

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Second Sunday Of Easter

Gathering: Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones BB 710

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

No Second Collection

Property Management

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water and your name.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Alleluia BB 590 Preparation: Mass Parts: Storrington Mass

April 27

May 4

May 11

\$15,000

Communion: Unless A Grain Of Wheat BB 490

Recessional: Glory In The Cross BB 147

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). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

Offertory Fuel	April 13, 2025	\$7,468.69 \$2,289.74
Rice Bowls	April 17, 2025	\$1,493.50
Holy Land	April 18, 2025	\$ 754.00
Offertory	April 20, 2025	\$10,888.35



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). Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at http://stlukenh.org, click on the Parish Giving

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



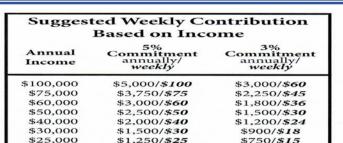
Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, logo, and follow the easy registration instructions. please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you.

can donate.



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!



\$750/\$15

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	\$18.70	\$19.50	\$21.00	
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00	
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00	

\$450/\$9



For 33 days, from May 18 through June 19, 2025, our Eucharistic Lord will be prayerfully processed throughout the Diocese – which encompasses the entire State of New Hampshire – stopping at every parish and Catholic school.

Your parish or school will share details about the plans for their participation, which may include Mass, Eucharistic adoration, the recitation of the rosary and Eucharistic procession.

For more information about the New Hampshire Eucharistic Pilgrimage, including Bishop Libasci's decree promulgating the Jubilee Year of Hope and the plenary indulgence provided for participation in the pilgrimage, visit www.catholicnh.org/nhjubileel







SHOP FOR BETHLEHEM

Saint Luke Parish in Newton-Plaistow will host a special sale featuring handcrafted olivewood items from the Holy Land. Mr. Hazboun of Bethlehem will be at Holy Angels Church, 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow NH on

Saturday, May 3, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM Sunday, May 4 from 10:00 AM to Noon

in the Saint Joseph Room of the Church Hall (back of the Church lower-level entrance). May gift items are available for Easter, Confirmation, First Eucharist, Mothers and Fathers Day. All proceeds go directly to Christian families in the Bethlehem-Nazareth area.

Visit www.holylandfamily.com for more information or to shop online. Contact St. Luke Parish at 603-382-8324 for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (**WWME.org**). It can help you in your communication, teach you many skills, and help you to grow in intimacy and in faith with one another. A weekend is being held on May 30 to June 1 in New Hampshire. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Matt & Julie King at 978-870-5646 or wwwmema.org.



THIRSTING FOR GOD?

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition and who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Are you that person?

Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet receive Confirmation and Communion? They may be thirsting too! The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Contact Father Albert at 603-382-8324 for more information.

BUSTED HALO

Busted Halo is a unique media resource sponsored by the Paulist Fathers of the US that utilizes a relevant and accessible voice to help people understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others. Check out their site, podcasts and videos at www.bustedhalo.com.

WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING...

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

₩ WEEKLY CALENDAR №

Sunday, April 27

Religious Ed – Grades K to 6 10:00 AM Plaistow 6:00 PM **Evening Prayer** Newton

> Wednesday, April 30 **Holy Angels Church Open** All Day for Prayer

> > Thursday, May 1

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Newton 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting **Plaistow**

Saturday, May 3

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation **Plaistow** 3:00 to 6:00 PM Holy Land Vendors **Plaistow**

Sunday, May 4

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K-6 **Plaistow** Holy Land Vendors 10:00 AM to Noon **Plaistow** 11:00 AM VBS Volunteer Meeting **Plaistow**

> The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in

Thanksgiving for all Singers, and Musicians,

past and present, of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish

> The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in

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The Vigil Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Angelina Antczak

by the Burge 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 ▼

Saturday, April 26 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

(Vigil)

4:00 PM Peter and Olinda Taraborelli by their family

Plaistow

Sunday, April 27 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

8:00 AM Angelina Antczak by the Burge family

Newton

10:00 AM Carl Jesionowski by his wife

Plaistow

Monday, April 28 ~ Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

8:00 AM Ruth Early by Jack Brotz

Newton

Tuesday, April 29 ~ Catherine of Siena, Virgin and **Doctor of the Church**

Acts 4:32-37: Jn 3:7b-15

William Concannon by Cathy Smith 8:00 AM

Plaistow

Wednesday, April 30 ~ Pius V, Pope

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

6:30 PM Deceased Members of the Fogel family and

Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse

Plaistow

Thursday, May 1 ~ Joseph the Worker

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

All Souls Intentions 8:00 AM

Newton

Friday, May 2 ~ Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

No Mass

Saturday, May 3 ~ Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14 (Day)

