	MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY Sunday, July 6, 2025 Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time		
Gathering:	As We Gather At Your Table BB 311		
Responsorial Psa	ılm (Psalm 103)		
	Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.		
Preparation:	Whatsoever Your Do BB 619		
Mass Parts:	Mass Of Creation		
Communion:	I Am The Bread Of Life BB 355		
Recessional:	Lord Of All Hopefulness BB 412		

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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 JUNE 29, 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 <u>http://stlukenh.org</u>, 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 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	

#### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

July	6
July	13
July	20

Property Management No Second Collection 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!

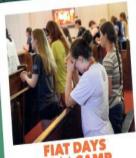
Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income				
Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly		
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60		
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45		
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36		
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30		
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24		
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18		
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15		
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9		

#### 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 <u>NewEngland@HelpOurMarriage.org</u> or call 508-271-7155.





(Girls) CAMP SUNDAY, JULY 20-THURSDAY, JULY 24 Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you!

High school age young men and women (ages 14-18) are invited to attend our upcoming vocations camps to reflect on the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun.

These overnight camps held at the Saint Mary Magdalen Center in Warrier are led by priests, sisters, and seminarians from the Diocese.

The camps include a full schedule of hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports and games, daily Mass and prayer, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other.

The cost is only \$100 and financial aid is available. For more information or to register, please visit liveinblackandwhite.com or contact Alyse Hlasny at 603-663-0183 or ahlasny@rcbm.org.





#### Come Join the Christmas Elves! Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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: <a href="mailto:ekindle2000@gmail.com">ekindle2000@gmail.com</a> (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.

#### 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.

(Boys) CAMP MONDAY, AUGUST 4-FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

### ✤ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✤

Wednesday, July 9 Holy Angels Church Open All Day for Prayer

Thursday, July 108:30 AM – 8:30 PMEucharistic AdorationNewton

Saturday, July 123:00 PMSacrament of ReconciliationPlaistow

Sunday, July 132:00 PMFarewell Gathering for Cathy SmithPlaistow

#### 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!

#### FAREWELL CATHY SMITH

We will gather as a community to bid farewell to our Pastoral Associate Cathy Smith on July 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Church Hall in Plaistow. All are welcome to attend.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

We gather at the Eucharist to pray for anyone, living or deceased. If you would like to request 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 all the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or email Jackie at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass.

#### 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.

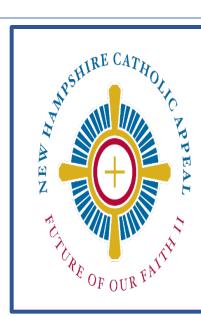
#### PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer requests, please call 603-382-8324, ext. 314.

### MASS INTENTIONS \*

Saturday, July 5 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10, 1-12, 17-20 (Vigil) 4:00 PM Frank Kelcourse (Birthday Remembrance) by Elaine Kelcourse Plaistow Sunday, July 6 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10, 1-12, 17-20 8:00 AM In Honor of Jesus Christ, the Righteous Judge Newton 10:00 AM In Honor of St. Benedict Plaistow Monday, July 7 ~ Weekday Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26 8:00 AM People of the Parish Newton Tuesday, July 8 ~ Weekday Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38 8:00 AM Frances Lewis by Bob and Alice Litwinovich Plaistow Wednesday, July 9 ~ Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7 6:30 PM Kasey Place by Arthur Kiernan Plaistow Thursday, July 10 ~ Weekday Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15 8:00 AM **All Souls Intentions** Newton Friday, July 11 ~ Benedict, Abbot Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23 No Mass Saturday, July 12 ~ Weekday Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33 (Day) Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37 (Vigil) 4:00 PM Paul Caron (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by his wife, Justine Plaistow Sunday, July 13 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37 8:00 AM Samuel Raby by Jane Leach Newton 10:00 AM Joseph Amato by the Latino family Plaistow





#### New Hampshire Catholic Appeal 2025

This vear's New Hampshire Catholic Appeal continues; we hope you'll help us meet our goal of \$47,579.00! As of June 23, we raised \$21,800.00 toward our goal. More information will be announced about the Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your support!

