

## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost

Gathering: Come, O Holy Spirit BB 195

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 104)

*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

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: Send Us Your Spirit BB 461

Mass Parts Mass Of The Resurrection

Communion: Come To Me And Drink BB 352

Recessional: Hail Thee, Festival Day BB 737

## UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 19	Fuel
May 26	No Second Collection
June 2	Property Management



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.

## ✠ 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). Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

May 9, 2024

Ascension \$1,269.88

May 12, 2024

Offertory \$6,884.75  
Catholic Communications \$1,081.00



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.



## 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/](https://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](mailto:jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net). If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches.

### **PENTECOST VESPERS**

All are invited to Pentecost Vespers at **6:00 PM in Plaistow** on Pentecost Sunday, **May 19, 2024** followed by Dessert in the Parish Hall.

### **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 19

11:00 AM VBS Volunteer Meeting *Plaistow*  
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction *Plaistow*  
 6:30 PM Pentecost Reception *Plaistow*

### Tuesday, May 21

6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

### Wednesday, May 22

Holy Angels Church Open  
 All Day For Prayer

### Thursday, May 23

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

### Saturday, May 25

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the **June 2** bulletin must be submitted early. All announcements to be included in the June 2 bulletin must be submitted to the parish office **no later that 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 22.**

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, May 27, 2024.** The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 28 at 8:30 AM.

Our regular office hours are 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:30 PM on Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays.

## PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).



## 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 18 ~ Pentecost

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:20-23 (Vigil)*  
 4:00 PM Rick Field by Jackie Tremblay  
*Plaistow*

### Sunday, May 19 ~ Pentecost

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:20-23*

8:00 AM Michael LeDuc (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
 by the Stanley family  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Donna Hammerstein (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
 by her mother, Carole Lueders  
*Plaistow*

### Monday, May 20 ~ The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

*Gen 3:9-15; Jn 19:25-34*  
 8:00 AM Roy Lajoie (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 by Bonnie Lajoie and family  
*Newton*

### Tuesday, May 21 ~ Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

*Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37*  
 8:00 AM All Souls Intentions  
*Plaistow*

### Wednesday, May 22 ~ Rita of Cascia, Religious

*Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40*  
 6:30 PM John Negrotti by the Parish  
*Plaistow*

### Thursday, May 23 ~ Weekday

*Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50*  
 8:00 AM The Intentions of Paul Fournier  
 by Daniel and Jeanne Lloyd  
*Newton*

### Friday, May 24 ~ Weekday

*Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12*  
 No Mass

### Saturday, May 25 ~ Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Gregory VII, Pope; Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

*Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16 (Day)*  
*Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20 (Vigil)*  
 4:00 PM Maryanne Sabin by Elaina Latino  
*Plaistow*

### Sunday, May 26 ~ The Most Holy Trinity

*Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20*

8:00 AM Joyce Rennick by her family  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Jim Glendye by the Knights of Columbus  
*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.

### CONFIRMATION

#### **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. 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 want to talk about the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact the Parish Office. With a little time and reflection, practicing Catholic 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 at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.**

### **✠ 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

Fr. Albert Tremblay	<a href="mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net">fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Cathy Smith	<a href="mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net">csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Joyce Szczapa	<a href="mailto:jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net">jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Jackie Tremblay	<a href="mailto:jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net">jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Val Barczak	<a href="mailto:mvmbarczak@comcast.net">mvmbarczak@comcast.net</a>



### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month with the general collection of non-perishable items happening the following (4<sup>th</sup>) 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!

### **QUO VADIS VOCATION CAMP**

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! High school age young men (ages 14-18) are invited to attend our upcoming Quo Vadis vocation camp **Monday, July 29 to Friday, August 2** to look at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun.

This is an overnight camp held at St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook and is led by priests and seminarians from the diocese. The camp includes a full schedule of hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports and games, daily Mass and prayer, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other.

The cost is only \$50 and financial aid is available. For more information or to register, please visit [www.liveinblackandwhite.com](http://www.liveinblackandwhite.com) or contact Alyse Hlasny at 603-663-0183 or [ahlasny@rcbm.org](mailto:ahlasny@rcbm.org).

