



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Gathering: Sing With All The Saints In Glory
BB 593

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: Christians, Let Us Love One Another
BB 487

Mass Parts Mass Of The Resurrection

Communion: Bread For The World BB 325

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 28, 2024

Offertory

\$6,121.10



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.

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

May 5 Property Management
May 9 Ascension
May 12 Catholic Communications



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. Thank you for your support of our Food Pantry!



New Hampshire Catholic Appeal 2024

This year's New Hampshire Catholic Appeal begins this week; we hope you'll help us meet our goal of \$46,979.00! Thank you for your support!



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.



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.

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.



BLESSING OF MOTHERS

A special blessing of mothers will be given at all Masses on the weekend of **Mother's Day, May 12, 2023.**

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.

MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that all Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert in the Parish Office for more information and assistance – there are ways in which your situation may be resolved!

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, May 5

11:00 AM VBS Volunteer Meeting *Plaistow*

Monday, May 6

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus *Plaistow*

Wednesday, May 8

Holy Angels Church Open
All Day For Prayer

Thursday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 11

9:00 AM Marian Spiritual Reflection *Newton*

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 9, 2024**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Liturgies are as follows:

Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow

Thursday, May 9 at 8:00 AM in Newton

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

Francis Antczak

by the Burge family

RADIO CATÓLICA

Escuche Radio Católica WGUA 98.1 FM con una programación 24 horas al día. Música, oraciones, Misas, información y formación en la fe. Teléfono en cabina 978-683-1030. Oficina y línea de oración 978-688-9811. Descargue nuestra aplicación en su celular."



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, May 4 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Jesselyn and Donald Driscoll
by the McKinney family
Plaistow

Sunday, May 5 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

8:00 AM Francis Antczak by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM In Honor of St. Joseph by George Giraldo
Plaistow

Monday, May 6 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for a Blessing Received
by Bonnie Lajoie
Newton

Tuesday, May 7 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Wednesday, May 8 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15 (Day)

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20 (Vigil)

6:30 PM John Tammaro by the Knights of Columbus
Plaistow

Thursday, May 9 ~ The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

8:00 AM Tillie Massaro (Birthday Remembrance)
by the Stanley family
Newton

Friday, May 10 ~ John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

No Mass

Saturday, May 11 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28 (Day)

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Betty O'Hara by Armand and Rachel Lanseigne
Plaistow

Sunday, May 12 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

8:00 AM Suzanne Busch by Jim Edwards
Newton

10:00 AM Linda Poire by her husband
Plaistow



THE GOD MINUTE

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called "The God Minute." It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free. Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be!



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.

MAYBE IT'S TIME

To re-connect with your Church

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth. If you are a baptized Catholic, have received your First Communion, but decided against Confirmation as a teen, maybe NOW IS THE TIME for you to re-consider **Confirmation**.

Maybe you weren't ready when you were sixteen years old. Maybe you didn't want to be pressured into it by your family and peers. Maybe you weren't sure that Catholic is who you wanted to be. Maybe you were just beginning to doubt that what you were taught as a child -- about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, the saints, eternal life -- was all too good to be true. Maybe you were overwhelmed with school commitments, personal disappointments, and feeling that God really didn't care if you were Catholic anyway.

God *does* care about you. *For some reason*, God chose you to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism. So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice.

Confirmation. If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office. With a little time and reflection, practicing Catholics can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives.

Maybe it's your time. Call 603 382 8324.

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

The Knights just bought a new upright freezer and a new full refrigerator for the Food Pantry. This is the 5th new freezer that the Knights have purchased in the last 18 months for the pantry. The new freezers have increased storage capacity, eliminated the need to defrost, and have saved on the monthly electricity bill.

The Knights also helped an elderly parishioner clean up her yard after several very large pine branches fell during the recent storm.

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.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Easter Lily fundraiser. It was a complete success, as we sold out! St. Luke's Outreach Ministry appreciates your kindness in supporting our good works in assisting those in need in our community.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, May 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 St. Luke's Outreach Ministry, call 603-382-8324 x315.

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

Marian Spiritual Reflection

Join Knights of Columbus Council 6617 in a spiritual reflection on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9:00am to Noon in the basement of Holy Angels Church, Plaistow, NH.

Program open to all parishioners.

Program will begin with breakfast (coffee, juice, donuts, muffins, and fruit)

Participants will view a video on Mary, The Mother of God.

