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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.

**TURKEY – SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF**

Persons desiring to make a contribution to the relief efforts in Turkey or Syria in the aftermath of the earthquake should strongly consider these two Church agencies:

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**

228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3443

[www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)

**Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)**

1011 1st Avenue, Floor 15, New York, NY 10022-4195

[www.cnewa.org](http://www.cnewa.org)

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

February 26 No Second Collection

March 5 Property Management

March 12 Catholic Relief Services

March 19 Fuel

March 26 Easter Flowers

April 2 Property Management

**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**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

**WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK’S BULLETIN**

**4:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:00 AM**

Gathering: Hold Us In Your Mercy

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 91)

***Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me, Lord, I pray.***

Preparation Save Your People BB 131

Mass Parts Mass For Christ The Savior

Communion: Eat This Bread BB 325

I Received The Living God BB 320

Recessional: **We depart in silence during Lent**

**PLEASE HELP US!**

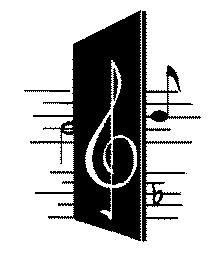
As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you - or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave.

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!

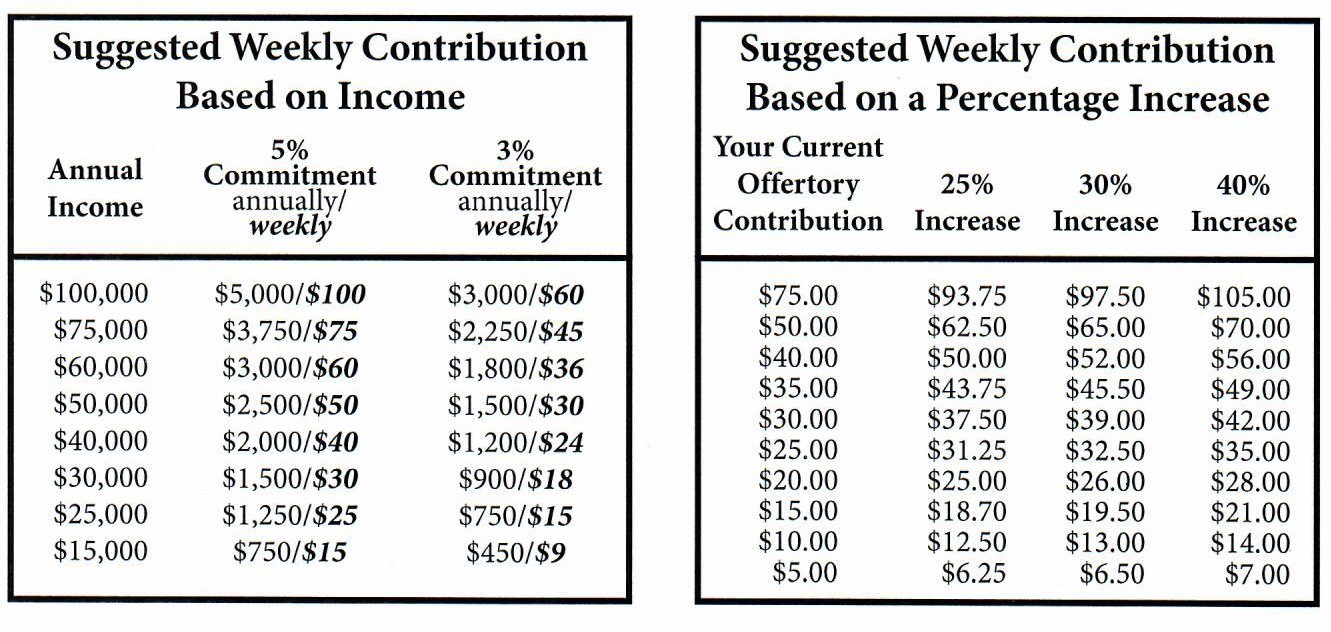
**MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY**

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

**First Sunday Of Lent**



**✠ PARISH TITHING ✠**



**HELPING THE HOMELESS**

The Order of Secular Franciscans of the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Region, Greccio Fraternity in Derry, NH, are collecting **NEW** t-shirts, socks, and underwear during the season of Lent to aid those who are homeless in our local area – Plaistow, Newton, and Exeter.

Collection baskets will be available at the back of the churches to collect your donations of **NEW** t-shirts, socks, and underwear – Men’s, Women’s, and Children’s sizes. THANK YOU!! Susan Ronan, ofs Mary Galpin, ofs

The Vigil Light in front of the

Blessed Mother icon

at Mary Mother of the Church

will burn this week in loving memory of

**Bill Lawrence**

by a Fellow Knight

[](http://www.churchsupplywarehouse.com/catalog_product.asp_Q_categoryId_E_50_A_subcategoryId_E_117_A_categoryItemId_E_4655_A_Electric_Sanctuary_Lamp_E_Electric_Sanctuary_Lamp)

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage to attend a ***Wedding Anniversary Mass***. The Masswill be held on **Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2:00 PM**at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact the parish office **by March 31, 2023.** The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information to the Diocese.

