



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Gathering: Table Of Plenty BB 312
 Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)
My Soul thirsts for you, Lord, like the desert thirsts for rain. It is your face I long for; you alone are life to me.
 Preparation: Parable BB 678
 Mass Parts: Mass Of Creation
 Communion: Eye Has Not Seen BB 475
 Recessional: How Can I Keep From Singing BB 447

✠ 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!

November 10, 2024

Offertory \$6,834.68
Campaign for Human Dev. \$1,358.00



UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- November 17 Fuel
 November 24 Christmas Flowers
 December 1 Property Management

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.



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!



Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

| Annual Income | 5% Commitment annually/ weekly | 3% Commitment annually/ weekly |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$100,000 | \$5,000/\$100 | \$3,000/\$60 |
| \$75,000 | \$3,750/\$75 | \$2,250/\$45 |
| \$60,000 | \$3,000/\$60 | \$1,800/\$36 |
| \$50,000 | \$2,500/\$50 | \$1,500/\$30 |
| \$40,000 | \$2,000/\$40 | \$1,200/\$24 |
| \$30,000 | \$1,500/\$30 | \$900/\$18 |
| \$25,000 | \$1,250/\$25 | \$750/\$15 |
| \$15,000 | \$750/\$15 | \$450/\$9 |

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

| Your Current Offertory Contribution | 25% Increase | 30% Increase | 40% Increase |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| \$75.00 | \$93.75 | \$97.50 | \$105.00 |
| \$50.00 | \$62.50 | \$65.00 | \$70.00 |
| \$40.00 | \$50.00 | \$52.00 | \$56.00 |
| \$35.00 | \$43.75 | \$45.50 | \$49.00 |
| \$30.00 | \$37.50 | \$39.00 | \$42.00 |
| \$25.00 | \$31.25 | \$32.50 | \$35.00 |
| \$20.00 | \$25.00 | \$26.00 | \$28.00 |
| \$15.00 | \$18.75 | \$19.50 | \$21.00 |
| \$10.00 | \$12.50 | \$13.00 | \$14.00 |
| \$5.00 | \$6.25 | \$6.50 | \$7.00 |



NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thanks to all who have made their gift to the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II* this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more.

Our Parish has raised \$47,045.00 toward our 2024 goal of \$ 46,979.00. Thank you for helping us meet our goal!!!!

HELP WANTED – ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Volunteers are needed to help do some rearranging and decorating on **Sunday, November 24 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow.** Our tasks include putting up and arranging trees, song book change-over and some clean up in preparation for the Advent season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! We also need helpers to put lights on trees in both churches in days following. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

Deadline for the December 1 bulletin is **Monday, November 18 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 8 bulletin in **Monday, November 25 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 15 bulletin is **Monday, December 2 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 22 bulletin is **Monday, December 9 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the December 29 bulletin is **Monday, December 16 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the January 5 bulletin is **Monday, December 16 at 12:00 Noon.**

From the Pastor's Desk



SAFETY AND SECURITY

Our Parish properties are active places, where traffic and parked vehicles are a constant presence in the ebb and flow of a busy week. It is important to remember that because of the activity on both campuses, it is easy for someone looking for a quick deed to find a vehicle. **Please be sure to lock and secure your vehicle when you are parked on either campus.** If possible, secure valuables out of sight or make sure valuables in an open bed truck are secure. We have requested extra police presence in our lots during Masses, but patrols can only do so much. Each of us are responsible for making sure, as best we as are able, that our vehicles are safe and secure. Anyone seeing something or someone unusual in the lots is welcome to contact the local police.



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

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

*Thank you for your support of the poor among us.
Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry*

WHILE AWAY THIS FALL...

