



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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Deacon's Pencil.... *"Pentecost, Come Holy Spirit, Come"*

In today's readings, we celebrate the Feast of **"Pentecost,"** which means fifty (50). This was a feast that was celebrated about fifty days after Passover and was a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest. The first fruits of the crops were offered to God that day. All Jewish men were expected to come to the temple for the feast. The city was usually full to overflowing and it was fitting that this day was chosen as the day the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. Today is, in reality, the *birthday* of the Church.

We see in our Second Reading that the gifts of the Holy Spirit were given for the good of the whole community to help build up the Body of Christ. We should not refuse to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit, nor claim them as our own. Paul clearly warns against listening to false teachers and he show us how to check out their credentials. You shall know them by their fruits.

Paul compares the body of Christ to a human body (the Temple of the Holy Spirit). Each part is an individual and has a specific job to do. In their differences, all of the parts must work together for the good of the whole Body of Christ, the Church. It is very important that we are not too proud of our abilities, and we must not compare ourselves with one another. We are called to use our different gifts together, to spread the "Good News" to a world that is filled with "bad news." The Church, which is the people of God who believe that "Jesus is Lord", must be united in its belief in Christ. It must not let its leaders, or members, use any gifts to cause division or strife.

Today's Gospel passage reveals to us the incredible gift of the Holy Spirit being given publicly to the disciples of Jesus by Jesus himself. This is a tremendous feast day in the Church. When we look back, we see the *golden thread of the Spirit* which runs through Advent, a time to prepare for the Incarnation of God, through Christmas where Mary's fiat and the power of the Holy Spirit brings about the Incarnation, which leads us to Lent and preparing ourselves for the sufferings Christ on our behalf during Holy Week; which leads us to the great celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his triumph over death, which guaranteed our union with him in heaven, to our celebration today of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit coming to abide in the Church.

The Holy Spirit who came upon the Apostles, and on all in the upper room, is the same Spirit who wants to abide in us as well. We can let the Spirit come into our heart right now. He awaits our invitation. The Spirit wants to come and take up residence in our Temple, the body, and take control of our lives. His power will flow through us and we will never be the same again. His peace will be our peace and it will be a peace that surpasses all understanding.

The power from the Holy Spirit helps all of us live a life of holiness and wholeness. We need to always remember that God's plan for each of us is to live a life that is abundant and full (Jn. 10:10). The Holy Spirit gives us power, in the name of Jesus, to bind evil and to loosen those who are in the grip of sin. We can release others from the bondage of sin by our compassion and forgiveness. We are more than conquerors; we are children of the Living God and we are called to set the captives free and give sight to the blind. We do that by forgiving them and loving them through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Pentecost – the harvest is now, the Kingdom of God is at hand, come and be fishers of men. I pray that the Holy Spirit today will fill you with his love and peace, and fill all of us with gratitude for all that God has done for us.

God Bless,
Dc. Lee

Welcome Ryan Amazeen!

We are overjoyed and so excited to welcome Mr. Ryan Amazon to our St. Mark's family! Ryan is a seminarian for our diocese, and he just finished his first year of Theology at Str. John's Seminary in Boston. Ryan received his B.A. in Philosophy from Our Lady of Providence Seminary in Rhode Island, and is already finished his 5th year of priestly formation! Every summer, our diocesan seminarians receive a summer assignment to help integrate their academic studies with practical life in a parish community. We are blessed to have Ryan join us, so please give him a warm welcome!

Pancake Breakfast Downstairs Today!!

Come on down and help support our high school students with their trip to the Stuebenville East Youth Conference this July! We're serving a full pancake breakfast downstairs after all the masses today! Stop by for food and fellowship, and show your support for the continued spiritual growth of our youth! See you there!

Adult Faith Formation!

Our Adult Faith Formation evenings continue this *Monday night, June 5*. Our Parish Evangelist will lead a talk on the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Join us for this timely discussion right after Pentecost!

Join us the following Monday, *June 12*, as we gear-up for Father's Day with a presentation on St. Joseph! Come learn more about the unassuming patron of our Diocese and the Universal Church!

Our Adult Faith Formation evenings are held in the Parish Lounge at *7:00 PM*. Refreshments are provided, and all are welcome!

Fr. Thom's 25th Anniversary!!

You are cordially invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Father Thom Duston's ordination to the priesthood. Fr. Thom will celebrate Mass this *Sunday, June 4, 2017, at 3 pm*, at St. Mary's Church, 71 Lowell Street, Rochester, NH. A reception will follow in St. Mary's Parish Hall attached to the church.

St. Mark's Day at the Ballpark!