**LENTEN EVENING PRAYER**

**Evening Prayer** is sung at Newton at 6:00 PM on all Sundays of Lent. Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available immediately after Evening Prayer each Sunday of the Lenten Season.



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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 PM in Plaistow.

**RETROUVAILLE**

**A Lifeline For Married Couples**

Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vi) means rediscovery in French. This program helps couples put their broken pieces back together and rediscover their love for each other. This program starts with a weekend which teaches couples a new form of communication called Dialogue and lets couples know that they are not alone. Our next Retrouvaille weekend is **March 10-12, 2023, June 9-11, 2023, August 18-29, 2023, and November 10-11, 2023**. For more information, email [3023@halpourmarriage.org](mailto:3023@halpourmarriage.org).

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**FOR OUR RECORDS**

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the parish office at [jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net) or call 603-382-8324. If you are new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. You can also find a registration form on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>.

The Sanctuary Light

at Mary Mother of the Church

will burn this week in loving memory of

**Patricia Eileen Remick**

by the St. Vincent de Paul Society

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**MEN OF ST. JOSEPH**

Our ministry aims to emulate St. Joseph and become better husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. There are no dues and the Men of St. Joseph do not participate in projects or other volunteer efforts as a group, but instead, gather together for sharing among men to help them be a better person, a better family man, and a better member of the Church. Join us on Saturday morning, **April 15, 2023 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

**WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER…**

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

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**HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED**

**Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed until Spring 2023.** This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.



**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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**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!



✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

**Saturday, February 25 ~ First Sunday of Lent**

***Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11 (Vigil)***

**4:00 PM** Catherine Martin by the Lumnah family

***Plaistow***

**Sunday, February 26 ~ First Sunday of Lent**

***Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11***

**8:00 AM** Patricia Eileen Remick

by the St. Vincent de Paul Society

***Newton***

**10:00 AM** People of the Parish

***Plaistow***

**Monday, February 27 ~ Gregory of Narek, Abbot and**

**Doctor of the Church**

***Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46***

**8:00 AM** Sr. Sylvia Krafton by Barbara Metcalf

***Newton***

**Tuesday, February 28 ~ Lenten Weekday**

***Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15***

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish

***Plaistow***

**Wednesday, March 1 ~ Lenten Weekday**

***Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32***

**6:30 PM** All Souls Intentions

***Plaistow***

**Thursday, March 2 ~ Lenten Weekday**

***Ext C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12***

**8:00 AM** Ferolyn and Melvin Harris

by Lisa and Charlie Angwin

***Newton***

**Friday, March 3 ~ Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

***Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26***

***NO MASS***

**Saturday, March 4 ~ Casimir**

***Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48 (Day)***

***Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9 (Vigil)***

**4:00 PM** People of the Parish

***Plaistow***

**Sunday, March 5 ~ Second Sunday of Lent**

***Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9***

**8:00 AM** Lucy McGrath by the Burge family

***Newton***

**10:00 AM** For the Intentions of Eleanor Martin

by Edwin and Sue Martin

***Plaistow***

**Sunday, February 26**

**10:00 AM** Religious Ed – K through 6 ***Plaistow***

**6:00 AM** Vespers ***Newton***

**6:30 PM** Sacrament of Reconciliation ***Newton***

**Wednesday, March 1**

**7:00 PM** Disciples On The Journey ***Plaistow***

**Thursday, March 2**

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

**10:00 AM** Prayer Shawl Committee Meeting ***Plaistow***

**1:30 PM** Disciples On The Journey ***Plaistow***

**Friday, March 3**

**6:30 PM** Stations of the Cross ***Plaistow***

**Saturday, March 4**

**3:00 PM** Sacrament of Reconciliation ***Plaistow***

**Sunday, March 5**

**10:00 AM** Religious Ed – K to 6 ***Plaistow***

**11:30 AM** Choir Rehearsal ***Plaistow***

**6:00 PM** Vespers ***Newton***

**6:30 PM** Sacrament of Reconciliation ***Newton***

**✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠**

**PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available from Project Rachel Ministry. Call 603-6630192 or email [ProjectRachel@rcbm.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@rcbm.org) for Project Rachel in New Hampshire.

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

If you would like an “end of year” financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2022, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

**TAX TIME SUGGESTION**

Did you know? If you are 72 or older and need to take a “required minimum distribution (RMD)” from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income. Ask your tax preparer or IRA trustee for more details.

**FREE TONER CARTRIDGES**

The Parish Office has 2 new (unused) laser printer cartridges for the taking – compatible with HP LaserJet Pro M304/M404n/dn/dw or MFP M428dw/fdn/fdw. Call the Office for more details.

