

St. Luke the Evangelist

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Albert J. Tremblay, obl. SB
Ms. Cathy Smith, Pastoral Associate

ADVISORY COUNCILS

Mr. Robert Harb, Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson
Mr. Michael Rosa, Parish Finance Council Chairperson

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.
The Parish Office is closed on Fridays.

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am
Tuesday 8:00 am; Wednesday 6:30 pm

12 Amesbury Road, Newton
Sunday 8:00 am
Monday and Thursday 8:00 am

HOLY DAY LITURGIES

As Announced

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in Plaistow on Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 pm or by appointment.



Christian Formation

Ms. Cathy Smith, Adult Faith Formation
Mrs. Joyce Szczapa, Rel. Ed. Coordinator
Ms. Janice Bettencourt, RCIA Director

Music Ministries

Mrs. Valerie Barczak, Music Director
Mr. Robert Capriole, Contemporary Group

Support Staff

Ms. Jackie Tremblay, Admin. Asst.
Mr. Thomas Kondel, Bookkeeper
Mr. Glenn Hughes, Facility Manager

Parish Outreach Ministries

Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry,
Joe & Marie Farren 603-819-4949
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul,
Mrs. Trisha Mainella 603-382-8324 ext 315

Pre-School

Mrs. Jean Lanctot, Director 603-382-9783

Presentation of Mary Convent

Sr. Doris Ducharme, pm
Sr. Marylyn Pelletier, pm

Making Estate Plans?

Consider remembering St. Luke the Evangelist in your will.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is typically celebrated at Sunday Liturgy. Please attend a Baptismal catechesis session prior to scheduling. Contact the Parish Office for details.

MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment prior to scheduling any date. Diocesan policies require at least six months preparation time before Marriage is celebrated.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made to celebrate this Sacrament at any time by contacting the Parish Office.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Anyone who is unable to attend Mass and who would like to receive the Holy Eucharist should call the Parish Office to make arrangements for a visit.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or who would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation should call the Parish Office or speak to Janice Bettencourt for more information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Adoration of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place in our parish every week. New adorers are welcome; to sign up for a specific hour, please call the Parish Office.

In Plaistow: Wednesdays at 9:30 am until 6:30 pm.
In Newton: Thursdays at 8:30 am until 8:30 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Grand Knight, Jeff Lozeau

St. Jude Council 6617 meets on the first Monday of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Center in Plaistow. New members are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Religious Education for children begins at Sunday Liturgy with families participating faithfully in the Lord's Day. Sessions for children pre-school through grade 8 are held during the 10 am Liturgy on Sundays as part of a Children's Liturgy of the Word. Sacramental preparation sessions are home based or are held on Sunday morning following the 10 am Liturgy as scheduled. Contact the Religious Education Office for more information or visit www.stlukenh.org.

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

A Roman Catholic Community, we are called by God to be a loving family consecrated through Baptism and transformed by the true presence of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist so as to grow in spiritual maturity and in reverence for the Lord.

New Parishioners

We welcome you to St. Luke the Evangelist Parish! Registration forms are available at the Church entrance, at the Parish Office, or on our website: <http://stlukenh.org>



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, December 17, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: Come, Come Emmanuel

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 80)

Show us your kindness, O God.
(2x)

Preparation Maranatha BB 67

Mass Parts Mass of Christ the Savior

Communion: Song Of The Body Of Christ BB 333
I Received The Living God BB 327

Recessional: Ready The Way BB 63

10:00 AM

Gathering: Come, Come, Emmanuel

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 80)

Show us your kindness, O God.
(2x)

Preparation Mary's Song BB 694
Lo, How A Rose BB 90

Mass Parts Mass of Joy and Peace

Communion: My Soul Rejoices BB 821
Patience, People BB 47

Recessional: Ready The Way BB 63



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

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in \$7,000.00 each week in order to make ends meet. Thank you for your generosity to our parish! 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. We depend upon your support!

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
DECEMBER 10, 2017
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**

PARISH GIVING

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has engaged *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. It allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smart phone. 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. 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.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

December 17, 2017	Fuel
December 24, 2017	No Second Collection
December 25, 2017	Christmas
December 31, 2017	No Second Collection



**Out of respect, please remember
to silence or turn off
your cell phones during Mass.
Thank you!**

**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

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, two bulletins will have to be submitted early.

