



Welcome to the Catholic Community of

SAINT MARK

THE EVANGELIST

*A Catholic Community of Caring Since 1981
Serving Londonderry, Hudson & Windham - New Hampshire*

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Sunday @ 8:00 AM 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Monday through Thursday @ 9:00 AM

**Welcome Home! We, as a Parish Family,
are so glad you are here!**

As sharers of the one baptism & the one Spirit of the Risen Christ, we have come together as the Parish Community of St. Mark the Evangelist to proclaim our identity as the People of God.

The Eucharist is the center of our life and work together. Through the one bread, we become the one body of Christ, a living sacrifice of praise. In our worship of God, the Author of life and holiness, we proclaim our hope in the life of Christ's Resurrection; we open our hearts and minds to the Spirit of God dwelling in our midst.

In our work, together, we seek...

to enable our children to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God; to accompany our young sons and daughters on their journeys of discovery toward adulthood; to deepen our faith commitment through prayer & study; to be present to one another in the joys and sufferings, the victories and struggles of life; to give witness to the Gospel of justice and compassion to our hurting world.

We welcome to our parish family all who share our Catholic faith & traditions & our search for God in all things.

-Parish Mission Statement



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From the Desk of Deacon Tom...

Brothers and Sisters,

Sunday's were made for football! OK, maybe not, but after Mass during football season, my son and I like to watch the games most of Sunday afternoon and into the evening. I'm sure many of you are at least are aware each week when the Patriots are playing. Maybe you even avoid scheduling things so that you can watch the game. But we might forget that really, Sundays were made for God. More specifically, for us as Catholics, they are for us to put aside all our earthly concerns, needs, wants and worries and worship God. As Brandon mentioned last weekend, at each Mass, Heaven and Earth connect - we get to participate in the Beatific Vision, even if our senses don't allow us to "see" it. But for us it's probably hard to grasp, and even harder for us when we struggle with leaving behind all those things we need to get done in the coming week. But this week's Psalm might help us with that...

I'm not a fan of poetry (it might have something to do with me having an engineering background), and I often struggle with reading and relating to the Psalms in Scripture. But in the context of the Mass, I find the Psalms a soothing break between the two readings. This is probably because the Psalms historically were sung and not read, so singing them when we hear them at Mass is how they were intended to be heard.

This week's Psalm reminds us that we are (should be!) always seeking God. What got me was the last passage - I will remember you on my couch (Ps 63:6). Most translations say "bed", but couch sounds like where I spend Sunday's watching football. That line made me look at the other lines in this Psalm. This Psalm was written when David was in the Wilderness of Judah. All the verses are about seeking God. But sometimes our distractions keep us from seeking Him. Like the five virgins in the Gospel today who run out of oil, they were just going through the motions, giving the appearance of being ready for the bridegroom. They were merely going through a routine. I know my 8-5 routine at work can distract me enough that I'll forget to be looking for God throughout the day. But this Psalm reminded me of St Augustine's great line from *Confessions*: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you." Maybe that line or this week's Psalm will come to mind this week when we are in the "wilderness" of work.

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

May God give you His Peace!

Deacon Tom

Stockings For Soldiers

Thanks to everyone who filled a stocking, donated items or contributed funds for shipping for the Stocking for Soldiers project! We distributed 230 stockings during the last two weekends and received about 35 back as of last Sunday. Please return the remaining filled stockings to the church by today, **Sunday, November 12**, after the 11:00 am Mass. We need to deliver them to Operation Care for Troops this week for shipping overseas. Thanks again for your generous support of our troops overseas – our gifts from home, thoughts and prayers mean so much to those far from home for Christmas!!

L.O.V.E. Living Our Vows Everyday

All married and engaged couples are invited to join us for our second annual kickoff dinner on **Saturday evening, December 2, from 6-9:30 PM**. Come and hear about this exciting ministry that helps build strong marriages that are founded in our Catholic faith. The cost is \$40 per couple and includes a catered dinner with appetizers, dessert, and drinks. Last year's event was attended by 60 couples, so be sure to *register before Sunday, November 19!* You can sign up in our Welcome Center with cash or checks payable to St. Mark. Contact Walt and Vivian Paskowski at vpaskow1@hotmail.com with any questions.

Poor Box for November & December

Donations to the Poor Box for November and December will be used to support the St. Mark's Christmas Basket Program. This parish effort provides food and gifts to local families in need during the Christmas Season. Stay tuned for further information on how you can help with this wonderful parish tradition.

Christmas Basket Program

The Christmas Basket Program will begin next weekend. This program helps families in our community who are struggling to buy gifts for their family. In many cases, they will have nothing if we don't help. This program provides food, necessary clothing items and limited toys for children. Maybe we can share our abundance with them. For more information, see bulletin insert. Please consider how you can help.

Religious Education News

- * 1st Grade families are reminded of their child's class on **Thursday, November 16**, from 4:30 - 5:45. Chapters 6 -9 should be completed at this time.
- * 9th grade Confirmation students are reminded of their next class on **Sunday, November 19**, from 6:30 - 8:00 in the Parish Hall.