#### **CURSILLO**

The Cursillo weekend is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love and joy into your daily life. Many of our parishioners at St. Luke have lived a Cursillo Weekend and have been blessed by the experience. Saint Basil Salvatorian Center in Methuen, MA, offers Cursillo to any Christian who is 21+ year of age. For more information, or to inquire how you can make a Cursillo weekend, contact Rick or Kathy Garon at 603-490-5522 or 603-490-8090.

#### 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.

#### HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

Holy Family Pilgrimage - July 28-31, 2025. Travel with us and our Spiritual Director Father Rijo Johnson, SDV, as we visit some of the most beautiful churches and shrines in Quebec, Canada during this 4-day, 3night pilgrimage. \$750.00 per person, includes double occupancy room in a Four-Star Hotel, (single, triple and quadruple rates also available), travel by airconditioned coach bus, 8 meals, all entry fees, taxes and gratuities (except driver tip). PASSPORT BOOK/ PASSPORT CARD REQUIRED. If you would like an application or have any questions, please call or email Maria Castellano, 603-398-6745, mysticalrosepilgrimtours@gmail.com.

#### 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 auestions at 617-410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

#### 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.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month with the general collection of non-perishable items happening the following (4<sup>th</sup>) 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

#### <u>30<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus</u> <u>St. Jude Open</u>

This year's Open was held on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Despite the weather, we had a fantastic time with 144 golfers, 70+ sponsors, silent auctions and a delicious steak BBQ prepared by the Council. Our recipients of this year's proceeds were the Parish's own Robin Thompson and the Olverson family from Plaistow. Robin has been dealing with some health issues and 12 year old Claire Olverson has been battling cancer for the last two years. The Knights are blessed and honored to help out Robin and the Olverson family.

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

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.

#### **HELP WANTED**

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish in Newton-Plaistow, NH is searching for a PT custodian for our Preschool-Kindergarten in Plaistow, NH. The position involves custodial services after school hours M-F to equal ten (10) hours per week. The successful candidate must be able to work independently and follow instructions to prepare the school environment for each new learning day. Candidates must be able to work on their feet for most of their time, go up and down stairs and lift at least twenty-five (25) pounds. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Manchester protocols for Safe Environment including a state(s) criminal background check and Diocesan Safe Environment A full job description and database training. application materials are available by contacting the Parish Office at (603) 382-8324 or fr.albert@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.

Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting our Annual Walk for Your Neighbor. The Walk was very successful. The money raised will go directly into the hands of our community neighbors in need!

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday**, **July 16 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.

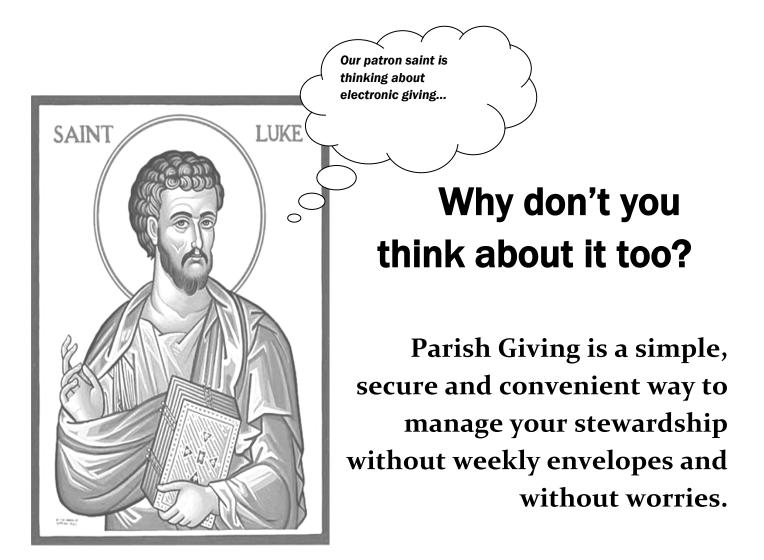
Hear, O LORD, and answer me for I am poor and needy.

