



Welcome to the Catholic Community of

SAINT MARK

THE EVANGELIST

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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 Seminarian Ryan...

Well, another week has gone by, and by this time, Father Mike should have ordered a new green altar frontal to replace the one that I ruined. I promise all of you good people at St. Mark's parish that I will stay far away from both irons and the altar frontals from now on. (It's always good to be able to laugh at things like this; being able to laugh at yourself is important, especially, I think, for us as Christians.) I hope you all had a wonderful week and were able to enjoy the couple of sunny days with which God blessed us.

For my bulletin reflection on this thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, I want to do something a little *out* of the ordinary (did you notice the pun?); I want to first reflect on the collect of the Mass (the opening prayer). Right after the Gloria, Father Mike will pray this opening prayer, and the purpose of this prayer is to "collect" all of our individual prayers and petitions and offer them to God through the prayer that the priest prays out loud. For the thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the collect addresses God, and acknowledges Him as the One "who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light." In this short phrase, we recognize that our identity as beloved sons and daughters of God is not of our own choosing or accomplishing; rather, it is God who chose us to be His children through His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Through the sacrament of baptism, God saved us from the darkness of sin, error, and death and wrapped us "in the bright light of truth."

As it so happens, the second reading at Mass today deals with this great sacrament of baptism. In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul teaches that we participate in the death and resurrection of Christ through our baptism. Saint Paul beautifully declares "that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him." Through His passion, death, and resurrection, Christ conquered sin and death, and by our baptism, we share in Christ's victory in our own lives. This grace of God, as we know, is not magic; it does not cancel our own free will to choose what is good and what is evil. We still have to make a conscious decision throughout our lives to live for God and to reject sin, error, and death. For this reason, Saint Paul reminds us that "you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must choose to love God and to follow Him on a daily basis, especially in those moments in our lives when our faith in and love of God is tested. God's grace gives us the ability to say "yes" to God at all moments, but we still have to choose to work in accord with this grace. For this reason, the collect of the Mass asks that "we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth." So, at the beginning of this Mass, we asked God, basically, that we who have been baptized be granted the grace to remain in the same state of grace that we experienced after our baptism by always choosing God and thus remaining in the "bright light of truth."

Now in the selection from Matthew's Gospel today, Jesus sets the bar extremely high for us as His followers. He is quite clear in His command: we must love Him above everything else, even our children and parents! Obviously, this does not mean that you have to love your family any less. In fact, the radical love that Jesus wants you to have for Him should cause you to love your family *even more* than you already do! For all you parents, think of how much you love your children. There is nothing as strong as a parent's love for his or her child, and yet Jesus says that your love for Him must be stronger than this! How is this humanly possible? Well, through the grace that we receive in our baptism and in the other sacraments! Regular participation in the sacrament of reconciliation and reception of Holy Communion strengthens our ability to love God above all else, especially sin, error and darkness, and gives us the strength to always "stand in the bright light of truth."

Sincerely in Christ,

Seminarian Ryan

Thank You, Kate!!

Our wonderful Youth Minister, Kate Ciarletta, has taken an exciting new job with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture! Of course this means that she is now residing in the Nutmeg State full-time, and won't be able to serve the youth of our community at the same capacity as she has been. Kate will still be around now and then, and will still be involved in Youth Ministry here at St. Mark's as her schedule allows. Kate has been instrumental in reestablishing Youth Ministry in our faith community over the past year, and we are all so grateful for her commitment and passion to helping form young disciples. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she embarks on this new endeavor!

Are you or someone you know home from college this summer? Maybe you're just starting your career and looking to expand and explore your life in Christ? Why not try out Youth Ministry? No experience required! All you need is a passion for the gospel and a desire to foster the Good News in the hearts and minds of young people! You could participate in as few or as many youth events as you like! Contact Brandon at 432-8711, or email him at brandon.stmarks@comcast.net and let him know you're interested!

Welcome, Artie Carew!!!

Please join us in joyfully welcoming Mr. Artie Carew to our St. Mark's family! Artie will be working alongside Allan Fernald as Director of Music for our parish! His talents and experiences are sure to be a blessing to our sacred liturgies and beyond! Artie lives in Nashua with his wonderful wife, Meliza, and their newborn son, Zachary. Be sure to give them the big St. Mark's welcome that we extend to all new members of our growing community!

Artie will be leading our worship in song at the 5:00 PM Saturday, as well as the 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses. Our beloved Adult Choir will remain the featured music at our 9:30 AM Sunday Mass.

We are so blessed to have such wonderful music ministry here at St. Mark's, and the Lord continues to enrich us with His grace as we grow together as a community of faith. Won't you be a part of it? Talk to either Allan or Artie and let them know that you're ready to lend your voice and praise to this wonderful ministry! We can't wait to hear you!!

Religious Education News

- * Summer Religious Education registration forms are now overdue. Please call the Religious Education Office at 434-5711 if you would like to enroll.
- * Summer Religious Education teachers are reminded of their teacher meeting on **Tuesday, June 27**, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Lounge.
- * All summer students must have their contact forms into the Religious Education Office by the first day of classes.
- * *Please keep the 165 students and teachers in your prayers as we begin our Summer Religious Education Program next week!!*

Coffee Break with Seminarian Ryan!

