



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Gathering: O God, Beyond All Praising BB 532
 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: The Day Of Resurrection BB 176
 Mass Parts: Storrington Mass
 Communion: Take And Eat BB 364
 Recessional: Glory In The Cross BB 147

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 1 Property Management
 June 8 Catholic Communications
 June 15 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!

✠ 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 18, 2025

Offertory	\$6,123.82
Fuel	\$1,584.60

COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
 MAY 25, 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.



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/nhjubilée!

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



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.

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 SUMMER...

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



Come Join the Christmas Elves!

**Tuesday June 17th - 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Holy Angels Hall**

Join the Elves to create tags for this year's Christmas Giving Tree and help provide 500+ tags to label gifts for the neediest in our communities.

What you could bring to help:

- Christmas &/or greeting cards (used or new) with nothing on the inside cover
- A sharp pair of scissors to cut card stock

Optional:

- Any plastic or cardboard shapes easy to trace & cut out
- A hole punch (single is best)
- A cutter to make rounded corners
- Ribbon/fancy string (small pieces at least 10" long are fine)
- Colored Sharpie Fine Point Pens

Optional items will be on hand.

Please RSVP to Elaine at: ekindle2000@gmail.com (so we can be sure to have enough ice cream!)



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.

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, June 1

11:00 AM VBS Volunteer Meeting *Plaistow*

Monday, June 2

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, June 4

Holy Angels Church Open All Day for Prayer

Thursday, June 5

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

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*

Saturday, June 7

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, June 8

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!

**MERRIMACK VALLEY
YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Scan the QR code to join our WhatsApp chat!

Monthly Events
-One Spiritual
-One Recreational

Yearly Events
-Two Weekend Retreats

Catholic Community For Young Adults In The Merrimack Valley
Ages 18-39

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.

Make 2025 the year you make a difference.

You can create a brighter future for a child who has experienced abuse or neglect by becoming a CASA volunteer. Attend a virtual info session to learn more!

www.casanh.org/infosessions

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, May 31 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, June 2 ~ Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

8:00 AM Patricia Gates by Bonnie Lajoie
Newton

Tuesday, June 3 ~ Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 20:18-27; Jn 17:1-11a

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Wednesday, June 4 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

6:30 PM Sr. Lorraine Pelletier, pm
by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
Plaistow

Thursday, June 5 ~ Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

8:00 AM Tilly Massaro by the Stanley family
Newton

Friday, June 6 ~ Norbert, Bishop

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

No Mass

Saturday, June 7 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25 (Day)

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23 (Vigil)

4:00 PM In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Plaistow

Sunday, June 8 ~ Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

8:00 AM Thomas Antczak by the Burge family
Newton

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

Mass Times for travel
masstimes.org
"come to me all of you"
- Matthew 11:28



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 \$5,725.00 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.**

Saint Luke the Evangelist

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May 30, 2025

CHRIST IS RISEN !

Dear Saint Luke the Evangelist Parishioners:

After 14 years serving the people of Saint Luke Parish, our Pastoral Associate Cathy Smith will retire on July 1.

Our community is grateful for the ways that Cathy has witnessed to the truth of the Catholic faith in our midst. We are grateful for Cathy's wisdom as she has led us to reflect more deeply on the Word of God. We are all indebted to her sense of welcome and her experience as a teacher, administrator and pastoral leader. She will be deeply missed.

I am working with Cathy and with the members of Finance and Pastoral Councils to determine the needs of the community and a plan for continuing some of the activities that Cathy has fostered in our Parish over the years. We hope to have that plan in place and announce any staff changes by early summer.

Cathy's departure marks a watershed for our Parish. This moment is a time to thank God for her presence and work and for all the blessings that Cathy's ministry has brought to our community these many years.

We will celebrate and say farewell to Cathy at a reception on **Sunday, July 13 from 2-4 PM** at the Parish Hall in Plaistow. All are invited to stop by the hall on that day to express their appreciation to Cathy and to wish her well in her retirement. Until that time. Please join me in thanking Cathy Smith for her contributions to the life of our community.

