



*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, I have just returned from the Steubenville East youth conference this past weekend where Saint Mark's sent a group of young people to experience the great love that God has for them. It was a powerful weekend with many opportunities for prayer, discussion, and even some time to throw the football or frisbee! Please pray that these young people will continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord who loves them so much, and will share their faith with their peers. As Father Mike mentioned in his homily last weekend, we also finished two weeks of our summer CCD program with around 170 children learning more about their faith and growing in their relationship with the Lord. I was privileged to teach one section of the fifth-grade class; it was a true blessing to be able to share my faith with these kids who were very eager to learn about and grow in their own faith.

As I perused the readings and prayers for Mass this weekend, I was struck by the beauty and theological depth of the Prayer Over the Offerings for this Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This prayer reads: "O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honor of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord." In the first line, we recognize what God has done in history. In ancient Israel, God gave them a law detailing the various sacrifices of animals that the Jewish people would have to offer God for various purposes, most often in reparation for individual sins that people may have committed. There were countless animals sacrificed in ancient Israel everyday in accord with the law of Moses, but we know that these were insufficient to take away sins. So, this prayer refers to the "one perfect sacrifice," which is Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. This is the *only* sacrifice that is sufficient to completely take away our sins, the sins of the whole world, and because it can take away sins completely, the prayer says that it brings "to completion" the various offerings made in accord with the law of Moses.

We then ask God to accept "this sacrifice" and to make it holy, just like God did for Abel. (Abel was an Old Testament figure, one of the sons of Adam, who was killed by his brother Cain. God preferred Abel's sacrifice to that of Cain, and Cain killed his brother out of jealousy.) At every Mass, something very mysterious happens. You might notice in the Eucharistic Prayer that we "recall" or "remember" the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This notion of "memory" is rooted in the ancient Jewish meaning of memory, which does not only imply a recollection of an event that happened in the past. Memory for the ancient Jewish world meant making present *now*, in a very real way, what happened in the past. Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the cross that happened 2,000 years ago becomes present for us, and we re-present it to God the Father. During the offertory at Mass, when the priest is offering the bread and wine to God, we should be offering to God something as well. We offer to God our very being, who we are, what we do, all of our sufferings, sacrifices, good deeds, joys, sorrows, and so on. The offertory is the time in the Mass where we offer ourselves as a sacrifice to God. What makes our sacrifices holy and pleasing to God is the fact that we unite them in union with Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the cross that the priest makes present for us again at every Mass. So, when we ask God to make our gifts holy, we are asking Him to look upon them in union with the sacrifice of His Son, which is the only sacrifice that is acceptable in His sight.

Lastly, we ask that our sacrifices, in union with Christ's sacrifice, may benefit the salvation of all. We have a duty to pray and offer sacrifice for all people, especially those who do not share our faith in God. Jesus always looks for the lost sheep, and so we have a duty to pray for those lost sheep, and to seek them out as well. 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](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!

**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! Come on down to the Parish Lounge right after 9 AM Mass and join us for faith and fellowship.

**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.

**In Search of Tea Cups...**

Women's Ministry is again looking for matching tea cups and saucers for an upcoming event in the fall. Your overwhelming response last year was greatly appreciated and allowed us to give our participants a memento to remember their day by. If you (or Grandma or Aunt Mary) have a matching tea cup and saucer in the cupboard, or an entire set in the china cabinet or attic, that aren't being used, we'd love to have them. They can be dropped off at the Welcome Center after Mass or at the office during normal business hours. Thanks for your help! If you have any questions email Susanne at [Live4Him@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Live4Him@myfairpoint.net)

**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!

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

**Sunday, July 23:**

12:00 PM Baptisms (Church)  
6:00 PM High School Night (Lounge)

**Monday, July 24:**

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

**Tuesday, July 25:**

6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
9:00 AM Mass (Church)

**Wednesday, July 26:**

9:00 AM Mass (Church)  
9:30 AM Coffee Break with Ryan (Hall)

**Thursday, July 27:**

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

**Saturday, July 29:**

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 last presentation 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 to lead an engaging presentation on our Liturgical Environment - all the sights and sounds that compose our wonderful worship space here at St. Mark's! 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!!**

We had an amazing time last weekend at the Stuebenville East Conference!! Our heartfelt gratitude to the entire St. Mark's community for your prayers and support. We can't wait to do it again next year!!

By popular demand, we will be having an impromptu **High School Night tonight, Sunday, July 23, at 6:00 PM** down in the Lounge. All High Schoolers are welcome! Come check it out!!

Our next regularly scheduled Youth Night is **next Sunday, July 30!!** *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!

### **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.

### **Alleviating Human Sufferings**

Please join us in welcoming Fr. James Kariuki, a priest from Kenya, East Africa, who will be visiting our parish next weekend, July 29 and 30.

Fr. Kariuki is a priest from the diocese of Nakuru. Presently, the diocese of Nakuru is involved in pastoral care and promoting human development activities to a Catholic population of approximately 650,000 in the counties of Nakuru and Baringo in Kenya.

In the Northern enclaves of Baringo and East Pokot, drought is ravaging thousands and leaving many more to be dependent on food aid. There are reports of human and livestock deaths as a result of acute food shortage. There is also an increased migration of communities due to depletion of pasture land and water for livestock. This situation has sparked off conflict over these dwindling pasture and water resources.

School drop-outs have increased significantly with kids abandoning learning to become migrant herders. In most of the parishes, priests and nuns are serving hundreds of families with the much needed food, water and medical supplies.

As you leave Mass today, we will be taking up a freewill offering for this Mission Co-op Appeal. Your generosity will help provide the resources needed to assist Fr. Kariuki and others in bringing much need aid to those who are affected by this tragic situation. Thank you.

***For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. Mt.25:35***

### **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 15 - 16)**

**Operating Funds**

Offertory Envelopes (152)	\$ 4,499.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,695.00
ParishPay - wkly avg - 44 donors	\$ 1,743.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 105.00
Easter/Ascension	\$ 10.00
Social	\$ 35.00
Youth	\$ 2.00
Donations (bap/wed/fnrl/gen)	\$ 460.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,549.00</b>

**Designated Funds**

Capital Development	\$ 180.00
Charitable	\$ 105.00
Diocesan (CathCommCamp)	\$ 553.00
Poor Box	\$ 105.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 943.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,492.00</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 July 22 - July 31**

**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

**7/24 Monday, 9 AM:**

Phyllis Fernald

**7/25 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

Gerald M. Gillespie by K of C Council 10488

**7/26 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Grace Ciccolo by Dianne & Mark Zdankiewicz

**7/27 Thursday 9 AM:**

Henry J. Chojnowski by Mary Y. Lynch

**7/29 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Pat Trongo by his wife & family

**7/30 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Nellie Baran by Andrea Ouellette

**7/31 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

John & Joan Carroll by the Ciarletta family

**7/31 Sunday, 11 AM:**

John & Anna Flemings by Sam & MaryAnn Boldeia

**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