Keep Christ in Christmas

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 10488 is once again supporting Youth Ministry through the Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign! Stop by the table outside after Mass and pick up some beautiful Christmas Cards that express the true Reason for the season! Proceeds are going to support continued programs for the youth of our parish!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, November 12:

- 10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)
- 4:00 PM Children's Choir (Church)
- 4:00 PM Junior High Youth Night (Lounge)
- 6:00 PM High School Youth Night (Lounge)

Tuesday, November 14:

- 6 AM-11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 4:30 PM Religious Education (2 -5)
- 6:30PM Outreach (Room 104)
- 7:00 PM St. Gianna's Place Directors (Room 201)
- 7:00 PM Religious Education (6 - 8)
- 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Wednesday, November 15:

Office Closed

Thursday, November 16:

- 4:30PM Religious Education (1st grade)
- 6:00 PM Woman's Ministry Book Group (Lounge)
- 7:00 PM K of C Business Meeting (Room 209)

Friday, November 17:

- 6:00PM Cub Scouts (Rel. Ed. Center)

Saturday, November 18:

- 7:00AM Men of St. Joseph (Church and Hall)
- 9:00AM Men of St. Joseph - Core Team (Lounge)
- 9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)
- 6:00PM K of C Movie Night (Lounge)

Family Movie Night!!

Knights of Columbus Council 10488 is hosting another awesome Family Movie Night! Join us for a fun evening of popcorn, pizza, drinks, and fellowship with family members of all ages! This time we'll be watching the Pixar classic, "Cars." This is a free event for all ages! Please join us ***Saturday, November 18, at 6:00 PM*** in the Parish Hall! If you're interested, please stop by the Welcome Center and sign-up! You can also contact Chris Cook at (603) 557-7240 to sign-up or if you have any questions. Can't wait to see you there!

All Young Singers Welcome!

If you are in grade K-12 and like to sing, we would like to invite you to join our 18th Annual ***Christmas Youth Choir!*** We will be singing in the Church at the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. We will be having our first rehearsal today, ***November 12th, 4:00 - 5:00 PM*** in the Church, and rehearsals will be held every Sunday until Christmas Eve! Please sign up in the Welcome Center! If you have any questions, please call Rosemarie Kelly at (603)889-8972, or email at jrmdkelly@gmail.com.

Thank You For Your Service

This week we honor service men and women both past and present. Thank you and Happy Veteran's Day.

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

Youth Ministry!!

Tonight (Sunday) is Youth Night!! Middle School is from 4 - 5:45 PM, and High School is from 6 - 8 PM. All are welcome, so bring a friend along with you. We have a super group of young disciples here at St. Mark's, and we're constantly growing. Come be a part of it! If you have any questions, call the Parish Office, or email brandon@stmarksnh.org.

Men of St. Joseph News

Calling all Men! If you're looking for a Saturday morning alternative to the gym, we have one. It's hard hitting, like going to the gym, only it's spiritual exercise to build up real men, men like St. Joseph. It's rising early when your body is telling you to sleep in. It's breakfast you didn't have to cook. It's fellowship with guys who support and challenge each other to stand up for their family, church, and community. It's where men of all ages, occupations, and family situations come together in Christian fellowship. Most important, it's a group of guys you can stand shoulder to shoulder with to take on the challenges of being a 21st century Catholic man. There's no sign-ups, no projects, no dues. Just show up here at ***7am next Saturday morning, November 18***, for fellowship, food, and prayer. We guarantee to have you headed out by 9:00 AM sharp so you can get to your weekend projects. Come and check us out - you won't be disappointed. For information about the Men of St. Joseph call Bill Donroe at 432-6066.

Community Outreach

The Outreach Committee will be collecting new and gently used winter coats (no wool coats please) on the weekend of ***November 18 and 19*** to support the Christmas Basket Program! Here's an opportunity to make space in your closet and donate that winter coat that doesn't quite fit or is just not your favorite style and color to a worthy cause! All coats must be clean and either new or gently used. *We only need adult sized coats at this time; children's sized coats have already been provided by the Knights of Columbus.* There will be a bin at the entrance to the church on November 18 and 19 for your donation. Thanks for your support!!

The next meeting of Community Outreach will be on ***Monday, November 12 at 6:30 PM*** in Rm 104 in the Parish Center. We will be organizing the Stockings for Soldiers for delivery to Operation Care for Troops and continuing work on the Christmas Basket Program. All who would like to help are welcome! Hope to see you on Monday!

Sacrificial Giving (Nov. 4 - 5)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (169)	\$6,428.00
Loose Cash	\$1,862.00
Electronic Giving (5)	\$355.00
ParishPay	\$3,878.90
Social	\$53.00
General Donation	\$1,117.04
Religious Ed Tuition	\$125.00
Mass Donations	\$50.00
Total	\$13,868.94

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$685.00
Diocesan Collection (World Mission)	\$10.00
Charitable	\$75.00
All Saints Day	\$1,180.00
Total	\$1,950.00
Grand Total	\$15,818.94

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Safe Environment	Claudia Dominguez (603) 432-8711
Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30- 11 AM
Birthright	(603) 434-3000
NH Catholic Charities, Windham	(603) 893-1971

Mass Intentions for Nov. 11 - Nov. 19

11/11 Saturday, 5 PM:

Deceased members of the Strauss
& Tertheriaque families

11/12 Sunday, 8 AM:

Donna Quandt by Al Quandt

11/12 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Catherine Ganley by K of C Council 10488

11/12 Sunday, 11 AM:

Glen Giles by John & Suzanne Patnaude

11/13 Monday, 9 AM:

Ed Dziergowski by Marie Lescarbeau

11/14 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Joan Bompastore by her family

11/15 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Ed Dziergowski by Norm and Diane Ducas

11/16 Thursday 9 AM:

Ed Dziergowski by the Guilfoyle Family

11/18 Saturday, 5 PM:

Augustine Patnaude

11/19 Sunday, 8 AM:

Ellen Norton by the Wilcox Family

11/19 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

People of the Parish

11/19 Sunday, 11 AM:

Elaine Young by John & Suzanne Patnaude

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are asked to participate in the baptismal catechesis program prior to their child's baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance and before making any other wedding arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call us to request the Sacrament of the Sick or to receive communion in the home.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays, 6:00 AM-11PM / First Fridays 8 PM-12 AM