



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Gathering: All Are Welcome BB 443

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: Christ, Be Our Light BB 518

Mass Parts: Storrington Mass

Communion: Bread For The World BB 329

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.

May 11, 2025

Offertory

\$6,606.29

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
MAY 18, 2025
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



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 25 No Second Collection
June 1 Property Management
June 8 Catholic Communications



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.

The NH Eucharistic Pilgrimage will stop here on:

**Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish
Tuesday, June 3, 12:30 - 1:35 PM**

Join us for Mid-day prayer and Adoration at Plaistow

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/nhjubilee!

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



**Save the Date!
June 17th!
6:00 to 8:00 pm**

Join the Giving Tree Elves to create gift tags for this year's Giving Tree.

Save any Christmas and/or greeting cards you've received between now & then to use.

Ice cream treats have been promised. Talk with Elaine Kindler if you have questions.

More details to follow.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, May 26**. We will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 27.

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



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 wwwmema.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 ✠

Monday, May 26
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, May 28
Holy Angels Church Open
All Day for Prayer

Thursday, May 29
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, May 31
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, June 1
11:00 AM VBS Volunteer Meeting *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!

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT THE JOY OF GOD'S CREATION

Young Adult Retreat – The Joy Of God's Creation will take place from May 30 to June 1 at St. Anselm Abbey in Manchester, NH. Join us for a peaceful retreat at beautiful St. Anselm Abbey! The weekend will include Mass, Liturgy of the Hours with the Monks, Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual direction, and dynamic talks on the masculine and feminine genius. The retreat will begin at 5:00 PM on Friday, May 30 and will conclude after lunch at 1:00 PM on Sunday, June 1. PLEASE NOTE: You must be at least 18 years old to attend the retreat. For more information, contact Fr. Rory at rraynor@rcbm.org or Fr. Aloysius, OSB at asarasin@anselm.edu.



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 24 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Peter and Olinda Taraborelli by their family
Plaistow

Sunday, May 25 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

8:00 AM Marie Reilly (2nd Anniversary)
by the Stanley family
Newton

10:00 AM In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Plaistow

Monday, May 26 ~ Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—164a

8:00 AM Roy Lajoie (Birthday Remembrance)
by Bonnie Lajoie
Newton

Tuesday, May 27 ~ Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

8:00 AM Joseph Sheehan by Ann Marie Sheehan
Plaistow

Wednesday, May 28 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

6:30 PM Sr. Fernande Bolduc
by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
Plaistow

Thursday, May 29 ~ The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Newton

Friday, May 30 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

No Mass

Saturday, May 31 ~ The Visitation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56 (Day)

Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Robert Tremblay by Jackie Tremblay
Plaistow

Sunday, June 1 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

8:00 AM Gail F. DeSanctis by Carol and John Tucker
Newton

10:00 AM In Honor of St. Benedict
Plaistow





New Hampshire Catholic Appeal 2025

This year's New Hampshire Catholic Appeal continues; we hope you'll help us meet our goal of \$47,579.00! As of this week, we raised \$6,625.00 toward our goal. More information will be announced about the Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your support!

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL ATHLETIC CAMPS ARE OPEN!

St. Thomas Aquinas (STA) High School Athletic Camps are OPEN! STA's athletic camps are the perfect way to improve skills, make new friends, and stay active. They are offering camps in basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, and football starting in June and running through the beginning of August. Whether your child is a beginner or looking to level up their game, there's something for everyone. Spaces are limited, so don't wait – register today by visiting the link below and join the STA Saints for an unforgettable summer of sports.

<https://www.stalux.org/athletics/athletic-camps/>

CURSILLO

The Cursillo weekend is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a more personal level and to bring this love and joy into your daily life. For more information, contact Rick or Kathy Garon at 603-490-5222 or 603-490-8090.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling – any age, any cause. Our monthly support meetings are held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Newburyport, MA, Room 209 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM on the fourth Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions at 617-410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

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
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

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.

To register, or for more information, contact Joyce Szczapa at jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net or call her at 603-382-8324, ext. 303.



**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.

Thank you all 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.

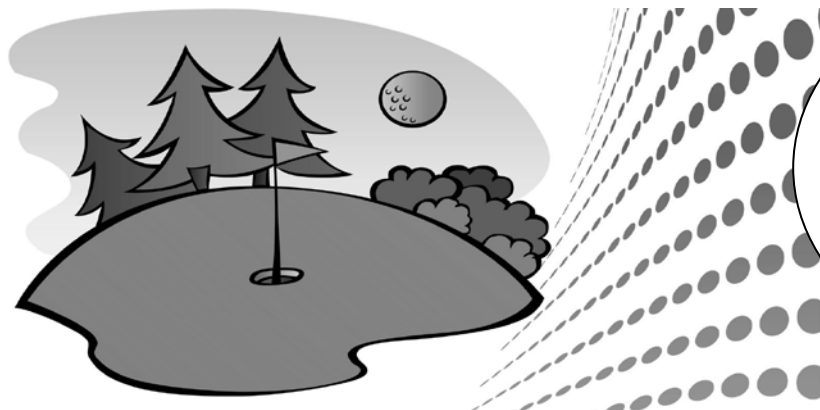
Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, June 18 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. New members are always welcome!

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.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. JUDE OPEN



**Council 6617
Knights of Columbus
30th Annual
St. Jude Golf Open
May 31, 2025
East Kingston, NH**

This year's St Jude Open is sold out with 144 golfers registered ! Each year the St. Jude Open assists select community members who have special needs. The K of C Council has selected two families in our community as beneficiaries of the 2025 Open.

