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# **SAINT MARK**

## **THE EVANGELIST**

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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 of summer has passed; this season always seems to be the one that flies by faster than any other! I hope and pray that you all have had the opportunity to enjoy some rest and relaxation with friends and family, as well as some extra time with the Lord in prayer!

Our first reading today from the prophet Isaiah is actually one of the shortest readings throughout the liturgical year; if you look closely, it is actually only one sentence (granted, it is a longer sentence than usual). In this short reading, the Lord promises that the word that He proclaims will be effective and will achieve the end for which He sent it. Now, we know that Jesus is called the Word of God in the Gospel of John, and so it is very appropriate to interpret this “word” from Isaiah’s prophecy to refer to Jesus Christ. The Father sends His Son into the world to accomplish God’s will, and Jesus perfectly fulfills the Father’s will.

Now there are two versions of the gospel this morning, one longer and one shorter. In the longer version, we hear Jesus explaining to us what He means by the parable of the sower. But what I find very interesting is that in the midst of His explanation, He does not reveal who the sower of the seed is. I think we can safely assume that it is the triune God. God sows the seed of faith in many people, wherever He wills. Faith is a gift from God, and so we should always be thankful that God has chosen to give us this gift. But the parable of the sower reveals that human beings also play a part in living out this gift of faith, in nurturing it, and thus allowing it either to grow or to wither.

I find it so powerful that even two thousand years later, this parable still perfectly describes the situations in which many people find themselves with regard to their life of faith. The first category of people who receive the “seed” of faith are like those who hear the “word of the kingdom” but do not understand it. How easy it is, then, for the devil to come and steal this seed from them because they did not have the ability to grow roots. This is a reminder to all of us to not overcomplicate our faith, especially in the initial stages of one’s faith journey. When helping someone who has just discovered his or her own faith in God, it is essential for us as believers to help them to grow in their relationship with God and to learn basic truths about Him and about this faith of ours, not to overburden them initially with complex teachings. A maturation in one’s understanding of the faith must take place organically and in time. Those who receive the word with joy initially but lack roots are those who rely solely on emotions; when tough times come around, such as the loss of a job or a loved one, they lose the “good feelings” upon which they based their faith, and so abandon it. The third category, I think, is the most prevalent in our culture today. These are the people who hear the word but “worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” So many of our young people are distracted from their relationship with God by video games, electronics, and other distractions that keep them from spending quiet time with the Lord and growing in a relationship with Him. Let us all strive to be members of the fourth category of those who hear the word. They are the ones who have “rich soil” upon which the seed can flourish. There is an openness in their hearts to receive the gift of faith, there is a solid prayer life, there is effort to learn more about the faith. Let us all cultivate our own lives to have this rich soil upon which the gift of faith can flourish. But let us also help those around us in our community, those not in our church on Sundays, to be able to receive the word on rich soil by being the “fertilizer” through our example and our evangelization. Until next week, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Seminarian Ryan Amazeen

**Welcome!!**

Please join us in welcoming the newest member of our St. Mark's family: ***Lillian Louise Roy!*** Lillian was baptized into the new life of Jesus Christ last Sunday! May our community always be a wellspring of love and support for her and her family! Thanks be to God!

**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](mailto:stmarkevan@comcast.net).

**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!

**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 enter the second week of our Summer Religious Education Program!!*

**In Loving Memory...**

Please pray for ***Michael Walsh*** and ***Gloria Ciccolo***: both of whom have left us to return home to the Father. May our prayers and support be a source of comfort and healing for their grieving families.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**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.

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

**Monday, July 17:**

9AM - 12PM Summer Religious Education

**Tuesday, July 18:**

9AM - 12PM Summer Religious Education

**Wednesday, July 19:**

9AM - 12PM Summer Religious Education

9:30 AM Coffee Break with Ryan (Hall)

7:00 PM Grace Within Alumni (Hall)

**Thursday, July 20:**

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

9AM - 12PM Summer Religious Education

**Saturday, July 22:**

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

**Adult Faith Formation!**

Our next Adult Faith Formation session is **Monday, July 24, at 7:00** in the Parish Lounge. We only have Seminarian Ryan for a few more weeks - so we're taking full advantage of him while he's here! Ryan's presentation last week on the Holy Trinity was outstanding! If you missed it, check it out on our website, [saintmarkevangelist.com](http://saintmarkevangelist.com), and click on the Faith Formation tab! Ryan will return next week to lead an engaging presentation on another treasure of our Catholic faith - you don't want to miss it! Refreshments will be served, as always - why not bring a friend? What a great way to introduce them to our St. Mark's family! See you there!

**Youth Ministry!!**

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 30th!!** 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! Plenty of food and lots of fun, as always...we meet downstairs in the Parish Lounge. Can't wait to see you there!

**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!

**Prayer Shawls...**

Do you know someone in need of a spiritual lift? Someone who could benefit from the power of prayer? Perhaps someone in the hospital, homebound, or going through difficult challenges? We at St. Mark's are blessed to have a wonderful group of women who knit Prayer Shawls to accompany others on their journeys through life. If you know someone who could benefit from this gift of love and prayer, stop by the Welcome Center and pick one up.

**Mass Intentions for July 16 - July 23**

**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

**7/17 Monday, 9 AM:**

Donald White & family by Richard & Janet White

**7/18 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

Chester Eaton & family by Richard and Janet White

**7/19 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Don Connelley by Mary Y. Lynch & family

**7/20 Thursday 9 AM:**

Michael Walsh

**7/22 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Carol Hartnett by her husband & family

**7/23 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Louisa Gendron by her loving husband

**7/23 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Gloria Ciccolo

**7/23 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Alice Francis & Robert Audette by the Audette family

**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's homilies, Brandon's weekly Evangelist Messages, our Adult Faith Formation sessions, and more!! News on upcoming events, ministry schedules, and you can 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!

**Sacrificial Giving (July 1 - 2)**

**Operating Funds**

Offertory Envelopes (143)	\$ 3,996.70
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,804.00
Social	\$ 55.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,855.00</b>

**Designated Funds**

Capital Development	\$ 779.00
Charitable	\$ 155.00
Diocesan (CathCommCamp)	\$ 51.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 985.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,840.00</b>

**Sacrificial Giving (July 8 - 9)**

**Operating Funds**

Offertory Envelopes (149)	\$ 4,367.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,836.00
ParishPay - wkly avg - 61 donors	\$ 4,942.06
Social	\$ 47.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,192.06</b>

**Designated Funds**

Capital Development	\$ 195.00
Charitable	\$ 770.00
Diocesan (CathCommCamp)	\$ 10.00
Poor Box	\$ 30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,005.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$12,197.06</b>

**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!

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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

**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