

Saint Luke the Evangelist

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Discipleship is a lifelong journey.

Lifelong faith formation provides opportunities and experiences throughout the entire life span to strengthen our relationship with and knowledge of God. A commitment to lifelong faith formation serves to enhance our understanding of Scripture and of our Tradition. It sustains us in living as disciples of Jesus Christ.

In our task of renewal and re-commitment to lifelong faith formation, all of us as Parish family are invited to participate and share our witness, time and talent. Consider the following opportunities!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Our Parish program depends on volunteers who give of themselves and so witness by deeds of service to the Way of the Lord

Jesus. Please consider assisting the Religious Education Program as a Catechist, Aide or Substitute:

CATECHIST (Pre-K – 8)

Responsibilities: Prepare weekly lessons, arrive a few minutes before 10 am Mass time or session time to get settled, present and lead weekly sessions, attend Catechist Meetings and resource sessions; keep attendance records, maintain appropriate environment in the classroom; communicate with Coordinator any special needs or circumstances.

CLASSROOM AIDE

Responsibilities: Arrive a few minutes before 10 am Mass time or session time to get settled, help Catechist to present and lead weekly sessions, attend Catechist Meetings and resource sessions.

PROGRAM AIDE

Responsibilities: Arrive a few minutes before 10 am Mass time or session time to get settled. Assist Coordinator with materials and classroom preparation, escort children to and from Church to class, attend to safety needs of children, monitor hallways and corridors, greet and assist parents.

SUBSTITUTE

Responsibilities: Arrive a few minutes before 10 am Mass time or session time to get settled, present and lead weekly sessions, attend Catechist Meetings and resource sessions, follow lesson plan as outlined by catechist or as advised by Coordinator; report extraordinary circumstances to Coordinator.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

CATECHIST

Responsibilities: Prepare weekly lessons, present and lead weekly sessions, attend Catechist Meetings and resource sessions; keep attendance records, maintain appropriate environment in the classroom; communicate with Coordinator any special needs or circumstances.

YOUTH MINISTRY

GROUP LEADER

Responsibilities: Organize and develop sessions focusing on worship, learning and service for middle school or high school youth, present and lead activities, communicate with Coordinator or Parish Staff.

It is the policy of the Diocese of Manchester that ALL Catechists, Aides, Substitutes or anyone who works with minor children must complete an application form and undergo a criminal background check with the State of NH before they are allowed to participate in the Religious Education Program. Additionally, all Parish Volunteers must attend a Diocesan sponsored "Protecting God's Children" seminar or complete "Shield the Vulnerable" on line. Please see the Religious Education Coordinator with any questions.

RCIA PROGRAM VOLUNTEER

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults welcomes volunteers who are interested in sharing their faith and the tradition of the Church with adults who come to our Parish seeking Baptism or to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. The RCIA group meets on Monday evenings, but there are occasions when we are also in need of 1:1 tutors to help with the Initiation program.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

COFFEE HOUR HOST (Newton and Plaistow)

We are looking for “hosts” for Coffee & Donut Hour after the 8 am and 10 am Liturgies as scheduled. Host responsibilities include placing all items on the serving tables, and clean up after Coffee Hour. We are also looking for Coffee Hour delivery persons who can pick up donuts on designated Sunday mornings.

USHERS & GREETERS

The ministries of Usher and Greeter are principally concerned with hospitality and extending a welcome to all who gather in God’s house. Greeters welcome all to our doors and distribute the weekly Bulletin. Ushers are responsible for taking up the collection during each Mass and also assist seating parishioners during crowded Masses. Ushers and Greeters also assist guests with questions and directions. Couples or families are invited to serve together!

ALTAR SERVERS

ALTAR SERVER - YOUTH

The mission of the St. Luke the Evangelist Altar Servers is to minister at God’s altar with reverence, generosity, and love. The presence of Altar Servers at the altar is an important witness, reminding us that Catholics of every age have gifts to offer and a role in ministry. Servers are scheduled at Saturday Vigil, Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies. To become an Altar Server, a student must be in the third grade or higher, and have received First Eucharist. Parent permission forms are available in the Sacristy of both Churches. All Servers begin as “observers” and gradually learn what Servers do during Mass.

ALTAR SERVER - ADULT

Adult Altar Servers assist at any Parish Liturgy, but are especially welcome to assist at The Saturday Vigil Liturgy (4 PM) and the Sunday (8 am) Liturgy in Newton. Adult Servers are also welcome to serve at Funeral Liturgies which are typically held on weekday mornings or on Saturday mornings.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR

The Adult Choir sings and leads the assembly with traditional music at Mass, the Liturgies of Christmas and Holy Week, and at special Liturgies during the year. Membership is open to all without regard to musical backgrounds.

CANTOR

Cantors serve the Parish by leading the Liturgical Assembly on Saturday evenings, Sundays, Holy Days and special services. Cantors introduce the day's Liturgy and lead the Assembly in the hymns of the Mass. Cantors also have an integral role in the Liturgy of the Word as the leader of the Psalm. Cantors also serve at Funeral Liturgies and at celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR / FOLK GROUP

The Contemporary Choir / Folk Group leads the Liturgical Assembly with contemporary music at the 10:00 am Liturgy in Plaistow. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome to join. One of the members of the Group also serves as Cantor for the 10:00 am Liturgy each Sunday.

Other opportunities to share your time and talents...

Youth Ministry Program presenter (topics abound!)

Adult discussion series (on various topics)

Adult Scripture Sharing

Sacristy helper – washing & preparing the linens used at Mass

Food Pantry Volunteer

Saint Vincent de Paul Volunteer

Our community is graced with so many talents and so many opportunities... Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you – then contact the Parish Office for more details.