# Farewell and thank you

Join us as we say thanks to our Pastoral Associate Cathy Smith as she retires after 14 years of service to our community.

> Sunday, July 13 2-4 PM

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall Plaistow



- Parish Giving allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smartphone
- You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend
- Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.
- Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website <u>http://stlukenh.org</u>, click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration instructions.





# Summer Ordinary Time

#### **A SENSE OF THE SEASON**

What do the words Ordinary Time mean? Dorothy Day said, "The words 'Ordinary Time' in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me, no time is ordinary." She was right. The Ordinary in "Ordinary Time" refers to ordinal—counted—time, not to a lack of something to celebrate. The Roman document, General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, says: "Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character

[Advent, Christmastime, Lent, Triduum and Easter time], 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects."

How do we celebrate "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects"? We gather every Sunday. Sunday is our original feast day. Christians have gathered every Sunday—the day of Christ's resurrection, the first day of the week—ever since there were Christians.

When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. The church reads straight through "the Gospel of the year," either Matthew, Mark or Luke, each week often picking up where we left off last week. (We read John during Lent and Easter, and on feasts.) The first readings, from the first testament of the Bible, have been chosen for their relationship to the Gospel passages. Many voices are heard throughout summer Ordinary Time. We also read through some of the letters of the second testament of the Bible. The mystery of Christ "in all its aspects" unfolds.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our Eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, the body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

"What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living." (Saint Andrew Bible Missal [Brooklyn: William J. Hirten Co., 1982.])

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# Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Bishop Thomas J. Tobin Diocese of Youngstown in Ohio

#### THEOLOGICAL/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

In 1971 extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist were first permitted in the United States. At that time the Congregation of the Sacraments responded to a request of the American bishops to allow laypersons to assist priests in giving Holy Communion.

In January 1973, Pope Paul VI, in the instruction "Immensae Cariatis," extended this permission to the universal Church. He wrote: "Present-day conditions demand that greater access to Holy Communion should be made possible so that the faithful, by sharing more fully in the fruits of the sacrifice of the Mass, might dedicate themselves more readily and effectively to God and to the good of the Church. First of all, provision must be made lest reception become impossible or difficult owing to a lack of a sufficient number of ministers."

The institution of this ministry responds to the condition in the Church today whereby Catholics are encouraged to share in communion at every Eucharist in which they participate, and under both species, and the large number of persons who are coming forward to partake of the body and blood of Christ.

In any parish, qualified persons who have been nominated for service as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist must receive mandate from the Diocesan bishop. The pastor forwards the names of the persons to the bishop asking that they be named for service as extraordinary ministers. This requirement distinguishes the extraordinary minister of the Eucharist from other liturgical ministers and emphasizes the extraordinary nature of this ministry.

Extraordinary ministers are commissioned to function within their own parish for a period of three years. The commission expires after three years or if the person moves away from his or her parish. The commission is renewable by again requesting the endorsement from the bishop. Commissioning should take place during a parish celebration according to the rite provided in the Book of Blessings. The commission may be revoked by the pastor if the individual no longer fulfills the requirements for this ministry established below.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY/PURPOSE**

"Extraordinary ministers distribute may Holy Communion at Eucharistic celebrations only when there are no ordained ministers present or when those ordained ministers present at a liturgical celebration are truly unable to distribute Holy Communion. They may also exercise this function at Eucharistic celebrations where there are particularly large numbers of the faithful and which would be excessively prolonged because of an insufficient number of ordained ministers to distribute Holy Communion." (Instruction on Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests)

Extraordinary ministers are also used in order that the sick or homebound may receive communion with the frequency recommended in the revised rite for the *Pastoral Care of the Sick*. Any person who regularly takes communion to the sick is to be trained and commissioned. An individual may be commissioned for only this aspect of the ministry or may perform this service within the Eucharistic assembly. To establish the connection between the Sunday assembly and the homebound and sick of the parish, extraordinary ministers ideally are sent from the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist to take communion to them.