### **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.

### **CARING FOR LOVED ONES WITH DEMENTIA ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you caring for a family member or friend with memory loss? You don't have to face it alone. Join Catholic Charities for a five-week online support group starting **June 11**. All sessions are on Tuesdays and run from 1:30 to 2:30 PM. You will discover a deeper understanding of dementia and practical resources to support your loved one's well-being. Contact Louise Morneau at [lmorneau@nh-cc.org](mailto:lmorneau@nh-cc.org) if you are interested but cannot attend at the times listed above. The program will run again at different times. Register at: <https://www.cc-ch.org/events/dementia-support-group/>.

### **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, June 19 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.**

For centuries Pentecost has been one of the premier days of the Church year. The Church in different places has celebrated Pentecost with all kinds of symbols and traditions. Customary at Pentecost were branches of fresh foliage, bundles of green grasses and reeds, and a large number of familiar spring flowers: roses, poppies, peonies and irises.

On Pentecost, people feasted on the first pickings of their gardens: asparagus, peas, lettuces and herbs, rhubarb and strawberries. With pastures lush and with flocks and herds giving birth, the abundance of dairy products transformed winter's fast into springtime's great feast.

These signs of the season came to be interpreted as emblems of the life-giving Spirit, as reminders of God's covenant with all creation.

On the Jewish calendar, *Shavuot*, the feast of "Weeks," falls 50 days -seven weeks-after Passover (*Shavuot*) is also called Pentecost, from the Greek word for 50.) The days between Passover and *Shavuot* are the time of the grain harvest in many Mediterranean lands. This most important harvest of the year must be successful, though even a good crop of grain is extremely vulnerable just before it is gathered in. When grain ripens, it grows brittle and is easily broken by wind, easily rotted by rain. The 50 days in Jewish lore are a time of pensiveness, of holding one's breath until the harvest has been safely brought into storage.



Even in more northerly climates we know the anxieties of spring. When will the fields dry out so that we can plant? When will the rains come so that the seed will sprout? A hailstorm can wreck an orchard, a cold snap can kill newly hatched chicks, and a dust storm can asphyxiate a herd.

Pentecost became a celebration of the end of anxiety – a feast of fulfillment. Some of its customary images are dishes prepared from milk and honey as signs of our arrival in the “promised land” of the settled days of summer. Cheesecake was just about invented as a Pentecost delicacy.

Another Hebrew title for Pentecost is *Yom ha-Bikkurim*, “the day of firstfruits.” A firstfruit is an offering to God of the first of each harvest. Throughout the Fifty Days, an offering of barley was made to God, and at Pentecost the offering changed to the first sheaves of ripe wheat.

In Jewish and Christian folklore, Pentecost is associated with ripe, red strawberries, golden apricots and cherries - the first of the summer fruits. This is just about the time of year these fruits grow ripe in the warmer places of North America, and markets everywhere have them in abundance.

The Pentecost custom of filling homes and houses of worship with lush greenery was kept by Jews and Christian alike. The custom still lives on in central and eastern Europe. There is great mystery in a simple green branch or a stalk of green grass.

Not that many weeks ago the earth seemed lifeless, but in time the ground softened, the buds swelled and blossomed, and the Passover arrived. Now that the season is complete, the days have gotten long and warm, trees are green, and the earth has grown fruitful.

The branches and bundles of green grasses may remind us of phrases from the Pentecost sequence- *Veni Creator Spiritus* – “*dulce refrigerium*,” “sweet refreshment,” and “*in aestu temperies*,” “mildness in the heat.” These are attributes of the Holy Spirit.

City folks sometimes substituted paper roses and green foliage for the real thing. The art of cut paper added a lovely dimension to Pentecost and sometimes was combined with real greenery and flowers. Paper birds, flowers, garlands and other ornaments would be used to festoon whole small trees cut and brought inside. In past generations, Christmas was not the only season for decorated trees. Many Byzantine churches still use small birches and poplars in their decoration, especially of the front doors. Some Jewish synagogues spread their floors with sweet-smelling hay and decorate the ark of the scriptures with tree branches.

The story of the covenant on Sinai, where God came down in fire and wind, became the principal focus of the festival of *Shavuot*. The covenant completes the Passover. The Israelites kept vigil while Moses received the tablets of the law; thus keeping vigil throughout the night became a Jewish custom for *Shavuot*. It also became a custom for Christians at Pentecost so that Easter time would end the way it began, with a nighttime vigil.

