



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Third Sunday Of Easter

Gathering: At The Lamb's High Feast BB 178

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

*Sing a joyful song to the Lord, Alleluia!
Let the heavens and earth rejoice,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Sprinkling Rite: *God, you have moved upon the
waters, you have sung in the rush of
wind and flame; and in your love,
you have called us sons and
daughters, make us people of the
water and your name.*

Preparation: By Our Love BB 500

Mass Parts: Storrington Mass

Communion: I Received The Living God BB 347

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). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

April 27, 2025

Offertory

\$5,659.84



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

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



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 4 Property Management
May 11 No Second Collection
May 18 Fuel



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



BISHOP LIBASCI INVITES ALL THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL
TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL
**JUBILEE YEAR 2025 NEW HAMPSHIRE
EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE!**

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/nhjubil!

The NH Eucharistic Pilgrimage is generously sponsored by the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal and St. Thomas Aquinas High School.



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.

CONFIRMATION – FIRST EUCHARIST

On **Sunday, May 11 at 10 am** Bishop Peter Libasci of our Diocese will join us for Liturgy as Presider. The Bishop will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 9 Candidates and then welcome them to the Table of the Lord for the first time.

Please keep our Candidates and their Sponsors and families in your prayers as they come to this great moment in their Catholic journey.



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.

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 www.mema.org.

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 4

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

Monday, May 5

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, May 7
 Holy Angels Church Open
 All Day for Prayer

Thursday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 10

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, May 11

10:00 AM Confirmation & First Eucharist *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
 Mary, Mother of the Church
 will burn this week in loving memory of

Joshua Alberts

by Jim Edwards

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

Francis 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, May 3 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, May 5 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

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

Tuesday, May 6 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Wednesday, May 7 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

6:30 PM Deceased Members of the Fogel family and
 Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Thursday, May 8 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

8:00 AM Patricia Gates by Cathy Smith
Newton

Friday, May 9 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

No Mass

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

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69 (Day)

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Eleanor Feuer by the Pignatello family
Plaistow

Sunday, May 11 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

8:00 AM Micheline & Louis Inzero
 (Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance)
 by the Stanley family
Newton

10:00 AM Donna Hammerstein (2nd Anniversary) and
 John King by their mother
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 will be announced about the Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your support!



FROM THE PASTOR

Our church in Plaistow has long had a chair lift system installed on the southeast (office) side of the building. For forty years, it has helped those who have access issues enter and exit the church. But the system has its limitations: it cannot handle the weight of larger wheelchairs, making it useless for those who are permanently wheelchair bound. For the past few years, the chair lift has developed quirks that have made it undependable. Because of its age, it cannot be repaired or upgraded, and the Parish does not have any funds to replace the system. Over Easter Sunday, a person tried to use the system with the help of our Ushers, and the lift failed twice, trapping the person on the staircase. All was made well by our Ushers who stepped up to help, and the person who was stuck (twice!) was unharmed and went on their Easter way with a smile. But we are done. I cannot risk having another incident with the chair lift and having somebody stuck midair. **The system has been shut down and is no longer available to anyone.** We have not had large numbers of people requesting the chair lift, and we will try to accommodate people who need help as best we can.

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.

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
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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

Scholarships

The Knights are awarding two scholarships to one senior from Timberlane High School and one senior from Sanborn High School. The scholarships are awarded based on community service. The Knights will also be awarding a scholarship to a senior who is a parishioner of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish. Finally, the Knights will be awarding two more scholarships at their annual BBQ in August.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Parents – Mark your Calendars!

Parents – Please mark your calendars and save these dates - **June 23 to June 27** - for your children to attend *True North Vacation Bible School*.

Vacation Bible School is for children aged 4 to 12 and will run from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Monday through Friday in the Plaistow Church Hall.

Registrations will begin in May.

For more information, contact Joyce Szczapa at jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net.