Join us for fifteen minutes after daily Mass on Wednesday mornings for coffee and pastries with Ryan, our resident seminarian! We'll sit around and have a chat about the Scriptures, the Faith, and much more! What a great way to start the day! Come on down to the Parish Lounge right after 9 AM Mass and join us for faith and fellowship.

Youth Ministry!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 9!** Middle School Night is from 4:00 until 5:45, and High School Night is from 6:00 to 8:00! Bring a friend! We can't wait to see you there!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Monday, July 3:

Parish Office Closed

6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 103)

Tuesday, July 4:

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5:

9:30 AM Coffee Break with Ryan (Hall)

Thursday, July 6:

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Group (Kitchen)

Friday, July 7:

8PM - 12AM Nocturnal Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, July 8:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

Adult Faith Formation!

Our Adult Faith Formation sessions will resume on **Monday, July 10, at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Lounge. Seminarian Ryan Amazeen will be leading us in a discussion about the Holy Trinity! Come join us as we explore the greatest truth and deepest mystery of our faith - one God in three separate yet equal Persons! Refreshments will be served, and as always we're sure to have a lot of fun! See you there!

Welcome to the Newly Baptized!!

Please welcome to our parish community **Grayson James Kvetkosky, Christopher Michael Russo, Jaxon James, and Aria Marie Desavage**. May we always be examples of God's love to them.

Holy Matrimony...

Please welcome for the first time **Kevin and Aimee (O'Conner) Williams!** They were married here at St. Mark's on Saturday, June 24, 2017! May God bless them as they begin their married life together!

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 are almost gone, so see Brandon after mass, or call him at the office Monday through Thursday at 432-8711.

Smiles Wanted!

Summer is here, and that means it's time for vacation! With so many of us getting away for a well-deserved getaway in these months, staffing for our various weekend ministries gets a bit light. Won't you lend us a hand, and more importantly, your smile? Many hands make light work, and goes a long way in filling in some of the vacation gaps! If you're interested in volunteering a few minutes before and after Mass, once or twice a month, stop by the Welcome Center and let us know! Or call Brandon at 432-8711. Thank you!

Community Outreach

* Donations to the Poor Box for the month of July and August will benefit *Sonshine Soup Kitchen* - the local food pantry in Derry. Often supplies of food dwindle during the summer months and the poor and homeless are still in need of help. Also, children are not in school and cannot rely on the school lunch program for nourishment. As always, thank you for your generous support.

* The Outreach Committee will not meet during July; meetings will resume on **Monday, August 28 at 6:30 pm** in Rm 104 in the Parish Center. We will discuss Fall projects and the Christmas Basket Program for 2017. Everyone interested in Community Outreach is welcome!

Check Us Out!!

Have you been to our Parish website? If not, you're missing out! There you'll find archived videos of Father Mike and Deacon Lee's homilies, Brandon's weekly Evangelist Messages, our Adult Faith Formation sessions, and more!! News on upcoming events, ministry schedules, and even see the weekly bulletin a few days before everyone else does! Stop by and check it out at [saintmarkevangelist.com!](http://saintmarkevangelist.com) There you can also find links to our Facebook and Twitter pages, where you can keep up on the latest happenings here in our St. Mark's community, and browse through pictures and videos of everything that's going on. It's a lot of fun and we'd love to have you join us!

Spend an Hour with Him...

Nocturnal Adoration will be held on **Friday, July 7** beginning at **8 p.m. until midnight**. Please join us for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel each hour. For information, call Dennis at 437-6051.

St. Gianna's Closet

Please consider donating your used-but-still-wearable children's clothing to St. Gianna's Closet. All clothing is given out for free to anyone in need. If your family needs children's clothing, call Liz at 437-6678. Donations of sizes birth to teen are accepted and can be brought to room 101. In addition, any baby equipment and used toys will also be accepted. Thank you!

Sacrificial Giving (June 24 - 25)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (144)	\$ 3,259.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,847.00
ParishPay - wkly avg - 75 donors	\$ 2,617.00
Easter	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 7,760.00

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$ 170.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 1212.00
Charitable	\$ 25.00
Holy Land	\$ 10.00
Poor Box	\$ 75.00
Parish to Parish	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 1517.00
Grand Total	\$ 9,277.00

Parish Contact Information

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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 July 2 - July 9

7/1 Saturday, 5 PM:

Francis McInerney by his daughter Mary Christine

7/2 Sunday, 8 AM:

James Dromgoole by K of C Council 10488

7/2 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Jim Alexander by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

7/2 Sunday, 11 AM:

Eric Dunbar by Nouhad Soueidan

7/3 Monday, 9 AM:

Frances Elansari by Maureen Breisch

7/4 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Adrian Pallone by his family

7/5 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Cody Sanborn

7/6 Thursday 9 AM:

Robert T. Goodwin

7/8 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pat Trongo by Mary & Michael Kovacik

7/9 Sunday, 8 AM:

Rob Fonteyn by Barbara Scott

7/9 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Matthew & Sophie Wnek by the Schou family

7/9 Sunday, 11 AM:

Abraham Maalouli & family by Nouhad Soueidan

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