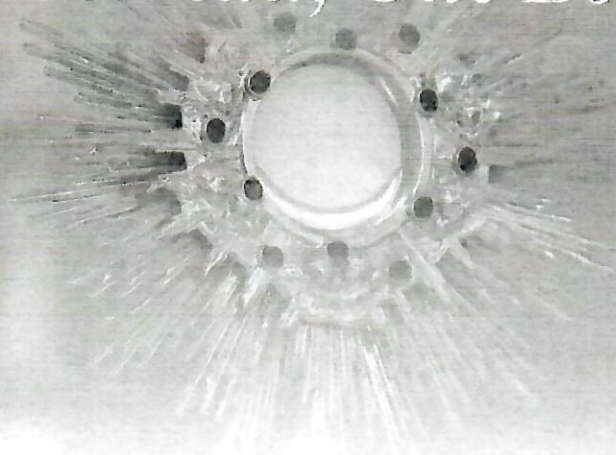
We Christians add the story of the descent of the Holy Spirit to the other stories we celebrate at Pentecost, the stories we have received as a legacy from the Jewish celebration. With special delight we contrast the story in Acts of the Spirit’s gift of the understanding of languages with the disruption of languages on the tower of Babel. Pentecost can be for us a kind of festival of the nations - like Epiphany, the herald of a world at peace.



# 2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II

## *One Bread, One Body*

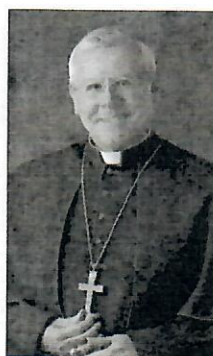


## *Our Church. Your Impact!*

[WWW.CATHOLICNH.ORG/NHCA](http://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](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca)





A gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians and much more. Each dollar is carefully stewarded to provide the maximum cost effectiveness for our ministries.

*Your gift supports these essential ministries that keep our faith thriving in New Hampshire.*

- Increasing and supporting vocations (seminarian education, formation, and support of the permanent diaconate)
- Making Catholic education affordable, accessible, and available to all who desire it
- Catholic Charities New Hampshire
- Caring for our retired clergy
- Vibrant parishes
- Evangelization and catechesis at home with *Parable* magazine
- Missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry in New Hampshire

## WAYS TO GIVE

### Make Your Gift Online

[www.catholienh.org/NHCA](http://www.catholienh.org/NHCA)

Make a one-time gift, pledge, or give a monthly recurring gift using a credit or debit card.

### Pay by Cash or Check

Make your check payable to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal** and mail to:  
New Hampshire Catholic Appeal  
P.O. Box 5456 Manchester, NH 03108

Check pledges will receive monthly reminders.  
All pledges will be a maximum of 10 months and should be paid in full by March 31, 2024.

### Securities/Stocks, IRAs, Donor Advised Funds and Bequests

We are grateful for your consideration of these types of important gifts. Please call the Development Office for more information on how to plan your gift at 603-663-0136. Please consult your legal representative or tax advisor first to maximize your benefit.



→ **Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish goal is \$46,979.00**

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



# **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 2<sup>nd</sup> collections plus the Catholic Charities NH special collection and the *Parable* magazine drive to help you determine how much to give. The pledge and recurring gift option may make this amount feasible.

### **Should I make a pledge, recurring gift, or a one-time gift?**

Making a pledge or a recurring gift allows you to spread your gift over several months, which may make it easier for you to budget, and may also allow you to give a larger gift.

### **How Should I Give?**

There are many ways that you can give to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.

- Donate online with credit/debit card.
- Pledge – submit your pledge (through the gift envelope, or online)
  - All check pledges will receive a monthly reminder.
- Recurring Gift – set up a monthly recurring gift (through the gift envelope, or online)
- Check – make checks payable to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**.
- Cash may be sent in using the gift envelope, but we encourage check or credit card.
- Donate stock – call (603) 663-0136 for broker instructions.
- Donate through your IRA – contact your IRA administrator and have your gift sent directly to the Office of Development and Communications at 153 Ash Street, Manchester, NH 03104 – include your name, and the parish you want the gift credit to go towards.

### **Can Saint Luke parishioners donate using our online giving platform used for parish offertories?**

**No.** At this time, Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish electronic giving is not connected to the NH Catholic Appeal. This is because of the complications of reporting to the Diocese and the tax-deductible reporting that must be done for all donations.





# Bringing Home the Word

**Pentecost Sunday (B)**

**May 19, 2024**

## Tongues of Fire

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

When I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the images suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: the Spirit of God set them on fire.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase “Spirit of God” refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today’s first reading tells us that those in the

house “filled with the holy Spirit” began fearlessly to tell of “the mighty acts of God” (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: the Spirit enlightens and comforts us; refreshes us and lets us rest; heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of “the mighty acts of God.” †

## Sunday Readings

### **Acts 2:1–11**

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.