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pineau family

by their family

Plaistow

Sunday, May 4 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

8:00 AM Francis Antczak by the Burge family

Newton

10:00 AM In Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes

Plaistow





New Hampshire Catholic Appeal 2025

This year's New Hampshire Catholic Appeal begins on the weekend of April 27; we hope you'll help us meet our goal of \$47,579.00! More information be will announced about the Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your support!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Our bulletin company will be doing maintenance on their copiers and they have asked us to send our bulletins early. The deadlines for submissions for bulletin announcements are:

Monday, April 28 for the May 18 bulletin Monday, May 5 for the May 25 bulletin Monday, May 19 for the June 1 bulletin

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.

2025 COME CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY



SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 TIME: 2:00-4:00 PM All Saints Parish, Bellevue Ave., Haverhill, MA

> 2:00 PM: "Reflection on Divine Mercy," by Fr. Tom MacDonald

2:30 PM: Exposition of Most Blessed Sacrament, Litany to Divine Mercy, Prayers at the Hour of Mercy 3:00PM: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung). 3:30-4:00PM Rosary & Benediction

(Please Note: Mass will NOT be offered during this time.) (confession available 2:00-4:00 PM) All are invited to attend! Remember to start the Novena on Good Friday, April 18, 2025.

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 Parish Prayer Line St. Luke's Outreach Ministry St. Luke's Food Pantry Preschool 603-382-8324 603-382-8324 x 314 603-382-8324 x 315 603-819-4949 603-382-9783 Fr. Albert Tremblay Cathy Smith Joyce Szczapa Jackie Tremblay Val Barczak fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net csmith@stluketheevangelist.net jszczapa@stluketheevangelist,net jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net mvmbarczak@comcast.net



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

Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights will be holding the drive in Plaistow from May 1 through May 4. Knights, Associate Members and friends from the community will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations. All monies collected will be donated to local organizations that assist the mentally and physical challenged and will also assist New Hampshire Special Olympics.

If you want more information about the Knights, including our Associate membership program, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or at dans49@comcast.net.

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 catholictv.org
Sunday Mass from Notre Dame

catholictv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass

Salt & Light TV saltandlighttv.org
Eternal Word Television ewtn.com



Saint Luke the Evangelist

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**, **May 21 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. New members are always welcome!

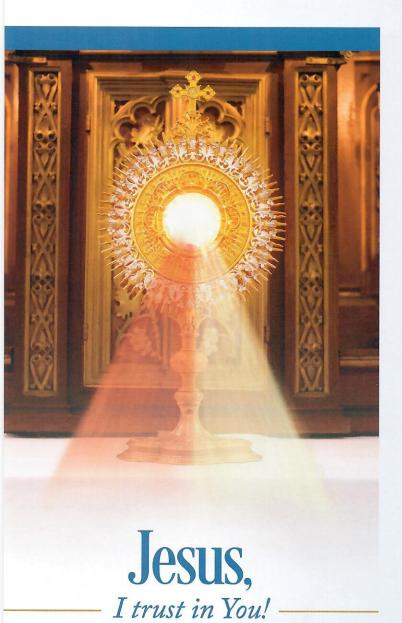
If you seek assistance or need information about St. Luke's Outreach Ministry, call 603-382-8324 x315.

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



2025 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Future of our Faith II



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"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

Matthew 5:7

In the beatitudes, Jesus reminds us to not only receive His mercy, but also to extend His mercy to others. In this way, we can care for the physical and spiritual needs of neighbors. In this spirit of mercy and charity, please consider giving a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal which supports those in need and provides for the ministries vital to the growth of our faith in New Hampshire.

Your gift supports the following ministries:

- Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH which provides compassionate guidance and support to New Hampshire residents facing dire situations or hardships
- Seminarian education and formation and support of the permanent diaconate
- · Care for our retired priests
- Catholic education
- Vibrant parishes
- Evangelization and catechesis in the home with Parable Magazine
- Faith Formation through campus ministry and Totus Tuus
- Multicultural Ministry
- · Catholic cemeteries



To donate or learn more about the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, visit our website at: www.catholicnh.org/nhca or scan the QR code



Bringing Home the Word +

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (C)
April 27, 2025

Take My Word for It

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

his is easier said than done.
Growing up, we insisted on doing things ourselves, learning from our own experiences, developing a sense of our own abilities. We came to know that there are times when we should—in fact, we must—take someone else's word for something. If we refuse to do this, we might be called a "doubting Thomas." Is that fair to us? Is it fair to Thomas?

