



*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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*RCIA Coordinator*  
*Music Director*  
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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 Seminarian Ryan...**

Praised be Jesus Christ! For the next few Sundays, our pastor will be taking a little respite from writing in the bulletin, and I will be taking his place! My name is Ryan Amazeen, and I am the seminarian that has been assigned to the parish for the summer. I am overjoyed to be here, and I look forward to getting to know all of you! I thought it would be appropriate to utilize my first article in the bulletin to introduce myself and to tell you a little bit about the story of my vocational discernment.

I just completed my first year of theology studies at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts, and in case any of you are wondering, I am in fact old enough to be in seminary. (I am 23 to be exact!) I grew up in Auburn, New Hampshire and attended the public elementary and middle schools in that same town. After completing the eighth grade, I attended Manchester Memorial High School for my four years of high school where, among other activities, I played trumpet in the concert band.

From my earliest years I have felt a call from the Lord to follow Him as a priest. One day when I was five years old, my parents were pushing me on the swing we had in our backyard, and all of a sudden, unprovoked and "out of the blue" I told them that I wanted to be a priest one day. (Of course, they have to tell me this story, because I was too young to remember!) To be honest, I do not remember an occasion in my life where I did not feel an attraction or a pull towards the priesthood. As I grew up, I was actively involved in the life of my home parish, Saint Pius X in Manchester, NH. I was an altar server, an active member of the youth group, and I taught religious education classes. I was blessed with the presence of many holy and zealous priests in my life who served in my home parish and who continue to serve as role models for me.

So, when the time came for me to apply for college, I applied to Saint Anselm College and was accepted. But after Bishop Peter Libasci's first Sunday Mass as Bishop of Manchester, I went downstairs to meet him, and Father Jason Jalbert, the diocesan vocation director, pulled me aside. He had known that I had been experiencing a call from the Lord to follow Him as a priest from his time as associate pastor of Saint Pius X, and so he asked me if I would like to join the college seminary the following year. Now I did not even know that college seminaries existed, and so I had given no thought to the idea. But after some time of prayer and reflection, I decided to accept his invitation. I entered Our Lady of Providence Seminary in the fall of 2012, and spent four years in the program discerning my vocation and being formed for the priesthood. During those four years, I attended Providence College and graduated in the spring of 2016 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. After my four years in Providence, Bishop Libasci assigned me to theology studies at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, where I just completed my first year. My time in seminary has been tremendously rewarding and fulfilling; despite the many challenges and difficulties I face, there is a profound peace that I experience from the fact that I believe I am doing the Lord's will.

I hope to make this a fruitful and formative pastoral experience here at Saint Mark the Evangelist parish! I have heard such wonderful things about the parish, its people, and its pastor. I can already tell that it is a vibrant and growing community of faith, and I look forward to being a part of it, even if only for two months. I am so eager to meet all of you, and please know that you have been and will continue to be in my prayers. I kindly ask that you keep me in yours as we get to know each other more over these next two months. May God bless all of you, and may our Blessed Mother watch over you always. Saint Mark the Evangelist, pray for us!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan Amazeen

## **A Beautiful Witness...**

*We are so pleased to share this award-winning essay by one of our youth, Miss Sadie LaMothe. Sadie is a student at Presentation of Mary Academy and penned this beautiful reflection for the 2017 New Hampshire Catholic School Consecration.*

Mary became the Mother of Jesus and also the Mother of the Church by one powerful phrase: "I am the Lord's servant; may it be to me as you have said." From these words we realize how Mary devoted her whole life to God's commands as if it were an easy decision. Her decision was much more significant than that, but Mary's faith in God was so unbelievably great that she was willing to devote her life on Earth to God and spend her afterlife in Heaven. Mary's choice to say "yes" to God laid down the first brick that would one day become God's Kingdom on Earth. We face many choices every day that have the potential to add a brick to the ever-growing Kingdom of God.

Encouraging others to do the right thing, and having the courage to do this ourselves, add to God's Kingdom. Just as Mary encouraged Jesus to perform his first miracle at the Wedding of Cana, we too must believe in the ability of our community to improve the lives of those around us. We can encourage others by our actions and by setting a good example. Standing up to the bully leads to the foundation of an anti-bullying group at your school. Helping someone with their homework leads to an after-school class of students helping each other and working together. Although we may not realize it, our actions to help others leave a lasting effect on many lives around us.

Although Mary was burdened with the great responsibility of raising Jesus, the Son of God, she was strong and supportive. Mary is known to be the only person with Jesus at all times throughout his life. She raised him, was with him during his first miracle, supported him in his ministry, comforted him on the night of his death, and is now present with him in Heaven. We are able to strengthen God's Kingdom by being strong ourselves. Even when we are weighed down by responsibility and the pressure of society, we must place our trust in God that he will give us the strength to endure and succeed. By being confident in God's presence, we will realize that he is always with

us, protecting us, and encouraging us to live our human lives according to his will. By choosing God as Mary did, we are choosing to add yet another brick to God's Kingdom here on Earth.

By laying down brick after brick, we realize all our small acts leave a lasting influence. Although we are not saying yes to something as significant as raising the Son of God, we are saying yes to keeping his spirit and teachings alive in hearts around us. We realize that our everyday choices between good and evil should be easy, but that isn't always the case. Although we may not always know what God has planned for us, all he asks is that we trust in him, just as Mary demonstrated for us.

