



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 Seminarian Ryan...

Well, I hope you all had a wonderful celebration of our country's independence on July 4th! It's always wonderful to have some time off from work to spend with family and friends, especially during the summer months. I pray that you all had some time for relaxation and rest, and were able to enjoy some delicious summer food and drink, and perhaps even some fireworks!

A major theme in our readings and in our prayers for this fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is joy, and more specifically, what the collect (opening prayer) refers to as "holy joy." Interestingly, the only thing that we ask from God in the collect today is this holy joy; everything else that we pray in this prayer is simply professing and proclaiming the great deeds that God has accomplished. What, then, are we specifically asking from God in this prayer? Well, according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, one of the most brilliant theologians the Church has ever seen, joy is an effect of charity; in other words, joy is a direct result of love. Joy consists in resting in the good that we desire, or love. When we desire something that is good, we obviously experience profound sentiments of joy when our desire is satisfied and we rest in that which we desire. Now we say that God is our greatest good, and so we should desire Him above everything else. So, when we are in communion with God, there is nothing greater than the joy we experience. Receiving Him in the Eucharist, being filled with His Holy Spirit, hearing His word proclaimed; these are just some of the ways that we can be united to God while on earth, and they should cause us to rejoice more than anything else. So, then, what we are asking for in our opening prayer is to be filled with "holy joy," to always be united to God, and to one day be perfectly united with Him in heaven, where all of our desires will be satisfied.

This theme of joy is also present in our first reading from the prophet Zechariah. The short reading from this prophet begins with the phrase: "thus says the Lord." What follows, then, is directly from the mouth of the Lord! The Lord tells His people in Israel to "rejoice heartily" and to "shout for joy" precisely because their king is coming to them, their king who is also their savior. Israel has awaited its savior for centuries, and Zechariah is prophesying that moment when Christ will finally come to save His people and to be their king forever. Humanity, especially the people of Israel, have desired for so long to have God in their midst and to be freed from sin so that they could be close to God, and with the coming of Jesus Christ, this desire is fulfilled. The cause of their joy, then, is that that for which they yearned for so long has finally arrived and they can rest in it. Our savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has come to earth, suffered, died, and rose from the dead to save us from our sins. This should cause such great joy in us!

For this reason, there should be no sad Christians! Pope Francis always reminds us by his words and by his example that we should not walk around with frowns on our faces precisely because God is with us and has saved us! Now there are obviously moments in our lives where sadness can take over, such as when we experience the death of a loved one or the loss of a job. But underneath this sadness, there should be rejoicing in the fact that God is in control and will not abandon us during these difficult moments. Showing our joy to all we meet is one of the most effective ways to evangelize our culture. If people see grouchy, cynical Christians, they will most surely not want anything to do with us or our religion. On the other hand, if people experience Christians imbued with "holy joy," people will be attracted to our faith and will begin to explore for themselves this wonderful, joyful faith of ours. Let us all resolve to be people of joy, because our God is with us and has saved us! Until next week, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Seminarian Ryan Amazeen

Come and See!!

The summer months bring many of us together with our families and friends: cookouts, birthday parties, vacations, and other activities that bring us together for fun and fellowship. Perhaps you'll engage in a conversation about faith with someone you know... maybe someone seeking a new faith community... maybe someone who has been away from the faith for a while... maybe even someone who doesn't know our Lord, but is visibly searching for answers and truth. What a great opportunity for us to live our faith and spread the Good News!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process for prospective Catholics who wish to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the teachings and sacraments of our apostolic tradition. Here at St. Mark's, we will begin our RCIA program in September - so we all have the summer to recruit catechumens! Invite someone to our community for mass this summer! Reach out with a smile and the words of our Lord to His first disciples: "Come and see."

For more information on RCIA, call 432 - 8711, or email stmarkevan@comcast.net.

Men of St. Joseph News

Attention Men: If you're looking for a Saturday morning workout and the gym isn't your favorite place, here's a great alternative. It's hard hitting, much like going to the gym, only its spiritual exercise to build up real men. It's rising early when your body is telling you to sleep in. It's a hot cup of coffee. It's fellowship with guys who support and challenge each other to become strong leaders for their families. There are no dues and no projects. Just show up at 7am next Saturday, August 18, for fellowship, food, and prayer. And we guarantee to have you headed to the gym, the lumber yard, or the job jar by 9:00 sharp!

We've been here at St. Mark for 17 years, so check us out. For information about the Men of St. Joseph contact Bill Donroe, 432-6066 or check out the "parish ministries" tab at saintmarkevangelist.com!

Religious Education News

* 10th Grade Confirmation students who have completed all their requirements are asked to call Mrs. Kinnon at 434 - 5711 to set up your interview.

* *Please keep the 165 students and teachers in your prayers as we begin the thirteenth year of our Summer Religious Education Program!!*

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.

In Loving Memory...

Please pray for *John Ligotti*, father of Ellen Quirk and Donna Ligotti. May God grant him eternal rest and may our prayers and support be a source of comfort and healing for his grieving family.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Monday, July 10:

9AM - 12PM Summer Religious Education
2:30 PM Salad Ministry (Kitchen)

Tuesday, July 11:

9AM - 12PM Summer Religious Education

Wednesday, July 12:

9AM - 12PM Summer Religious Education
9:30 AM Coffee Break with Ryan (Hall)

Thursday, July 13:

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Group (Kitchen)
9AM - 12PM Summer Religious Education

Friday, July 14:

9AM - 12PM Summer Religious Education

Saturday, July 15:

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

Adult Faith Formation!

Adult Faith Formation is this ***Monday, July 10, at 7:00*** 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!

Youth Ministry!!

Youth Night is tonight, ***Sunday, July 9!!*** Middle School Night starts at 4:00 and wraps up at 5:45. High Schoolers meet from 6:00 to 8:00. School's out - so if you'll be in Middle School or High School next fall, come on down! We always have a great crowd - and with no more homework for a couple months, there's no better time to come down and check it out if you haven't yet! Bring a friend! They don't have to belong to St. Mark's - they don't even have to be Catholic - all are welcome! Plenty of food and lots of fun, as always...we meet downstairs in the Parish Lounge. Can't wait to see you there!

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!

Support Those Who Support Us...

Have you checked out the back page of your bulletin lately? So many wonderful local businesses generously advertise with us to defer the cost of this weekly publication. Won't you show them your appreciation for supporting our community by considering the gift of your patronage? Let them know you heard about them from the St. Mark's bulletin!

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!

Prayers and Gratitude...

Fourteen young people of our St. Mark's community are headed to the Stuebenville East Catholic Youth Conference next weekend! Thank you for your incredible support and generosity in making this retreat possible for our teens! Keep them in your prayers!

Sacrificial Giving (July 1 - 2)

Due to the early bulletin deadline preceding Independence Day weekend, the July 1 -2 Sacrificial Giving summary will be posted in next weekend's bulletin. As always, we thank you for your continued generosity and support..

Mass Intentions for July 9 - July 16

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

7/10 Monday, 9 AM:

Frances Elansari by Andrea Costello

7/11 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Joan Bompastore by her family

7/12 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Joseph DeCarolis by Mary Wing Soares

7/13 Thursday 9 AM:

Diane Rodden by Ed & Maureen Breisch

7/15 Saturday, 5 PM:

Intentions of the Hildreth family by the Kelley family

7/16 Sunday, 8 AM:

Robert & Dorothy Collins by their family

7/16 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Intentions of Monsignor Paul Ryan
by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

7/16 Sunday, 11 AM:

Roseann Farrel by the Holahan family

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Al-Anon Saturdays, 9:30- 11 AM
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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