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

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

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| Sunday, November 17 | | |
| 10:00 AM | Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 | <i>Plaistow</i> |
| Tuesday, November 19 | | |
| 6:00 PM | Finance Council Meeting | <i>Plaistow</i> |
| Wednesday, November 20 | | |
| Holy Angels Church | | |
| Open All Day For Prayer | | |
| 7:00 PM | Acts of the Apostles | <i>Plaistow</i> |
| 7:00 PM | Outreach Ministry Meeting | <i>Plaistow</i> |
| Thursday, November 21 | | |
| 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM | Eucharistic Adoration | <i>Newton</i> |
| 1:30 PM | Acts of the Apostles | <i>Plaistow</i> |
| Saturday, November 23 | | |
| 3:00 PM | Sacrament of Reconciliation | <i>Plaistow</i> |
| Sunday, November 24 | | |
| 10:00 AM | Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 | <i>Plaistow</i> |
| 6:00 PM | Evening Prayer | <i>Newton</i> |

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

Attention Parents

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind!

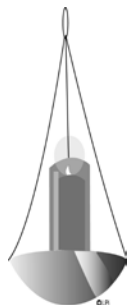
The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Moses and Ellen Tucker** by William Tucker



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

Suzanne Busch

by Jim Edwards



The Sanctuary Light at Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Geraldine and Dennis Miele

by Armand and Rachel Lanseigne

PRAYER LINE

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

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, November 16 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32 (Vigil)

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

Sunday, November 17 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

8:00 AM Pamela Beaudette (2nd Anniversary) by the Stanley family
Newton

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

Monday, November 18 ~ Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Rose Phillipine Duchesne, Virgin

Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Angwin and Elder families by Charlie and Lisa Angwin
Newton

Tuesday, November 19 ~ Weekday

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Plaistow

Wednesday, November 20 ~ Weekday

Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

6:30 PM Manuel Pacheco by his sister, Maria Andrade
Plaistow

Thursday, November 21 ~ The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

8:00 AM Vincent Early, Sr. by Jack Brotz
Newton

Friday, November 22 ~ Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

No Mass

Saturday, November 23 ~ Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Columban, Abbot; Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40 (Day)

Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Theresa Tremblay by Jackie Tremblay
Plaistow

Sunday, November 24 ~ Our Lord, Jesus Christ, The King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

8:00 AM Joe Andrade by his wife, Maria Andrade
Newton

10:00 AM Carl Jesionowski by his wife
Plaistow



ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

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

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

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

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

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



THE GOD MINUTE

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called The God Minute. It's then uploaded for you to access and prayer along with 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.

www.thegodminute.org

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry, and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.**

In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date.

Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.

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.

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
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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 St Jude Council supports the Parish's Food Pantry on a continual basis. We have purchased new freezers and refrigerators, we provide food baskets, make a \$1300 annual donation, conduct monthly food drives, provide resources for loading and unloading food shipments, donate \$750 towards the Giving Tree, and \$300 towards the back to school clothing drive.

This is just one of our many activities. If you want more information on our Council or our Associate membership program, contact Peter at pmpjs6@comcast.net or 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.) Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.



GIVING TREES

Giving Trees will be located in the back of both churches beginning on the weekend of **November 23-24**. Please take an ornament, buy the item(s) listed, and return it - **with the ornament attached** - to the church or the parish office **no later than December 14-15** (the Third Sunday of Advent).



**Saint Luke the Evangelist
OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Luke 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 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, November 20 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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
November 17, 2024

“In Those Days...”

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This phrase is frequently found in the writings of the prophets. While it sometimes points to a future time of peace and happiness, it often portends imminent fear and trembling, as it does in today’s readings. Both Daniel and Jesus speak of the suffering that will precede the end of the world. This suffering is often called the “birth pangs of the Messiah” (Matthew 24:8; Mark 13:8; John 16:21). This apt metaphor includes both life-threatening distress and wondrous joy over new birth. Pain and subsequent happiness are both described in today’s readings.

The author of Daniel may be

referring to the end of the whole world but is probably also presenting the end of his own world, which would have included the suffering and death of Jews who remained faithful under persecution. Some interpreters suggest Jesus is speaking similarly. That is, he is using a familiar figure of speech that characterizes suffering as birth pangs. According to this metaphor, there might be terrible suffering, but at the end, there is utter happiness.