**COULD
YOU HELP?**

We are offering sponsorships for the Open. Every dollar from sponsorship goes to the people we are helping this year. There are various levels of personal or business sponsorship available:

- \$5000 - \$10000 Tournament Sponsor
- \$500 - \$1000 Lunch Sponsor
- \$300 Cart/Mulligan/Putting/Long Drive Sponsor
- \$100 Hole Sponsorship
- \$100 Memorial Hole – To Honor a Loved One

We will also accept cash donations in any amount. Checks can be made out to the St. Jude Open and mailed to the Knights of Columbus, PO Box 589, Plaistow, NH 03865. For more information, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or dans49@comcast.net

St. Luke The Evangelist Parish

High School 2025 Scholarship



Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council – ~~2273~~

One \$500.00 Scholarship will be awarded to a
graduating 2025 High School Senior.

Applicants must be the child/grandchild of a registered member of St. Luke The Evangelist Parish and a senior graduating and planning to attend a college, university or trade school.

To apply, pick up a scholarship form located in the back of church.

The graduating student must fill out the form, provide a copy of their transcripts and return to the address below.

Applications are due back no later than ~~2-4-81~~

The awardee will be notified by ~~2-7-81~~

An announcement will be made on ~~2-8-81~~

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish

Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council #6617, PO Box 589, Plaistow, NH 03865



Bringing Home the Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

May 25, 2025

Times Are a-Changin’

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today’s gospel expands on a theme mentioned on the fourth Sunday of Easter, namely, change in religious practice. Many good people find some Second Vatican Council changes difficult to accept. For example, they may not like the new Mass form or leniency in Church discipline. This dissatisfaction is not necessarily because they are stubborn or unbending. It could be they were taught that the truth of the Church is eternal and unchanging, and they want to see that reflected in the liturgy.

The fundamentals of our faith as expressed in the Creed have not changed,

but the ways we understand or practice our faith have gradually developed. For instance, the Mass is still the Mass, with two essential parts. Yet, the wording of some prayers has changed, and, at Mass, we stand more and kneel less. Most are cultural changes, but there are some changes in theological understandings, too. We now recognize the religious value of other faith traditions; interfaith marriage is allowed with special permission; and we understand the teachings of the Bible in new ways.

Today’s reading from Acts shows that, from its beginning, the Church changed. Paul and Barnabas did not require Gentile believers to conform to circumcision—a Jewish, not Christian, practice. Dissension arose. But, the Holy Spirit helped the leaders in Jerusalem move beyond long-standing past practices and into a new way of being faithful. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to work through believers to ensure that the gospel is always faithful, yet newly meaningful. †



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A Word from Pope Francis

No sin, no failure, no grudge should discourage us from insistently asking for this gift from the Holy Spirit who gives us peace.... The more we sense we are nervous, impatient, angry inside, the more we need to ask the Lord for the Spirit of peace. Let us learn to say every day, “Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit.”

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 22, 2022



Sunday Readings

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29

It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities.

Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23

The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light.

John 14:23–29

[Jesus said,] “The Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Have there been changes that make me feel afraid or anxious?
- What do I need the Holy Spirit to help me with?



Peace on Earth Starts at Home

Barbara Canale

If only there could be peace on earth, or at least no war. On Memorial Day, let us remember all of the men and women who died while serving our country. Let us ponder the

sacrifices they and their families made to ensure our freedom and the freedom of others. If only we could achieve world peace. To begin, we must have peace within our own families. Consider how peaceful your home is living with a teenager.

Your home is supposed to be a sanctuary. It isn't easy to create a tranquil environment with kids in the house. Teenagers tend to be synonymous with noise and mess.

**To begin, we must
have peace
within our own
families.**

Quell the racket by listening to relaxing music. Clear out the clutter, and some of the chaos might go, too. Close your teenager's bedroom door if the room is messy. Get involved in a hobby or community service. Sometimes, too much togetherness or boredom creates tension in families. When there's a hobby, project, or place where you can seek asylum, it's easier to feel peaceful. Be mindful of your family's daily stresses. It's easy to take your family for granted, but show respect for them and remember that they have feelings, too. Pick your battles carefully with teenagers. Let the little things go. Instead, challenge the important issues. †

From *Hope and a Whole Lotta Prayer: Daily Devotions for Parents of Teenagers* by Barbara Canale, Liguori Publications (825828). To order, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

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

Who is the Spirit? The Spirit is simply God, present and active everywhere, pervading our lives. This basic but profound reality bears repeating today because so many do not experience God's nearness but think of God as quite distant. This is most unfortunate. For God is with us always and everywhere: past, present, in and out of religious settings. Through the Spirit, the risen Christ is present with us everywhere and in every moment, as pervasive as the air we breathe, the sun and the rain that come down on us, the wind that blows around us, the life that flows through our veins. This is the God we're talking about when we speak of the Spirit.

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Lord Jesus, as you promised your Spirit to comfort, guide, and protect your Church, please open my mind and heart to the promptings of your Spirit. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

May 26–31

Monday, St. Philip Neri:
Acts 16:11–15 / Jn 15:26—16:4a


Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:22–34 / Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 / Jn 16:12–15

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:1–8 / Jn 16:16–20

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:9–18 / Jn 16:20–23

Saturday, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 / Lk 1:39–56

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