#### SELECTION/DISCERNMENT

Extraordinary ministers are to be fully initiated Catholics (having received Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation, be at least 16 years of age, and lead lives in harmony with the undertaking of this ministry including participating in the sacramental life of the Church. If married, a Minister must have been married validly in the Catholic Church. The Pastor, Parish staff, and Pastoral Council assist in discerning parishioners to fulfill this ministry. *Copyright* © 1999 Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown

### SAINT LUKE PARISH NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What is the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II?

The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) is a combined campaign and fundraising effort with the parishes and ministries of the Church in New Hampshire.

#### What ministries and needs will be included in the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal?

The following will be funded by the NHCA:

- Catholic Education and Catholic Schools
- Seminarians, Deacons, and Vocations
- Priest Retirement
- Parable magazine
- Parish needs (Parish to Parish Support Fund and individual parish support)
- Missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry in N.H.
- Catholic University of America and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Catholic Charities NH

Many of these needs and ministries were previously funded through second collections. These second collections have been eliminated or consolidated into the NHCA. Parishioners can still give to any of these causes and programs separately, though it does not count towards the overall NHCA Parish goal.

# → Gifts to Catholic Charities NH separately <u>do not</u> count toward the Catholic Appeal Parish Goal.

## Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish 2025 goal is \$47,579.00

#### How are the goals for each parish determined?

The parish NHCA goal is calculated as 10% of the parish average assessable income over the last three fiscal years.

#### If the parish goal is exceeded, does the parish get to keep the amount raised over the goal?

Yes. The NHCA will allow parishes to keep 90% of their revenue over their set goal for the first three years of the appeal.

#### What happens if a parish does not make their goal?

If a parish does not reach its goal, it will be assessed (billed) the remainder.

#### Why should I give to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal if I already give to my parish?

Your participation helps the entire Church in New Hampshire where the needs are the greatest – recruiting new priests, evangelization, the vulnerable, and more. Your support makes these ministries possible that no one parish could support on its own. Your gift demonstrates your commitment to the greater Church. We are many parts in the Diocese of Manchester but one body in Christ with a common mission.

#### Does my parish have to support the NHCA?

Yes. Each parish in the diocese has a set goal which represents the parish share of the total Appeal. A good faith effort is requested of all parishes. Additionally, individual parishes can benefit significantly by retaining any funds raised over their set goal; administering fewer second collections; and parishes will see a reduction in fees and administrative costs (assessments) paid to the Diocese.

#### How much should I give?

Charitable giving reflects our Christian stewardship of treasure. Giving back to God, either through contributions to your parish, the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, or other worthwhile charities, should require a sacrifice, one that recognizes God's generosity to us individually. Therefore, your gift is a personal decision between you and God and should be made after careful reflection. Please consider the dollars you have donated in the past to the six discontinued 2<sup>nd</sup> collections plus the Catholic Charities NH special collection and the *Parable* magazine drive to help you determine how much to give. The pledge and recurring gift option may make this amount feasible.

#### Should I make a pledge, recurring gift, or a one-time gift?

Making a pledge or a recurring gift allows you to spread your gift over several months, which may make it easier for you to budget, and may also allow you to give a larger gift.

#### **How Should I Give?**

There are many ways that you can give to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.

- Donate online with credit/debit card.
- Pledge submit your pledge (through the gift envelope, or online)
  All check pledges will receive a monthly reminder.
- Recurring Gift set up a monthly recurring gift (through the gift envelope, or online)
- Check make checks payable to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.
- Cash may be sent in using the gift envelope, but we encourage check or credit card.
- Donate stock call (603) 663-0136 for broker instructions.
- Donate through your IRA contact your IRA administrator and have your gift sent directly to the Office of Development and Communications at 153 Ash Street, Manchester, NH 03104 include your name, and the parish you want the gift credit to go towards.