The deadline for the **December 24** bulletin is at **12:00 Noon on Thursday, December 14.**

The deadline for the **December 31** bulletin is at **12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 20.**

Thank you for your understanding!

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Join us on Sunday evenings of the Advent season for sung Evening Prayer at 6:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available following Evening Prayer.



AMAZON SMILE DONATION

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish has been issued a **\$48.71 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation** as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between July 1 and September 30, 2017.

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazonsmile.com. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

From the Pastor's Desk



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is now closed until Spring 2018. 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.
Fr. Albert



THE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign to replace roofs on the Plaistow campus, and to raise funds to complete other projects in Newton and in Plaistow. Our three-year goal is to raise \$250,000.00. Besides the Plaistow roofs, we would like to accomplish the following projects: Plaistow church access ramp, Plaistow office building & convent window replacement, Newton rectory interior flooring, Newton church lighting and painting, Newton rectory painting as funds become available.

How can you help?

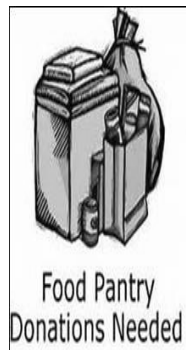
Any contribution is welcome.

Make checks payable to

Saint Luke the Evangelist - Capital Campaign.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Food or care items are always needed – donations can be dropped off at Church or are welcome at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Cash donations for food are always welcome – make checks payable to **St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry**. All donations to the Food Pantry go toward helping the needy of our communities.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Friday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

For more information, call the St. Luke Food Pantry at **603-819-4949.**

WHILE AWAY THIS FALL / WINTER...

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, December 17

Move Gifts To Food Pantry

10:00 AM	Religious Education – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	RCIA	<i>Plaistow</i>
6:00 PM	Vespers	<i>Newton</i>
6:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Newton</i>

Wednesday, December 20

NO ADORATION

7:00 PM	NO Reader Scripture Share	<i>Plaistow</i>
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>

Thursday, December 21

NO ADORATION

NO INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Saturday, December 23

3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Sunday, December 24

10:00 AM	NO Religious Education – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
4:00 PM	Christmas Liturgy	<i>Plaistow</i>
6:30 PM	Christmas Liturgy	<i>Newton</i>

Monday, December 25

9:00 AM	Christmas Liturgy	<i>Newton</i>
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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.

St. Vincent
de Paul
Society



The generosity of your contributions have allowed us to help out those in need with rent, medical, and heating oil assistance. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is so grateful and blessed.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, December 20 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.**

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, December 16 ~ Vigil / Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

4:00 PM	Mary Coltin and Intentions of Paul & Lucia O'Leary by Mark and Colleen Hammond	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Sunday, December 17 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

8:00 AM	Deborah Caron by Frances and Don Harper	<i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Charles and Mary Jesionowski family by their daughter Sonia and family	<i>Plaistow</i>

Monday, December 18 ~ Late Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

8:00 AM	Frank Verdillo (20 th Anniversary) by his family	<i>Newton</i>
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Tuesday, December 19 ~ Late Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

8:00 AM	Howard Foster (Birthday Remembrance) by his wife and family	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Wednesday, December 20 ~ Late Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

6:30 PM	James and Gertrude Pratt by the Pratt family	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Thursday, December 21 ~ Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Favor Received	<i>Newton</i>
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Friday, December 22 ~ Late Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

No Mass

Saturday, December 23 ~ John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66 (Day)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 (Vigil)

4:00 PM	Donald King by Ann Marie and Joe Sheehan	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Sunday, December 24 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 (Day)

8:00 AM	Liz Shirley by the Stanley Family	<i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	Susan Sible Peck by Kathleen White and family	<i>Plaistow</i>
<i>Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 (Vigil)</i>		
4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Liturgy – People of the Parish	<i>Plaistow</i>
6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Liturgy – People of the Parish	<i>Newton</i>

Monday, December 25, 2017

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

9:00 AM	Christmas Day Liturgy – People of the Parish	<i>Newton</i>
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✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. **RCIA** is intended to serve:

- Those not Baptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those Baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those Baptized Catholic but have not been raised in the Faith.