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of the God, and the Queen of Heaven. All because this simple girl said a simple word: YES.

Discussion of the video will follow.

Next will be a presentation on Marian Apparitions and the process of approval.

The program will conclude with a presentation the circumstances of four specific apparitions. Two will be Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12) and Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), with the other two selected from suggestions from participants.

(Please contact William Tucker, 603 642-8152, faith6617@aol.com with suggestions for apparitions to be included in the program)

The Feast Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, is a feast established in 2018 by Pope Francis to be celebrated every year upon the Monday following Pentecost. Happy Feast Day!

This year, May 12 is Mother's day and May 20 is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Reminder

Parishioners are welcome to attend the Rosary lead by the Knights of Columbus on Thursdays beginning at 7:00 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church. Arrive early and stay late for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On the third Thursdays, we emphasize pro-life actions.

Why Join?

Lead with Faith

Deepen your faith. As a member of the Knights of Columbus you have access to a wealth of spiritual resources to help you become a better Catholic man, husband and father. As a member you get:

- * Digital and print faith formation resources from Catholic Information Services
- * The new *Into the Breach* video series designed for personal and fraternal faith formation
- * Participation in programs and access to resources that help you uncover the true meaning of Catholic masculine spirituality

Protect Your Family

Discover the Catholic difference. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you get exclusive access to our top quality portfolio of insurance and retirement products, backed by ethical and Catholic business practices, that can help secure your family's future and give you peace of mind. As a member you get:

- * A dedicated brother Knight field agent assigned to you and your family
- * A complimentary, comprehensive annual financial review
- * Free accidental death coverage (certain age restrictions apply)
- * Exclusive eligibility to purchase Knights of Columbus products for you and your family

Serve Others

Make an impact. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you can be a part of our multi-billion dollar charitable legacy. Support and participate in thousands of charitable programs – both local and international – that help those who need it most. As a member you have the opportunity to help us:

- * Provide winter coats to children in need
- * Give food to families
- * Provide wheelchairs for the disabled and handicapped
- * Support victims of natural disasters
- * Respond to the needs of our communities

Defend Your Values

Defend the faith. Defend the truth. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, your voice is joined with 2 million fellow members. You receive tools and resources to stay informed, take action, and support local, national, and international efforts on issues that are important to you. The Catholic faith is worth defending, and needs to be defended. With Knights you never act alone. As a member you:

- * Stand up for the unborn and the dignity of all human life
- * Defend marriage and the family
- * Fight for religious liberty and our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Middle East
- * Join in our legacy of support for the Church

Deep within the heart of every man is a call to live with purpose and meaning; a call to lead, to protect, to serve and to defend. Men today need a band of brothers – other Catholic men to share in that call, who walk together on the journey towards something better. The Knights of Columbus is a trusted name, tried by time, present where men are, providing inspiring resources and support for strengthening your faith and living a life of virtue. Knights lead with faith. Knights protect our families. Knights serve those in need.

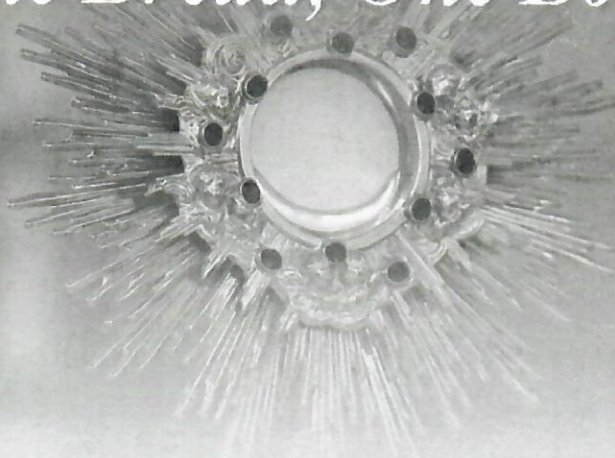
When the world says men should step aside, Knights of Columbus step up. We are Catholic men. We live by principles informed by faith. We are sons, fathers, husbands, and grandfathers. Join us on life's greatest adventure to discover the man God calls you to be.

Become a Knight.

2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II

One Bread, One Body



Our Church. Your Impact!