Both Daniel and Jesus seek to encourage their hearers to remain faithful even in the face of torment, for new life can come out of such suffering. This is a message we all need to hear. Suffering is a reality in every life. How do we endure it? Does it sour us, break us down? Or do we emerge as new people, more sensitive and understanding? It is up to us. †

Sunday Readings

Daniel 12:1-3

[The Lord said,] “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.”

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God.

Mark 13:24-32

[Jesus said,] “And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.”

There might be terrible suffering, but at the end, there is utter happiness.



A Word from Pope Francis

Here then is some advice for making important choices.... Before deciding, let us imagine that we are standing in front of Jesus.... And imagining ourselves there, in his presence, at the threshold of eternity, we make the decision for today. We must decide in this way: always looking to eternity, looking at Jesus.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 14, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Can you remember a time when joy followed suffering?
- In the midst of suffering, what helps you believe that all will be well?



Alert for God's Love

Patricia Livingston

The liturgical year closes with weeks of apocalyptic end-time Scriptures. Then, moving into Advent, more warnings. The Advent gospels in all cycles have an ominous tone, admonishing us, "Be alert! Stay awake! For you do not know when the time will come" (e.g., Mark 13:33, Matthew 24:42). We are challenged to be vigilant lest a thief break in.

Recently, I have argued with these Scripture choices. The fear response seems like the wrong way to prepare for the Lord's coming. These days, we are surrounded by constant warnings of all kinds, incessant exhortations to beware of enemies sneaking in from every direction. I find I need to be challenged to awaken not for danger, but for joy. For beauty, for kindness, for God's humor in unexpected turns of events. "Wake up for the inbreaking of grace," I need someone to call out to me. "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of God is coming in an amazing moment of love." Christmas is about God coming in an amazing moment of love. I want to spend Advent on the lookout for love.

Last year, one of my grandsons played an angel in the Christmas pageant. He had one line: "Hark! I bring you glad tidings of great joy." Long after the play was over, he kept using the word hark. ("Hark, Grandma is on the phone!" "Hark, the pizza man is at the door!") I am imagining a voice this Advent telling me to hark! In some form, there will be glad tidings of great joy. I was in a crowded mall in early December, surrounded by a cross-section of shopping humanity. Over the din, I heard a classic song in the unmistakable voice of the young Bing Crosby—a song about home and Christmas. For the interlude of an indrawn breath, it seemed all the people paused.

In Advent, we pause to remember that God is calling us home for Christmas. Home, the place deep inside us where God is at home in us. Home, where we never have to be afraid. †

This reflection is an excerpt from *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas* by Patricia Livingston, Liguori Publications (817380). Advent begins in two weeks. Visit Liguori.org for *Daybreaks* and other spiritual reading for the season.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Fulton J. Sheen: Seven Pearls of Wisdom"

No story in all the gospel so much reveals the power of a single passion to enwrap, enchain, possess, and degrade a person's character as the tragedy of the traitor apostle. It is we, then, who know Christ, who possess his truth and his life, who can injure him more than those who know him not. We may never act the traitor's part in a big way, but through insignificant signs: like the kiss of Judas, by a silence when we should defend, by fear of ridicule when we should proclaim, by a criticism when we ought to witness, or by a shrug of the shoulders when we ought to fold our hands in prayer. Well, indeed, may the Savior then ask us, "Friend, will you betray me with a kiss?"

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Faithful God, help me to live today and tomorrow so that on my last day on this earth, I may greet you without regret for the good I failed to do. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 18–23

Monday, Weekday:
Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5 / Lk 18:35–43
Tuesday, Weekday:
Rv 3:1–6, 14–22 / Lk 19:1–10
Wednesday, Weekday:
Rv 4:1–11 / Lk 19:11–28

Thursday, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Rv 5:1–10 / Lk 19:41–44
Friday, St. Cecilia:
Rv 10:8–11 / Lk 19:45–48
Saturday, Weekday:
Rv 11:4–12 / Lk 20:27–40