by Bonnie Lajoie
Plaistow

Sunday, April 21 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

8:00 AM Fr. Marcel Allard by Susan and Mick Swanwick
Newton
 10:00 AM Deceased Members of the family of
 Carole Lueders by Susan Ronan
Plaistow



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 PM** at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact your parish office by **April 12, 2024**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this Spring!

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.

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or by email at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Parents – Please mark your calendars and save these dates!

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Plaistow, NH invites children to attend **SCUBA Vacation Bible Camp from June 17 to June 21, 2024**.

Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building game, engage in fun snack eating experiences, take part in one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust Jesus, and each day make a craft to take home and play with all summer.

SCUBA Vacation Bible Camp is for kids from age 4 to 12 and will run from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon each day. For more information, call Joyce at 603-382-8324, ext. 303.

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 also need people at all 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.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
St. Luke's Outreach Ministry	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. 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**

St Jude Golf Open - The Knights of Columbus are holding their 29th Golf Open on **Saturday, June 1st** We have already sold out with 144 golfers. We are assisting two single mothers this year. One mother is from Plaistow and has two daughters with very rare genetic defects. The other mother is from Kingston and suffered a very severe stroke. We are seeking volunteers and hole sponsors. If you would like to volunteer, sponsor, or just want more information, please contact Chairperson Andy Pellerin at 978-376-1586 or at andy.pellerin@comcast.net

We are always looking for help. If you would like to help or want more information on the Knights, contact Peter Richards at 603-382-4315.

**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.

RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline For Married Couples

Does your marriage need help? We are a marriage program that continues after the initial weekend with follow-up sessions that further develop the concepts that we introduce on the weekend. Some of the topics we cover are: Communication Skills, Conflict Management, Family of Origin, Forgiveness and Trust, Love and Commitment, Marriage as a Vocation, Intimacy and Sexual Relationship. Email us at NewEngland@HelpOurMarriage.org or call 508-271-7155. Our next weekend is scheduled for:

**May 31-June 2, 2024
Tewksbury, MA**

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. Cursillo weekends are being offered at the Sarto Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341.



**Saint Luke the Evangelist
OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of St. Luke's Outreach Ministry! 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. Luke's Outreach Ministry 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, April 17 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 St. Luke's Outreach Ministry, call 603-382-8324 x315.

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



Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

April 14, 2024

What Will It Take?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

What will it take for the early followers of Jesus to recognize him in their midst? Today's Gospel recounts yet another episode of confusion and unbelief. They had an extraordinary experience that startled and terrified them. Even though other disciples reported having come upon the risen Lord, they didn't realize that it was also he they were encountering. Such an unusual experience might have left them doubtful about the Lord's presence, but the reports of others should have thrown light on the reality of their own experiences. Are they like Thomas,

who was unwilling to take the word of others but demanded his own tangible experience of the risen Lord?

However, every account of the risen Lord's appearance reports that his identity is initially hidden. They only knew that it was him when he revealed himself. Mary recognized him when he called her name (John 20:16); the couple in Emmaus knew him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:31); even Paul on the road to Damascus only understood who the Lord was when he revealed his name (Acts 9:3).

And what about us? What will it take for us to recognize the risen Lord in our midst? Do we also need concrete evidence? Will it only happen if we have a meal with him? But isn't that exactly what the Eucharist is—a meal with the risen Lord? †

Sunday Readings

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from death; of this we are witnesses.

1 John 2:1–5a

Whoever says, "I know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar."

Luke 24:35–48

[Jesus] asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.



What will it take for us to recognize the risen Lord in our midst?

A Word from Pope Francis

Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is a living relationship with him, with the Risen Lord: we look at him, we touch him, we are nourished by him and, transformed by his Love, we look at, touch, and nourish others as brothers and sisters.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do you look for the presence of Christ in the faces of those you encounter every day?
- Is there anyone you refuse to see as a brother or sister in Christ? Why?

Our Enemies Have Families, Too

Rev. Paul Turner

At times war seems to be the only course of action. At other times, though, it seems as though different solutions could have been found. Americans disagree about our wars, which is good. It shows that we think critically about violence. One motto that most Americans rally around is “Support Our Troops.” Even if you don’t agree with the point of the war, you support the troops who fight it. Pope St. John Paul II, weighing the question of winners and losers in battle, said, “War is always a defeat for humanity.”

Other nations also have troops. Those troops also have families. The deaths of combatants and innocents cause tremendous grief in the lives of people, no matter whose side they are on.



The watershed event for ancient Israel was its exodus from Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea. The Chosen People crossed many miles of desert before entering the Promised Land. They left

behind their enemy, submerged in the sea that had opened for Israel’s escape and closed to defeat the foe.

Pharaoh’s army—they were someone’s children, too.

At Easter we reflect upon the exodus because it foreshadows baptism. Through the waters of rebirth, we put sin behind and are purified for life in the new Promised Land. In the case of baptism, our enemy is the devil. The resurrection overcame the power of evil, and everyone can agree that it was worth the battle. †

From *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter* by Rev. Paul Turner, available at Liguori.org

Daybreaks authors include Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Sr. Dianne Bergant, and Fr. Daniel Horan

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “How to Read the Resurrection Narratives” by Raymond E. Brown, SS

Our four Gospels, written twenty-five to sixty-five years after the resurrection, say what happened in ways so different that the Church wisely doesn’t combine them all into one picture or prefer one Gospel account over the other. Each Gospel narrative should be allowed to contribute its own wealth to what we know and believe about Christ. What can we learn from the fact that the Gospel accounts of the resurrection differ from each other? The answer is centered in the risen Jesus as God’s ultimate revelation directed to all times and places. Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever, but the world changes. The Church of our century cannot present a different Christ. But by the way it preserves the varied Gospel messages, it lets Jesus speak to the differing needs of the audiences of our times. †

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Lord Jesus, help us to recognize you in the faces of those we encounter in our daily lives, even those who are difficult for us to love, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 15–20

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 6:8–15 / Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 7:51—8:1a / Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 8:1b–8 / Jn 6:35–40

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 8:26–40 / Jn 6:44–51

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 9:1–20 / Jn 6:52–59

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 9:31–42 / Jn 6:60–69

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