**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**](http://www.bustedhalo.com)**.**

**WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS**

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry, and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.**

In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**

**THE GOD MINUTE**

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called “The God Minute.” It’s then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it’s free. Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be! [www.thegodminute.org](http://www.thegodminute.org)

**EUCHARISTIC 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 it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, ***but*** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

**Newton – Thursday**

**8:30 AM – 8:30 PM**

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](mailto: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 Office 603-382-8324 Fr. Albert Tremblay fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net

Parish Prayer Line 603-382-8324 x 314 Cathy Smith [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:npare@stluketheevangelist.net)

St. Vincent de Paul Society 603-382-8324 x 315 Joyce Szczapa jszczapa@stluketheevangelist,net

St. Luke’s Food Pantry 603-819-4949 Jackie Tremblay jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net

Preschool 603-382-9783 Val Barczak mvmbarczak@comcast.net

Presentation of Mary Convent 603-382-2744 Parish Council parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

**✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠**

**LENTEN CONFERENCES**

Vita Nova will be hosting two Lenten Conferences at St. Michael Parish in Exeter on **March 11 for Men** and on **March 25 for Women**. To register, or for more information, go to the Diocese of Manchester website and look for 2023 Lenten Conferences – Vita Nova – NH. Cost is $10 per person or $15 per couple.

**DO SOMETHING GOOD WITH US**

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of St Luke the Evangelist Parish.

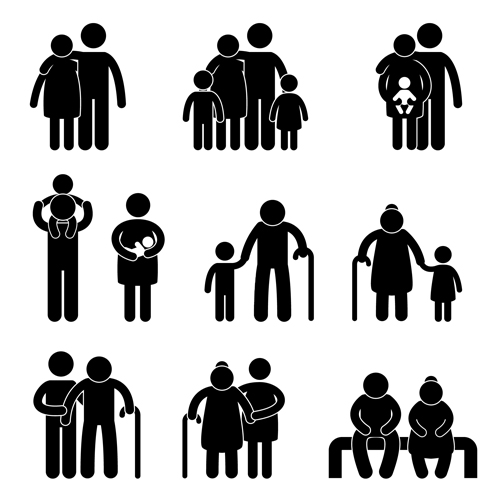
We welcome any practicing Catholic man,

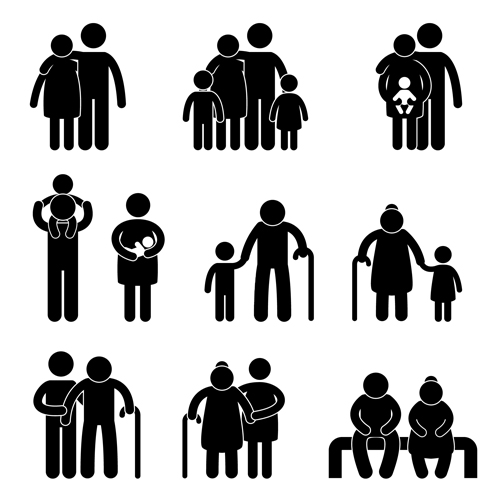
18 or older, to join the Knights.

We are sons, fathers, husbands and grandfathers, whose main purpose is charitable works in support of our parish and community.

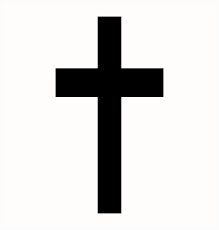
Where there is a need, there is a Knight.

Joining is simple – talk to a brother Knight, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803, email him at [dans49@comcast.net](mailto:dans49@comcast.net) or you can now join online: [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)









**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617**

www.kofc6617.org

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**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

A Men’s AA Step Meeting is being on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall in Plaistow, NH (Holy Angels). Bring your own coffee. For more information, call 617-921-9899.

**CURSILLO**

If you have a desire to know Jesus more closely, a Cursillo is for you. The Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity. The purpose of the weekend is to facilitate a meaningful personal encounter with Christ and his body, the Church. The three day weekend is also the bridge connecting the faithful with the supportive post-Cursillo community, where we live our faith joyfully with our fellow Christians. Cursillo weekends are being offered at the Sato Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341 or explore [www.nhcursillo.org](http://www.nhcursillo.org).

**Your “Dropped Dollar” Hard At Work**

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! 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. Vincent de Paul 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 on **Wednesday, March 15 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 the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

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

of Masses on the 3rd weekend of each month to those who wish to participate. We ask that you bring back the non-perishable food items the following weekend (4th weekend of the month). You are also welcome to drop off donations at the Parish Office during normal business hours or at one our Parish churches. Monetary donations are also welcome (make checks payable to Saint Luke Food Pantry), or gift cards to local supermarkets. Thank you for reaching out to help families in our community who need assistance. The Knights and the Food Pantry appreciate your generosity and support.



**SAINT JUDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus of our Parish are sponsoring a monthly food drive to support the Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry. A list of items needed, along with a paper shopping bag, will be distributed at the end

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St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to [www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/](http://www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/) or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

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**✠ Community News ✠**