

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Gathering: Gather Us In BB 320
 Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; Oh, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
 Preparation: Whatsoever You Do BB 619
 Mass Parts: Mass of Creation
 Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life BB 355
 Recessional: How Can I Keep From Singing BB 569

✠ 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!

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
 FEBRUARY 16, 2025
 WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- February 23 No Second Collection
 March 2 Property Management
 March 9 No Second Collection

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

TAX TIME SUGGESTION

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

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an “end of year” financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2024, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

HELP WANTED TO PUT AWAY TREES

With Lent fast approaching, volunteers are welcome to help prepare the churches on **Sunday, March 2 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow.** Our tasks include taking down our green trees and some light cleanup of the churches in preparation for the Lenten season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! Please contact the Parish Office for more information – or just stay after Mass!

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH BREAKFAST

Bishop Libasci invites men of the Diocese of Manchester to Holy Mass and breakfast at St. Joseph Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, patron of our diocese on **Saturday, March 22, 2025.** Open seating for Holy Mass. Seating for breakfast is limited to the first 240 registrants. Cost is only \$14. To register for the event go to www.catholicnh.org/mosj.


HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed from December 2024 until Spring 2025. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER...

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

Vita Nova
ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT
LED BY: VERY REV. Jason Jalbert
Sign Up Before 2/17 To **SAVE \$25**
MARCH 14-16, 2025
Exploring the **FOUR** Last Things
DEATH | JUDGMENT | HELL | HEAVEN
Enjoy a weekend of fellowship & spiritual growth at the Barbara C. Harris Center in Greenfield, NH.
vitanova.org/catholic-mens-retreat

The 2025 **GIFTED Women's** 1 DAY RETREAT
March 29th | 8AM - 3:30PM
St. Michael Parish in Exeter
Join Us!
Connect with our Catholic community for a day of reflection and enrichment, featuring talks by women, for women. We will take a look at the holy saints who have come before us, then we'll explore the spiritual gifts that we each possess as daughters of God.
Our day starts with Mass, Breakfast & Lunch included!
Spiritual Director: Fr. Matt Mason, Pastor, St. Mary + St. Michael Parish
Just \$30/PERSON. Covers Meals + Materials
Registration ends 3/23. RSVP at: 
vitanova.org/womens-retreat

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

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.

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, February 23
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 *Plaistow*

Wednesday, February 26
 Holy Angels Church Open
 All Day for Prayer

Thursday, February 27
 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

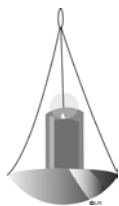
Saturday, March 1
 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, March 2
 PREPARE CHURCHES FOR LENT
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 *Plaistow*

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

Attention Parents

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



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Nancy Wilson** by the Lumnah family

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

We gather at the Eucharist to pray for anyone, living or deceased. If you would like to request a Mass for a particular intention such as thanksgiving for a new birth, healing for a sick friend or family member, or for a deceased loved one or friend, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or email jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, February 22 ~ 7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Paul Caron by Ray and Beverley Viglione
Plaistow

Sunday, February 23 ~ 7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

8:00 AM Nancy Wilson by the Lumnah family
Newton

10:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Favors Received by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Monday, February 24 ~ Weekday

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

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

Tuesday, February 25 ~ Weekday

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

8:00 AM Eleanor Feuer by Bonnie Lajoie
Plaistow

Wednesday, February 26 ~ Weekday

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

6:30 PM Eleanor Feuer by the Prayer Shawl Ministry
Plaistow

Thursday, February 27 ~ Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Newton

Friday, February 28 ~ Weekday

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

No Mass

Saturday, March 1 ~ Weekday

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16 (Day)

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45 (Vigil)

4:00 PM John Tammaro (1st Anniversary) by his family
Plaistow

Sunday, March 2 ~ 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

8:00 AM Lucy McGrath by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM Carl Jesionowski by his wife
Plaistow



ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION RETURNS

A new bill to legalize assisted suicide has been filed in the New Hampshire Legislature for 2025 (HB 254). The Diocese of Manchester will be working alongside a coalition of advocates for people with disabilities, veterans, young people, and seniors to prevent the ghastly practice of assisted suicide from ever being allowed in New Hampshire. We are once again asking for your help because this year's campaign, like last year's, will demand a strong grassroots effort. Visit www.catholicnh.org/nosuicide to learn what you can do.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one.