As today's gospel passage reports, gathered in a room, several disciples of Jesus experienced him truly among

Sunday Readings

Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld.

John 20:19-31

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

them. Thomas was absent. When the others told Thomas what had occurred, he refused to take their word for it. To believe, he also would have to experience Jesus. It is unfair to credit them with faith and label him a doubter. After all, their experience probably convinced them, an event Thomas did not enjoy with the other disciples.

The point of this story is not Thomas' eventual visit by Jesus or his subsequent profession of faith. Rather, it is the source of such a confession. Thomas was unwilling or unable to accept the truth of the resurrection unless he saw Jesus and touched him. Jesus told him, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). Blessed are you and me, who have come to know Jesus and the truth of his resurrection on the word of others—our parents and teachers, pastoral ministers and friends—those who have come to know him and who witness to this in their lives. *

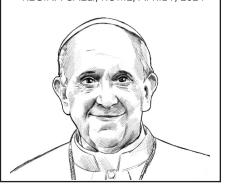


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A Word from Pope Francis

Let us ask ourselves: do I believe in the power of the resurrection of Jesus...? Do I believe in his victory over sin, fear, and death? Do I let myself be drawn into a relationship with the Lord, with Jesus? And do I let myself be prompted by him to love my brothers and sisters, and to hope every day?

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 7, 2024



REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS GRESTIONS SEEPLECTION

- How do I share my faith with others and listen when they share?
- How can I be quick to forgive and to seek the forgiveness of others?



Witnessing to God's Mercy

Let us embrace

Jesus' invitation

to dwell in

his merciful love.

Redemptorist Mass Companion

oday, the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy, inviting us to reflect on the boundless mercy of the Lord. The devotion to Divine Mercy is deeply rooted in the revelations given to

Saint Faustina Kowalska, who was told by Jesus that he embodies "Love and Mercy."

Sister Faustina was instructed by Jesus to paint an image of him with the inscription: "Jesus, I trust in You." Although she had concerns about the painting's accuracy, Jesus emphasized that the significance lay not in

the image itself but in the message it conveyed. The message is clear: God's mercy is so profound that he cannot punish even the greatest sinner if they sincerely appeal to his compassion. No soul that seeks his mercy is ever turned away.

Today, the Divine Mercy image and its associated devotions

are widespread, embodying the call to trust in Jesus' merciful love and to practice mercy in our own lives, as highlighted in Luke 6:36: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." The gospel emphasizes that faith must be accompanied by action.... Our faith should translate into tangible acts of charity. While not everyone needs financial assistance, a kind smile,

a compassionate word, or a supportive gesture can make a significant impact. Mother Teresa of Kolkata famously said, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." As we celebrate this feast, let us embrace Jesus' invitation to dwell in his merciful love and extend that mercy to others through our

actions and kindness. In doing so, we make the mercy of Christ tangible and impactful in our daily lives. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "We Believe in the Resurrection" by Thomas H. Groome

Jesus' resurrection was not just wishful thinking on the part of his disciples. To begin with, they clearly were not expecting it; those two disciples on the Emmaus road spent a whole day with him before recognizing who he was. Others, upon his appearance, were "startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost" (Luke 24:37). If this were a made-up story, they surely would have represented themselves better. Then, the disciples were transformed by their conviction that God had raised him up, many giving their lives in witness to this truth; such commitment is impossible from a conspiracy of fond hopes. The disciples knew that his resurrection was real because Jesus had shown them the wounds in his body—even inviting Thomas to touch them. (See John 20:24–29.)

Catholic Update—a subscription newsletter published eleven times a year—explores Church tradition and teaching on contemporary topics. For more information, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.



Lord Jesus, when I find it hard to believe, live in me and show me the way to live until I believe again. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 28—May 3

Monday, Easter Weekday: Acts 4:23–31 / Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday, St. Catherine of Siena: Acts 4:32–37 / Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday, Easter Weekday: Acts 5:17–26 / Jn 3:16–21 Thursday, Easter Weekday: Acts 5:27–33 / Jn 3:31–36

Friday, St. Athanasius: Acts 5:34–42 / Jn 6:1–15

Saturday, Sts. Philip and James: 1 Cor 15:1–8 / Jn 14:6–14



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