WWW.CATHOLICNH.ORG/NHCA

Please support the 2024 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal to allow us to continue to work toward a more sustainable and collaborative Church in New Hampshire! Your gift supports these vital ministries that keep our faith thriving in New Hampshire:

- Community Services program at Catholic Charities New Hampshire which provides transformative change through case management and compassionate guidance
- Seminarian education and formation and support of the permanent diaconate
- Catholic education
- Care for our retired clergy
- Vibrant parishes
- Evangelization and catechesis at home with *Parable Magazine*
- Faith formation through campus ministry and Totus Tuus
- Multicultural Ministry
- Catholic cemeteries



"I am again so very grateful for your past support of all our New Hampshire Catholic ministries and services over the years. Your gifts have made a tremendous difference in our faith tradition throughout our diocese. Thanks to you, we are working to establish a stable future for the Catholic Church in New Hampshire. A future where we all grow our shared faith together in One Bread, One Body.

The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) funds imperative Community Services of Catholic Charities NH – enabling them to serve immediate needs at the local level, seminarians, *Parable Magazine*, parishes, Catholic formation – especially for youth and young adults, caring for our retired clergy, Catholic cemeteries, Catholic education, and missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry. The NHCA will provide these ministries with the resources needed to carry out their important missions – but only with your continued help."

+Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Tenth Bishop of Manchester



Each parish has an NHCA goal, and every dollar raised above that goal will be rebated to the parish for any needs of the parish.

To learn more or donate online, please scan this QR code or go to www.catholicnh.org/nhca

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Parish 2024 goal is \$46,979.00. The Parish keeps any income raised above our set fundraising goal. Goals are set by the Diocese at 10% of the average of the last three years of our assessable income (excluding the pandemic shut down year of 2020).

Approximately 95%, of the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) revenue will go towards ministry, education, and parishes. The goal is for less than 5% of revenue to be spent on administering the NHCA. The intent of the Diocese is to keep these costs as low as possible. No funds will go towards diocesan administration, the bishop's office, or any clergy abuse settlements/litigation.

Many Diocesan second collections have been eliminated. The second collections eliminated in 2023 are the Seminary Fund, the Catholic education collection, the Parish to Parish Support Fund, the NH Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH, the Catholic University of America and USCCB, the NH Priest Retirement Fund and the annual drive for *Parable* Magazine. In addition, the annual appeal for Catholic Charities will no longer take place since the Catholic Appeal takes the place of the Catholic Charities Appeal of years past.

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.



**TAKE
NOTE!**

Gifts to Catholic Charities NH separately do not count toward the Catholic Appeal Parish Goal.

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?

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.

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 2024 goal is \$46,979.00

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.



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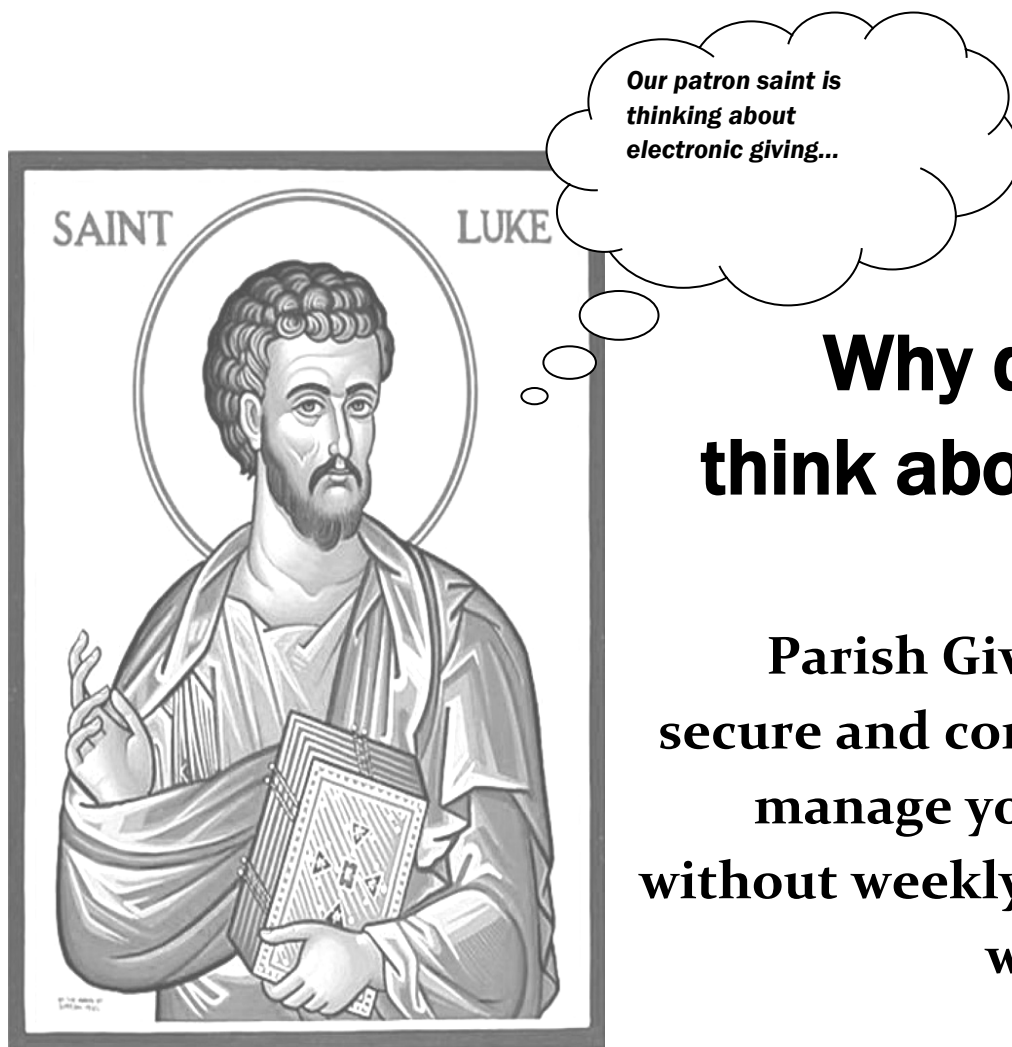
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- Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.
- Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration instructions.