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon in Newton may also be offered in memory or honor of a loved one.

The suggested offering for each is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

LOS ANGELES FIRE RELIEF

Anyone wanting to contribute to the relief of the people affected by the wildfires in LA can visit Catholic Charities of Los Angeles at

www.catholiccharitiesla.org/donate/

Call (213) 251-3494 or (213) 251-3498 to contribute using VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. You can make a check contribution, payable to *Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.*, and mail to: Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., Development and Communications, 1531 James M. Wood Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90015.

Catholic Charities USA — the official domestic relief agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S. and a member of Caritas Internationalis, the church's global network of humanitarian organizations — is now accepting donations to its Los Angeles Wildfire Relief initiative, which can be accessed through the agency's website at www.catholiccharitiesusa.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
St. Luke's Outreach Ministry	603-382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	603-819-4949
Preschool	603-382-9783

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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**

Knights' Weekly Rosary

Every Thursday evening, starting at 7:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton, the Knights and other parishioners pray the Rosary. We pray for world peace and for special intentions, including those added the night of the Rosary by people attending. On the third Thursday of each month, the Rosary intention is for the Respect of Life.

Please consider joining us. It is a very spiritually fulfilling ½ hour.

**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.

PROJECT RACHEL

Are you looking for renewal and freedom after abortion? Help and healing are available for mothers and fathers who have experienced abortion. Contact Project Rachel for confidential, compassionate care. Call 603-663-0192 or email ProjectRachel@rcbm.org.

MASS ATTENDANCE WHILE SICK

Anyone who has been recently exposed to COVID 19 or any other communicable disease should not attend public services of any kind. **Those sick should remain at home until such time as they are healthy.**

Liturgy online or on TV...

Boston Catholic Television catholicstv.org
Sunday Mass from Notre Dame
catholicstv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass
Salt & Light TV saltandlighttv.org
Eternal Word Television ewtn.com



**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.

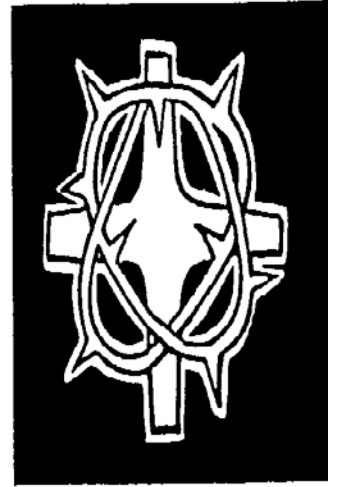
Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Luke Outreach Ministry box on your way out of church. Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those who need a hand up, not a handout.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, March 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.**

Do Something for Lent. Renew your faith.



What is the **Lenten Journey** all about? Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are called the “three pillars” of the Christian way of life. They help support a full and healthy life. During Lent we try to repair and strengthen these three pillars, which also are called the “three disciplines” because they help people become better disciples of the Lord.

What to do?

Today we continue to welcome sign-ups for small group Scripture sharing during Lent. We continue to pray together as our 2025 **Lenten Journey** gets underway. Ask for the Spirit’s guidance as you consider your involvement, pray that our Parish’s **Lenten Journey** be blessed.

Join a small group! Groups meet six times during the Lenten season to discuss the Lenten Sunday Lectionary readings. You will learn more about Scripture through the resource book provided, participate in interesting discussions, meet some wonderful people, and have the opportunity to build up the Body of Christ.

Take the opportunity to sign-up by filling out the registration form on the back and dropping it in the collection basket next week, drop it off at the parish office, or call the Parish Offices at (603) 382-8324.

What else? During Lent, special inserts in the weekly bulletin will focus on the Lenten Scriptures and on discipleship in the real world. Sunday Homilies will touch on living Jesus’ Gospel and on the questions discussed at Group meetings.

Evangelization – spreading the “Good News” is something everyone can do!

**Group Meetings begin the week of March 2
Lent begins on March 5**

LENTEN JOURNEY

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Please check the time and day you prefer

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. ____
(March 5 – April 9)

Thursday Afternoons at 1:30 p.m. ____
(March 6 – April 10)

**GROUP MEETINGS BEGIN
THE WEEK OF MARCH 2
GROUPS WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH
HALL**

**(Please return this form in the collection basket or bring
to the parish office)**



Bringing Home the Word

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
February 23, 2025

Love Your Enemies

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult mandates that Jesus demanded of his followers is love of enemies. He was not talking about people we do not particularly like or who do not belong to our families, ethnicities, or political groups. He was very clear about this. Jesus was talking about those who actually hate us, cause us physical harm, or take from us what we need to live. This kind of love is not only difficult but seems contrary to a specific kind of justice. This justice is called *retributive justice*, and it maintains that evil deeds should be punished. This kind of justice

is often accomplished by requiring time in jail or issuing a fine.