## **Religious Education News**

- \* Parents who were unable to attend the parent meeting on Wednesday, June 7, regarding the Summer Religious Education Program are asked to call Cathy Kinnon at 434-5711 and make arrangements to meet and pick up their child's religious education materials.
- \* Summer Religious Education registration forms are now overdue. Please call the Religious Education Office at 434-5711 if you would like to enroll.
- \* 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students are reminded that all requirements are now overdue.

## **This Week @ St. Mark's!!!**

### **Monday, June 12:**

2:30 PM      Salad Ministry (Hall)  
7:00 PM      Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)

### **Tuesday, June 13:**

6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
7:30 PM      Choir Practice (Church)

### **Wednesday, June 14:**

9:30 AM      Coffee Break with Ryan (Hall)

### **Saturday, June 17:**

7:00 AM      Men of St. Joseph (Church and Hall)  
9:30 AM      Al Anon (Room 209)

## **Tasting for Tiles a Huge Success!!**

The Tasting for Tiles wine tasting fundraiser was a huge success on all accounts. The support received from our community was overwhelming and the evening proved to be a fun social gathering with amazing food, great wine, and lots of laughter. The icing on the cake is that we raised \$7,000 to help pay for our new carpet-tile floors!

A special thank you to Craig Pierce of Martignetti, and to Treasury Wine Estates for donating the wine samples and two large bottles of wine that were auctioned off at the end of the evening. Everyone went home with beautiful Riedel wine glasses that were sponsored in loving memory of Ryan Guthrie. Thank you also to our other sponsors: Alice Max in loving memory of Herman Max (Old Iron Estates, Methuen, MA), John and Dora Antonellis, Andy MacWilliam, and Marie Terhune.

So many people came forward to help set up, serve food, pour wine and clean up. Thank you to Cindy and George Combes, Pearl Goodrich, Ruth Harbilas, Dean LaMothe, John Leone, Betty Milloro, Ben and Lisa Olsen, Brandon Sargent, and Pat Speltz. Thank you also to Doreena Stickney, our 50/50 raffle winner, for donating her \$275 prize back to the parish!

And it all began with a small group of people who were so dedicated to make this, our first official FUNdraising event, a success. A team of just six people came up with the idea, covered all the masses to sell seats, visited local businesses multiple times to collect great raffle prizes (over 30 prizes were given out!), purchased supplies, decorated the church hall, prepared and served an amazing spread of food, and recruited friends and family to help too. Heartfelt thanks to our FUNdraising team: Diane Carter, Tara Inglese, Diana LaMothe, Patty Leone, Cathy Reardon and Mike Speltz. This is an incredible group of hard working, caring and generous people who are committed to serving St. Marks. If you'd like to join this team, please contact Diana LaMothe at [fun.stmarks@gmail.com](mailto:fun.stmarks@gmail.com). Please also reach out to Diana if you have any suggestions for future events.

## **Adult Faith Formation!**

Our Adult Faith Formation evenings continue this **Monday night, June 12, at 7:00** in the Parish Lounge. We're going to get ready for Father's Day with a presentation on St. Joseph! Come learn more about the unassuming patron of our Diocese and the Universal Church!

Join us for a very special evening on **Monday, June 19, at 7:00 PM** in the Church, as we once again welcome Mr. Brian Templeton! We're planning an evening of prayer, adoration, and song with Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. This will be a great opportunity for anyone who has never experienced Eucharistic Adoration before, or perhaps is unsure what it's all about! This will be a beautiful guided meditation with Our Lord and you don't want to miss it!

## **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.

## **We Can't Thank You Enough!!**

Our sincerest gratitude to the St. Mark's community for your continued generosity and commitment to our youth. Our Pancake Breakfast last week raised around a thousand dollars to assist our trip to the Stuebenville East Youth Conference, as well as support continued projects for the young people of St. Mark's!! A special "thank you" to John Kelly and Dianne Giordano for helping make the event possible! We are so blessed to have such vibrant and energetic young disciples and so many wonderful adults like you who love to support them!

**Sacrificial Giving (June 3 - 4)**

**Operating Funds**

Offertory Envelopes (171)	\$ 4,701.00
Loose Cash	\$ 2,161.00
Electronic Giving - wkly - 5 donors	\$ 355.00
ParishPay - wkly avg - 75 donors	\$ 2,617.00
Ascension	\$ 15.00
Youth	\$ 2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,851.00</b>

**Designated Funds**

Capital Development	\$ 894.00
Diocesan Collection (Cath Comm Camp)	\$ 30.00
Charitable	\$ 60.00
Poor Box	\$ 115.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,099.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$10,950.00</b>

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Prayer Line	(603) 429-1211
Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30- 11 AM
Birthright	(603) 434-3000
NH Catholic Charities, Windham	(603) 893-1971

**Mass Intentions for June 10 - June 18**

**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

**6/12 Monday, 9 AM:**

Gerald M. Gillespie by the Maccarone family

**6/13 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

Joan Bompastore by her family

**6/14 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Eugene and Joan Fontaine & Patricia Arsenault  
by Mary Y. Lynch

**6/15 Thursday 9 AM:**

Rene Robergeau by Renata Dryer & Mary Y. Lynch

**6/17 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Michael MacNeil by the MacNeil family

**6/18 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Barbara Ann Keenan by the Schou family

**6/18 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

People of the Parish

**6/18 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Dick Robinson (12th anniversary) by his wife Mary

**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