#### Can Saint Luke parishioners donate using our online giving platform used for parish offertories?

**No.** Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish electronic giving is not connected to the NH Catholic Appeal. This is because of the complications of reporting to the Diocese and the tax-deductible reporting that must be done for all donations. One can scan the QR code on the NHCA brochure and immediately access electronic giving opportunities.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) July 6, 2025

# Rebuild a City

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

here doesn't seem to be a period in human history when cities were not destroyed by war. This was the case in ancient Rome, Atlanta during the Civil War, Dresden in World War II, Aleppo in Syria, and cities throughout Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza. The devastation of a city leaves the survivors of the tragedy in desperate straits. This is the situation to which Isaiah speaks in the first reading. His message is one of hope. Jerusalem will be rebuilt; it will flourish once again. God will "spread prosperity over her like a river" (Isaiah 66:12). This will not

## **Sunday Readings**

#### Isaiah 66:10-14c

For thus says the LORD: I will spread prosperity over [Jerusalem] like a river, like an overflowing torrent.

#### Galatians 6:14-18

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

#### Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or Luke 10:1-9

[Jesus] said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."

be accomplished through mere human effort but through the power of God.

The passage from Luke tells us how God will accomplish such a feat. There, we read that Jesus sent seventy-two followers to preach the gospel. The power of God will work through them. We know little about who they were, from which villages they came, or how long they acted as itinerant preachers. They may simply have gone back to their own lives and ministered to their own people. Such information is inconsequential.

What is important is the fact that God works through the followers of Jesus, through you and me. It will be through us that lives are rebuilt, that people thrive again. It will be through us that cities are no longer destroyed by war. Do we believe this? Are we willing to be sent "to every town and place he intended to visit" (Luke 10:1)? #



It will be through us that lives are rebuilt. that people thrive again.

### A Word from **Pope Francis** (1936–2025)

Brother, sister, peace begins with us; it starts from me and from you, from each one of us, from the heart of every one of us. If you live his peace, Jesus comes, and your family [and] your society change. They change if first of all your heart is not at war.... Placing peace and order in your own heart...this is where peace begins.

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- Do I consider myself a disciple who is sent to others?
- How do I live this out in my daily life?

# Making Hard Choices



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hat can I do when I have a nagging feeling that there is a choice to be made, but I have difficulty "hearing the exact words" of the question? I may know, for example, that it

revolves around the issue of the poor, or an attraction to working in Latin America, or the fact that "I can't say no" to people, or a vague uneasiness about my job, but it is not clear.

If, after reflection, I still find myself saying, "I don't know exactly what's the matter," I may have to take some systematic steps in

order to coax the exact nature of the choice to emerge from the shadows. First, I must respect my need for time. I take my time. This requires being patient with my lack of clarity. I'll resist internal and external pressure to "come up with" something that resembles a decision. Also, I give my time to it. I schedule moments for reflecting, pondering, musing, and mulling it over. I pray, asking for the grace of clarification.

Second, it might be very helpful to find someone who can listen to me as I try to come to grips with the nature of my problem—a person with no need to advise, who is a good listener. I may seek someone who facilitates clarification by giving me honest feedback about my clarity or lack of it, who

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knows how to ask clarifying questions. A third step is to touch the general area, to establish contact. Suppose I [have] the presence of the poor in my consciousness. I might volunteer my services on a regular basis and for a while with an agency [that helps the poor] and see what clarification develops. I might

do the same by volunteering [with] prisoners, handic apped people, the elderly, and so on.  $\P$ 

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## Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Immigration: Understanding the Catholic Call" by Jim Graves

Long before immigrants, refugees, and migrants became the subjects of modern-day hot-button political debates, the Catholic Church addressed the question of whether people have the right to emigrate and immigrate. In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*, Part Three: "Life in Christ," Section II: "The Family and Society" refers to a "right to emigrate" (*CCC* 2211). It further declares, "The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him" (*CCC* 2241).

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God of peace, teach us to be peacemakers, to welcome the stranger, and to seek common ground with those who seem different from us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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### WEEKDAY READINGS

July 7–12

Monday, Weekday: Gn 28:10–22a / Mt 9:18–26

**Tuesday,** Weekday: Gn 32:23–33 / Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday, Weekday: Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a / Mt 10:1–7 Thursday, Weekday: Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29; 45:1–5 / Mt 10:7–15

Friday, St. Benedict: Gn 46:1–7, 28–30 / Mt 10:16–23

Saturday, Weekday: Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a / Mt 10:24–33



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