However, another kind of justice is called *restorative justice*. It maintains that a violation of someone's rights not only harms the victim, but it also fractures society. Therefore, it is not enough for the perpetrator to be punished; society must be restored as well. This might require restoring the victim's sense of personal value or security. At times, some form of community service is required of the perpetrator.

It has been said that the best way to get rid of enemies is to make them friends. That seems to be what Jesus is advocating in today's gospel. If someone has hurt you, overwhelm that person with your kindness, just as God has overwhelmed you with kindness and mercy. †

Sunday Readings

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

The LORD repays everyone's righteousness and faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said,] "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."



The best way to get rid of enemies is to make them friends.

A Word from Pope Francis

There is nothing greater and more fruitful than love: it bestows all dignity to the person, while...hatred and vengeance decrease it, marring the beauty of the creature made in God's image. This command, to respond to insult and wrongdoing with love, has created a new culture in the world: "a culture of mercy."

ANGELUS, ROME,
FEBRUARY 24, 2019



REFLECTION
QUESTIONS



- Who has forgiven me?
- Am I withholding forgiveness from anyone? Why?

Forgiveness Is Possible!

Father Eamon Tobin

When I listen to very painful hurts and injustices that some people have had to endure, I do understand why they would have absolutely no desire to forgive and let go of hurts and wrongs done to them. I even understand why some people may conclude that it would be wrong to forgive some hurts and grave injustices. Some people find it repulsive to even think about forgiving certain hurts. Unfortunately, the consequence of such a stance is that people are trapped in a sea of bitterness and continue to be controlled emotionally by those who have inflicted terrible hurts or injustice upon them. When we choose not to forgive, we knowingly or unknowingly choose to cheat ourselves of the joy of living. When we live life with resentment in our hearts, our resentment becomes the lens



through which we see reality and people. We see them not as they are but as how our resentment wants us to see them.

Others who have been grievously hurt feel that forgiveness is way beyond their reach. On a human level, forgiveness is beyond many people's reach. That is why we often hear the saying "To err is human, but to forgive is divine." With the

grace of God, all things are possible—even forgiving what seems like an unforgivable sin or crime.

[For example,] Father Jenco, one of the Beirut hostages, forgave those who had starved, degraded, and brutalized him. He said that only when he was able to forgive his kidnappers was he able to enjoy his freedom. Fortunately, for the vast majority of us, we never have to forgive wrongs or crimes like these. Most of the issues we deal with are relational hurts between family members, friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners, or coworkers. I realize that some such hurts can be very big, but many are not, and yet we choose to hold on to grudges about some hurts for years. Sadly, many people take their hurts to the grave. †

From *How to Forgive Yourself and Others: Steps to Reconciliation* by Father Eamon Tobin, Liguori Publications (815324). Available at Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Blessed John Paul I: A Smile on the Face of Christianity" by Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

For thirty-four days in 1978, Pope John Paul I led the Church in one of the shortest papacies in history. In this brief period, he had no time to write encyclicals, change policy, canonize saints, or implement the primary goals of his pontificate, which included a revision of canon law—a task his successor carried out in 1983. Yet, in spite of his few official actions, the humanity and holiness of John Paul I left an indelible imprint on the hearts of the faithful and helped lead to his beatification (officially, September 4, 2022).

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PRAYER

Merciful God, teach us to forgive, even those who have hurt us or harmed those we love, so that we may be witnesses to your forgiveness. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

February 24–March 1

Monday, Weekday:

Sir 1:1–10 / Mk 9:14–29

Tuesday, Weekday:

Sir 2:1–11 / Mk 9:30–37

Wednesday, Weekday:

Sir 4:11–19 / Mk 9:38–40

Thursday, Weekday:


Sir 5:1–8 / Mk 9:41–50

Friday, Weekday:

Sir 6:5–17 / Mk 10:1–12

Saturday, Weekday:

Sir 17:1–15 / Mk 10:13–16

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