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, 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.**



Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

May 4, 2025

Do You Love Me?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Three times, Jesus asked Simon Peter: “Do you love me?” (John 21:16). This is the same Peter who earlier had sworn three times that, even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. He was so sure of himself. Now, realizing the unreliability of his loyalty to Jesus, Peter is not so quick to answer with such self-confidence. Note that Peter did not reply with a straightforward “Yes!” Rather, he amplified each response with the telling words, “You know...”. With these words, Peter acknowledged that Jesus could read his mind and heart, that Jesus knew

Peter’s genuine love of him despite his all-too-human weakness. This itself was an act of faith.

This simple exchange did not humiliate Peter. That was not Jesus’ way. They both understood what Peter had done, and they both knew how brokenhearted it had left him. Peter was humbled—not by Jesus but by the recognition of his own human frailty. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Jesus commissioned Peter to be leader among his followers. Another person might have chosen a more reliable man. However, there is great strength and wisdom in a leader who has learned from experience how circumstances might cause otherwise brave people to turn their backs on their responsibilities and run from danger. Such a leader will challenge while being compassionate and stand firm while being understanding. This is the kind of leader Jesus chose, for he knew that Peter would be that kind of leader. †



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Sunday Readings

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

Revelation 5:11–14

And [the angels] cried out in a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.”

John 21:1–19 or John 21:1–14

[Peter answered Jesus,] “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” [Jesus] said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

A Word from Pope Francis

Do you love me? Jesus asks you, me, us, who have empty nets and are often afraid to start again; to you, me, and all of us who do not have the courage to dive in and have perhaps lost our momentum.... May Our Lady, who readily said “yes” to the Lord, help us to rediscover the impulse to do good.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- What have I learned about myself from my mistakes?
- Do I recognize the second chances I’ve been given?



Embracing Our Differences

John Paul George

We live in a society in which some feel the need to bully others because of the way they look, the way they live, or what they believe, among other things. I hope my

story encourages those who bully to think twice before committing this awful act. To those who are suffering or who have suffered from the effects of bullying, my goal is to be an inspiration, so you can see that you are amazing just the way you are. We are all different and unique. God made us that way; that's what makes us special.

I am different because I live each day with a life-threatening disability. This is my cross, but I own it. I share my story so that others, no matter what they may be going through, can

relate to certain feelings and catch that glimmer of hope. I have learned to deal with the struggle and fear of being different. I think many can identify with that. Living with half a heart is also not my only obstacle. I am very short for my age—most people think I am eleven years old when, in reality, I am twenty. When I go into a restaurant, I'm still offered a kid's menu and crayons. These issues are difficult, but I own them, and that's what makes me John Paul. I'm happy to be alive, doing the will of God. I thank him for allowing me to be in the world and, hopefully, to help others through the telling of my story. I can't change who I am, but I can change the world as I am. ‡

***We are all different
and unique.
God made us
that way.***

From *Heart of a Lion: A Story of God's Grace and a Family's Hope* by Derek and John Paul George, Liguori Publications (825453). To order, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "St. Joseph: The Christian Model" by Fr. Larry Toschi, OSJ

Do you see work as an expression of love for God and others? Without that perspective, it's easy to see work as nothing more than a means of financial reward—an incomplete and shallow definition indeed. As patron of workers, Joseph helps those who are out of work, those deciding on an educational or career path, and those in established occupations. He's a model for all forms of work, not only for employees and employers but also for stay-at-home parents, elderly volunteers, and young children in school. Where there is work to be done, Joseph will protect, equip, and guide us in all of our needs. Go to him.

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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, give me
the insight to recognize
my mistakes,
the wisdom to learn
from them,
and the humility to
seek forgiveness.
Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

May 5–10

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 6:8–15 / Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 7:51–8:1a / Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 8:1b–8 / Jn 6:35–40

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 8:26–40 / Jn 6:44–51

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 9:1–20 / Jn 6:52–59

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 9:31–42 / Jn 6:60–69

Bringing Home
the **Word** 

May 4, 2025

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