**1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or  
Galatians 5:16–25**

[T]here are different forms of service but the same Lord.

**John 20:19–23 or  
John 15:26–27; 16:12–15**

But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.

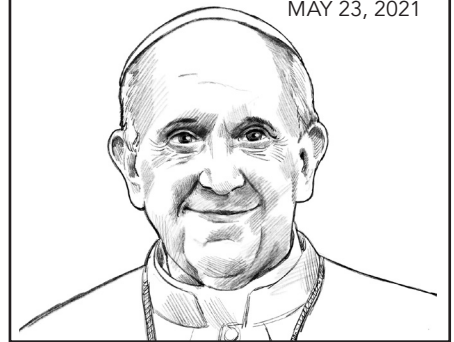
***The Holy Spirit transforms us  
so that we, in turn,  
might transform our world.***



## ***A Word from Pope Francis***

The Spirit is asking us to embody the comfort he brings. How can we do this?... Not with trite words, but with prayer and closeness. Let us remember that closeness, compassion and tenderness are God’s “trademark,” always. The Paraclete is telling the Church that today is *the time for comforting*.

HOMILY, ST. PETER’S BASILICA,  
MAY 23, 2021



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How is the Spirit of God working through me?
- What gift of the Spirit am I praying for?

# Discovering Our Mission

Rev. Warren J. Savage and  
Mary Ann McSweeney

We all have a special calling or mission. We are drawn to a way of life that gives us a sense of purpose. Some people feel called to raise a family, to become an educator, a social worker, an engineer, a scientist, a doctor, a nurse, a lawyer, an electrician, a carpenter, a law enforcement officer, an accountant, a politician, a spiritual leader, a musician, or an artist. It takes time to discern our calling in life. We need to observe and work with others to get a sense of what we would like to become. Our calling in life is not about ourselves; it is connected to a universal vision of a world in which all people can live and work together in



love and peace. Inherent in our calling is a common desire to serve people, to improve the quality of life, and to teach others what we have learned.

After Jesus rose from the dead and before he ascended into heaven, he gave his disciples a mission to carry out. Their mission was to be a sign of Jesus' presence in the world, to gather people together into one family, and to teach them how to love one another. At baptism, we received the same mission. God's mission must be reflected in our lives and in our work. We have been called in the risen Jesus to be God's presence, to build community, to love and serve others. †

*From Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost by Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney, (821417) available at Liguori.org.*

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Who Is the Holy Spirit" by Elizabeth A. Johnson

Who is God? A typical Catholic woman or man would probably answer this question by referring to God the Father and to Jesus Christ. A few might speak of God as "Mother." Only the rare person would answer, "The Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is often forgotten among Catholic Christians, especially in the Western world. To downplay the Holy Spirit is to diminish our sense of God's presence and activity among us in the world today. For the Holy Spirit is God's own self in outreach to the world. The Holy Spirit is God's presence and activity among us. The Holy Spirit is God continuously drawing near and passing by to vivify, renew, and love us and all of creation. †

*Catholic Update*—a subscription newsletter published eleven times a year—explores Church teaching and tradition on contemporary topics.  
To subscribe, visit [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org) or call 800-325-9526.



*Lord Jesus, fill us with your Spirit and give us this day what we need to be fearless, truthful, loving witnesses to the gospel, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

May 20–25

**Monday**, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church: Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 / Jn 19:25–34

**Tuesday**, Weekday: Jas 4:1–10 / Mk 9:30–37

**Wednesday**, Weekday:  
Jas 4:13–17 / Mk 9:38–40

**Thursday**, Weekday:  
Jas 5:1–6 / Mk 9:41–50

**Friday**, Weekday:  
Jas 5:9–12 / Mk 10:1–12

**Saturday**, Weekday:  
Jas 5:13–20 / Mk 10:13–16

Bringing Home  
the Word 

May 19, 2024

© 2024 Liguori Publications, a ministry of the Redemptorists. One Liguori Drive, Liguori, MO 63057. Scripture quotations in this publication are from the *New American Bible*, revised edition, © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington, DC. The Pope Francis quotation is used with permission and copyright © 2024 *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*. All rights reserved. 1-800-325-9521. [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).