Regards:



(Rev.) Albert J. Tremblay, obl. SB
Pastor



Bringing Home the Word

The Ascension of the Lord (C)

June 1, 2025

How Far Is Up?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

It depends upon your understanding of cosmology, the religious explanation of the nature and structure of the universe. If Jesus ascended into heaven, how far up did he go? This also depends upon your understanding of cosmology. These are not foolish questions. We might not be experts in the field of cosmology, but many of us know a bit about galaxies, spacetime, and black holes, if only from *Star Trek*. So, with this minimal cosmological knowledge, how should we understand Acts 1:9 when “a cloud took [Jesus] from their sight”? Did he just keep going up?

Sunday Readings

Acts 1:1–11

[Jesus said,] “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.”

Ephesians 1:17–23 or Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–23

And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the Church.

Luke 24:46–53

As he blessed them, he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul refers to Jesus’ ascension, but he does not describe a mystifying event, as today’s gospel reading does. Instead, he speaks of Jesus’ exaltation at God’s right hand. Perhaps it was fitting that Jesus ascended into the sky, emphasizing that what occurred was more than mere physical exaltation. Rather, it was a way of stating that Jesus has now achieved honor and glory far beyond anything that is human, earthly, or created. He now enjoys divine glorification.

Still, even Paul uses metaphorical language when he says that Jesus sits at God’s right hand in heaven. We know that heaven is more than a place; it is also a state of total fulfillment. We also know that to be seated at the host’s right hand means to be awarded the place of honor at the banquet. So, Paul is saying that Jesus enjoys total fulfillment in the place of honor next to his Father, where he is now praised as the beginning and end of all that is. This is reason to rejoice. †

***Jesus has now achieved
honor and glory far
beyond anything that is
human, earthly, or created.***

A Word from Pope Francis (1936–2025)

Christian hope sustains the journey of our lives, even when the road ahead seems winding and exhausting. It opens our eyes to future possibilities whenever resignation or pessimism attempts to imprison us.... [Christian hope] makes us dream of a new humanity and gives us courage in our efforts to build a fraternal and peaceful world.

HOMILY, ST. PETER’S BASILICA,
MAY 9, 2024



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Am I a witness to the gospel as Jesus calls his disciples to be?
- Of which gift of the Holy Spirit do I need to be a better witness?



Summer Opportunities

John Bartunek, LC, SThD

Summer has two contradictory personalities. On the one hand, it's a season meant for hard work—just watch a farmer or rancher sweating from sunup to sundown during the hot

summer months. On the other hand, we tend to associate summer with rest and vacations. It takes wisdom to know how to balance these two conflicting summer trends. The wise person will recognize both opportunities and maximize each. This is the wisdom of summer: taking advantage of the opportunities life presents to us instead of letting them slip by unseen.

When someone gifted with creativity gets a sharp new idea about how to make his parish, workplace, or community

better, that also is an opportunity. It's a chance to make this world a better place while at the same time fulfilling one's own potential. Too often, though, another voice takes over. That voice starts to complain about how hard it will be to make a change and all the obstacles that must be overcome, which can convince us to see golden opportunities as mere pipe dreams.

***The wise person
takes advantage
of opportunities
when they come.***

Life gives us opportunities, and the wise person recognizes and takes advantage of them when they come. We can learn to be wiser, to order our lives better, so that when the many chances of summer come our way, we can welcome them all. There is a time to work hard and a time to relax, a time to do something and a time to let things be. The wise person understands the differences. †

From *Summer Meditations* by John Bartunek, LC, SThD, Liguori Publications (825620). To order, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Liturgical Music: Sing Well, Pray Twice" by Orin Johnson

Music is an integral element of the liturgy that helps it nourish and foster the faith. That quality, in conjunction with the fully conscious and active participation of the faithful, remains the aim of liturgical music for the glory of God and for our own sanctification.

We gather in liturgical assembly, week after week, singing our thanks to God. This common, sung expression of faith within liturgical celebrations strengthens our faith when it grows weak and draws us into the divinely inspired voice of the Church at prayer. Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration.

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Lord Jesus, I pray for the guidance and inspiration of your Holy Spirit that I may be your faithful witness.
Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

June 2-7

Monday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, St. Charles Lwanga and

Companions: Acts 20:17-27 /

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, St. Boniface:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26

Friday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Jn 21:20-25

Bringing Home
the **Word** 

June 1, 2025

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