Bringing Home the Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

May 5, 2024

God's Call

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God. All who were listening to Peter's words were baptized and became one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into

the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The question is not, "Who does God favor?" but, "Who favors God?"

The Gospel story reinforces this point, insisting God's love for us is the foundation of everything: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm. †

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A Word from Pope Francis

To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be.... Where does this abiding in the Lord's love lead?... Jesus told us: "That my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

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Sunday Readings

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48

They could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

1 John 4:7–10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

John 15:9–17

[Jesus said,] "Love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Can you pray for the grace to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree?
- Can you listen to them?

Easter Wisdom from Henri Nouwen

Listen to the Church—I know that [listening to the Church] isn't a popular bit of advice at a time and in a country where the Church is often seen more as an obstacle in the way than as the way to Jesus. Nevertheless, I'm deeply convinced that the greatest spiritual danger for our times is the separation of Jesus from the Church. The Church is the body of the Lord. Without Jesus, there can be no Church, and without the Church, we cannot stay united with Jesus. I've yet to meet anyone who has come closer to Jesus by forsaking the Church. To listen to the Church is to listen to the Lord of the Church. Specifically, this entails taking part in the Church's liturgical life. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ascension, and



Pentecost—these seasons and feasts teach you to know Jesus better and better and unite you more and more intimately with the divine life he offers you in the Church.

Listen to Your Heart—It's there [in your heart] that Jesus speaks most intimately to you. Praying is first and foremost listening to Jesus who dwells in the very depths of your heart. He doesn't shout. He doesn't thrust himself upon you. His voice is an unassuming voice, very nearly a whisper, the voice of a gentle love. Whatever you do with your life, go on listening to the voice of Jesus in your heart. This listening must be an active and very attentive listening, for in our restless and noisy world Jesus' loving voice is easily drowned out. ‡

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Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Acts of the Apostles" by Ronald D. Witherup, SS

“What is your church like?” I have heard this question posed at gatherings of large groups of Catholics. The responses to this question often begin with comments about church buildings and only later shift to descriptions of the congregation. Yet that experience of the congregation, of the People of God everywhere, is what the Church is really about. The story is told in the Acts of the Apostles...the only New Testament document devoted exclusively to the story of the early Church. It is the companion volume to the Gospel of Luke (compare the Prologues, Luke 1:1–4 and Acts 1:1–5). The Church uses this book at Mass almost exclusively throughout the Easter season, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. ‡

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Lord Jesus, grant us the grace of open hearts and minds that we may be receptive to the promptings of your Spirit, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

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WEEKDAY READINGS

May 6–11

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:11–15 / Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:22–34 / Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 / Jn 16:12–15

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:1–8 / Jn 16:16–20

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:9–18 / Jn 16:20–23

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:23–28 / Jn 16:23b–28

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