We're going to see the NH Fisher Cats play the Portland Sea Dogs on *Wednesday night, July 26!!* Even better, our own St. Mark's choir has been invited to perform the National Anthem before the game! The Knights of Columbus and St. Mark's Youth Ministries has teamed up to raise money for continued programs for the youth of our parish. Tickets are \$12 each and sure to go fast, so see Brandon after mass, or call him at the office Monday through Thursday at 432-8711.

Religious Education News

- * 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students are reminded that all requirements are now due!
- * Registrations for the Summer Religious Education program are now due. The Summer Program will be held from July 10th through July 20th.
- * Parents of students attending the 2017 Summer Religious Education Program are reminded of their Parent Meeting on Wednesday, June 7, at 10:00 AM or 6:30 AM in the Parish Hall!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, June 4:

Pancake Breakfast after all masses

Monday, June 5:

7:00 PM Community Outreach (Room 104)

7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)

Tuesday, June 6:

6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 103)

7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Wednesday, June 7:

10:00 AM CCD Parent Meeting (Hall)

6:30 PM CCD Parent Meeting (Hall)

Friday, June 9:

6:00 PM Cub Scouts (Religious Ed Center)

Saturday, June 10:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

Grace Within: Thank You to All!!

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the nine week Spring Session of Grace Within: Our twelve wonderful participants; Facilitators Beth Maffattone and Jane Leonard; Prayer Partner Coordinator Barbara Quandt, and all the devoted Prayer Partners: Celebration Dinner Coordinator Arleen Potter and the many women who helped to make the dinner a huge success, especially Donna Mannarini for spectacular floral decorations. Special thanks to Steve Pratte and Angela Freeman for the beautiful music that evening and to Amy Guthrie for an inspirational talk. We thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon the Grace Within Ministry here at St Mark's and we look forward to its continued growth and success. If you are interested in becoming a participant or a prayer partner for the Fall 2017 Session, contact Diane Carter at dhcarter13@gmail.com. You can also find further information about the program on the church web site.

Community Outreach

Donations for the Poor Box for the month of June will benefit *Emily's Place*. This organization, sponsored by the YWCA, provides a confidential and safe shelter for women and children in need. Thank you very much for your generous support, as always.

The St. Mark's Community Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, June 5 at 7:00 PM, in Room 104 in the Parish Center. We will discuss upcoming projects for the rest of 2017. Everyone interested in participating in Community Outreach is welcome to come! Thanks for a Wonderful Evening!

Praise and Worship Choir!

Have you been enjoying the contemporary music at our 11 AM mass? It's been beautiful and uplifting, and we'd love to have you be a part of it!! The rehearsal dates for June are ***Sunday June 4 and June 18 at 7 PM***, right here in the church.. Come on down and lend your voice! Don't be shy, this is such a wonderful way to participate in the spiritual life of our community in a new and fulfilling way! We'll see you there!

A Truly Wonderful Evening!

Our Wine-tasting Fundraiser last Friday night was spectacular! Our sincerest gratitude goes out to Diana Lamothe for putting this event together - and to all those who helped out: Bravo! And of course, we could never thank all of YOU enough for your generosity and support as we continue to grow together! What an exciting time here at St. Mark's! We're so glad that you are a part of it!

Novena to the Holy Spirit

From the Friday after the Ascension (May 26) until the feast of Pentecost (June 4), we will be praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit following our daily masses. Please join us in this powerful devotion:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

Sacrificial Giving (May 25 - 28)

Operating Funds

Weekend (May 27 - 28)	\$ 5,843.11
ParishPay - wkly avg - 75 donors	\$ 1,912.00
Ascension	\$ 1,063.00
Total	\$ 8,818.11

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$ 220.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 225.00
Grand Total	\$ 9043.11

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Mass Intentions for May 27 - June 4

6/3 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pat Trongo by Mary & Al Kovacic

6/4 Sunday, 8 AM:

Simone Felding by the Schou family

6/4 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

People of the Parish

6/4 Sunday, 11 AM:

Nancy Driscoll by Rich & Cathy Kinnon

6/5 Monday, 9 AM:

Joan Carroll by Dianne Nolin

6/6 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Adrian Pallone by his family

6/7 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Charles Hoole by the Goselin family

6/8 Thursday 9 AM:

Louisa Gendron by her loving husband

6/10 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pat Trongo by Mary & Al Kovacic

6/11 Sunday, 8 AM:

Kerry Hildreth by the Kelley family

6/11 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Clara Jablonski by the Schou family

6/11 Sunday, 11 AM:

Camille L. Lynch by Mary Y. Lynch & family

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Finance Council	Kevin Cronin
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Knights of Columbus	Bob McQuirk (603) 203-9384
Men of St Joseph	Bill Donroe (603) 432-6066
Prayer Line	(603) 429-1211
Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30- 11 AM
Birthright	(603) 434-3000
NH Catholic Charities, Windham	(603) 893-1971

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm 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, 6:00am-11pm / First Fridays 8pm-12am