If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, January 7, 2018** in the Parish Office living room. All parents planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism are welcome. Families wishing to celebrate Baptism in the Church must be registered (according to Church Canon Law) and practicing (attending Sunday Mass) for 3 full months before a Baptism can be scheduled. The use of the envelope system is always optional; however, it does guarantee a manner of accountability. For most families, the Pastor or staff can easily verify attendance during these three months. Church Canon Law also regulates baptismal sponsors (godparents). Sponsors must be at least 16, fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and be practicing Catholics living Christian lives consistent with the Church's teaching. Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

HELP WANTED – CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

Volunteers are invited to help do some decorating on **Sunday, December 17 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow**. Our tasks include Christmas decorating and some light clean up of the churches in preparation for Christmas Masses. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster!

IMPORTANT ADORATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank you to the many parishioners who have dedicated an hour or two each week for ten years. Due to the continued difficulty of covering the hours of Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord in Plaistow, we are unable to move forward in continuing Adoration on Wednesdays. **The last day for Adoration in Plaistow was on Wednesday, December 13.** The church will continue to be open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord in Newton on Thursdays will continue from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO Adoration during the week before and the week of Christmas.

CONTEMPLATIVE WEEKENDS

Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer

Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer invites you to come away for awhile and BE STILL! These weekends are precious times of silence to be alone with God. Cost is \$140 for the weekend. The retreat weekend dates are:

January 19-21, 2018

February 16-18, 2018

For more information, or to register, call Sisters Rita Pay or Suzanne Rivard, p.m. at 603-878-2346.

ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE!

<http://stlukenh.org>

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

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Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Parish Office will be closed on:

Monday, December 25
Tuesday, December 26
Monday, January 1

Kimberly's 12th Annual Holiday Give Away!!!

It's time again to clean your closets and start fresh!!! We all have clothes taking up space in our homes while there are people on the streets who are cold. Because of this, Kimberly Andrade is holding her 12th Annual Clothing/Coat/Canned Food Drive at **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish** in Plaistow, NH from **12:00 to 4:00 PM on January 6 & 7, 2018**. Items that will be collected include, but are not limited to: winter jackets, new and used clothing from any season and any decade, non-perishable food items, business clothing, blankets, sheets, hats, gloves, and unused socks and underwear (*preferably in their packages*). **All clothing must be cleaned prior to donation.** Clothing received will be donated to organizations such as Ruth's House, Emmaus House, and Catie's Closet. Non-perishable food items will be brought to St. Luke's Food Pantry. If there are any questions, or individuals interested in volunteering, please contact Kimberly at kimberly-andrade@comcast.net. Thank you so much for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS, MUSIC, & LIGHTS

St. Lucy Church in Methuen, MA invites you to celebrate its 60th Anniversary by joining them for a concert featuring Gregory Norbet on **December 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM**.

The LaSalette Shrine in Enfield, NH invites to you enjoy their Christmas Lights, Concerts, and other programs during the month of December. For more information, go to www.lasaletteofenfield.org.

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.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The St Jude Council is co-sponsoring a Christmas Tree Sale at the Lover's Lane Tree Farm located on Lover's Lane off Rte 108 on the Haverhill/Plaistow line. The sale is taking place on **Saturdays and Sundays through December 17 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. Knight Andy Gagnon, Jr will be donating the profits to the Knights and the monies will be used to help fund the Knights' charitable activities during the year. The sale is being run in memory of Andy's father, Knight Andy Gagnon, Sr., who passed away last year. The trees are located on a beautiful piece of property and are "cut your own." There will be plenty of help available to cut the tree and get it to your vehicle. The cost of each tree is \$40. There will also be refreshments and a warming campfire for your enjoyment.

GIVING TREES

Giving Trees are located in the back of both churches. Please take an ornament, buy the item(s) listed, and return it - **with the ornament attached** - to the church or the parish office **no later than December 17**. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!



SURVEY FOR YOUTH

The Vatican recently launched a website and survey for youth and young adults related to the 15th Ordinary Synod of Bishops on *Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment*. You can find the survey on the website at <https://survey-synod2018.glaucou.it/limesurvey>.

Responses go directly and confidentially to the Vatican Synod Office. Any person between the ages of 16 and 29 is invited to participate. **The deadline for the survey is December 31, 2017.**



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph M. Cutuli** by the Mezquita Family

The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Timothy J. Holland** by his parents

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