



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 your Parish Evangelist...

Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend the Church presents us with two of my favorite passages of Sacred Scripture: the story of Elijah in the cave, and the chronicle of our Lord Jesus and St. Peter walking upon the sea.

Both passages present us with scenes of turmoil and natural catastrophe! Wind, earthquakes, fire, and storms, oh my! In both stories, it is through the midst of this chaos the “the Lord will be passing by” (1Kings 19:11). The apostles being tossed about in their boat are struck with terror as the Lord approaches, “It is a ghost!” (Matt 14:26). Yet through the buffets of the elements and the fear of the unknown, the Lord reveals Himself with the soothing peace that only He can give. The tiny whispering sound to Elijah...the reassurance to the apostles, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

While I’m sure most of us have experienced some pretty abominable weather that has made us feel a bit less than comfortable, perhaps these passages are more relatable to us when we consider the storms in our personal and spiritual relationships. St. Paul in the second reading confesses to the faithful in Rome, “I have constant sorrow and anguish in my heart” (Rom 9:2). Wow. But there’s always something, though, isn’t there? Drama at home or at work, tragedy and heartache in the news, life changes that we didn’t see coming, unexpected dilemmas, depression and addiction, and the list goes on and on.

These storms are part of our human experience, and none of us are immune from their effects. Yet through the fear and the suffering, we stand with faith, hope, and love... and we listen. In the midst of it all, Christ comes to each and every one of us, in the quiet and solace of our hearts, where the Spirit lives and breathes. Elijah knew that the Lord was not in the chaos, but through courage and endurance he was sure that the Will of God would be revealed to him. Even when hearing Jesus’ reassurance that everything would be alright, St. Peter pretty much says, “Oh yea? Prove it!” And in His boundless compassion for His friend, and for each and every one of us, Our Lord extends His hand and says, “Come.”

Not to say that it’s only during life’s storms that we need to turn interiorly to hear the Lord’s subtle voice! Sometimes when everything is going our way, it can be even harder to discern His will for our lives! All the noise and distractions in life are certainly not always negative. Do we take some time to get outside of ourselves, to put the things of this world aside, and make a deliberate effort to hear the inner whisper of His Spirit in our hearts? This week, let us take a moment, turn down life’s volume, and listen...

On another note, this Tuesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary! I’ll be speaking for a couple minutes about this joyous occasion after the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses this weekend (you folks at the 5:00 and the 8:00 can always check it out on during the week at stmarksnh.org!). This is a holy day of obligation, and here at St. Mark’s we will be celebrating Mass at 9AM and 7PM. Won’t you join us? So many in this community have such strong devotions to Our Lady, and it’s a great opportunity for all of us to gather outside of our normal Sunday routine and celebrate the amazing gift of Our Lord through Our Blessed Mother! Personally, I also find that coming to Mass towards the middle of the work week is a great spiritual lift through the daily storms that we were just talking about - so this a perfect occasion to do just that. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Peace be with you all, and may God continue to bless our St. Mark’s community!

Brandon Sargent

Men of St. Joseph News

Guys, if you're looking for a great way to start your weekend, here's the answer. It starts early on Saturday, 7:00 AM. It's hard hitting, like going to the gym. It's breakfast and a cup of coffee you didn't have to make. It's fellowship with guys who support and challenge each other to stand up for their family, church, and community. Most important, it's men helping each other become warriors who will take on the challenges of being a 21st century Catholic.

There are no sign-ups, no projects, no dues. Just show up here at **7:00 AM next Saturday morning, August 19**, for fellowship, food, and prayer. We guarantee to have you headed home by 9:00 sharp. Come and check us out - you won't be disappointed. For more information, call Bill Donroe at 432-6066.

Donate Life!!

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 10488 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Thursday, August 24, from 2 - 7 PM** in the Parish Hall! Won't you considering donating this scarce and needed resource to help those in need? Visit the redcrossblood.org today and schedule a time slot for you and your family! Stay tuned to the weekly bulletin for more details. If you would like to volunteer that afternoon with assisting donors, we'd love to have your help. Contact the Parish Office at (603) 432 - 5711 and let us know you're interested!

Anniversary Celebration!!

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a Special Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on **October 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond anniversary, please contact the parish office by September 22, 2017. We will need your last names, first names and mailing address. Please also indicate your special anniversary year.

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.

Grace Within

Grace Within is now accepting registrations for its third session which runs from **Sept 13 to Nov. 8, 2017**. The 8 week program is an empowering journey to your inner self utilizing personal journals and led by peers in a small group setting. We share insights on eight topics from the journal, pray, and discuss issues affecting our lives. Twenty four women have already taken the Grace Within journey and among them have said, "I learned a lot about myself and my relationship with God. I now feel like I have a strong personal relationship with Jesus which I have longed for for a long time and I finally feel I have one." Please join those who have already said "yes" to being a part of the Fall 2017 Session. If you are interested in registering or becoming a prayer partner, please contact Diane Carter at 434-4762. Space is limited. Information can also be found on the parish website and at the Welcome Center. Please pray that this ministry will continue to blossom and strengthen our community.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, August 20:

1:00 PM Baptisms (Church)
4:00 PM Middle School Night (Lounge)
6:00 PM High School Night (Lounge)

Monday, August 21:

2:30 PM Salad Ministry (Kitchen)

Tuesday, August 22:

6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

Wednesday, August 23:

7:00 PM Grace Within Alumni (Hall)

Thursday, August 24:

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

Saturday, August 26:

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

Youth Ministry!!

Youth Night is TONIGHT, Sunday, August 13!! **Middle School begins at 4:00** and wraps up at **5:45!** **High School meets from 6:00 to 8:00!!** We meet downstairs in the Parish Lounge, so find us using the Hall entrance! Haven't been to a youth night, yet? Come on down and check it out! Bring a friend with you! They don't have to belong to St. Mark's... they don't even have to be Catholic! All are welcome for food, fellowship, and FUN! No pressure and no obligations. We're always looking for new guys and gals to come and hang out with us. Can't wait to see you there!

Contact Brandon with any questions at 432 - 8711, or reach him at brandon.stmarks@comcast.net!

Feast of the Assumption

This *Tuesday, August 15*, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary! Celebrated by Christians as early as the 7th century, it wasn't until 1950 that Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption a doctrine of the Faith. The dogma of the Assumption states that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven, after the completion of her earthly life, since by reason of her Immaculate Conception she should not suffer the consequences of original sin.

This is a holy day of obligation for the faithful. Please join us as we celebrate this joyous feast day with Holy Mass at either **9:00 AM** or **7:00 PM** on Tuesday!

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

Thank You, Deacon Lee!!

Please join us in celebrating the ministry and legacy of our beloved Deacon Lee! Join us *Saturday, August 26*, after the 5:00 PM mass downstairs in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee for this event, email Father Mike. See you all there!

Eagle Scout Project!!

Mr. Tim Lopes, a member of our St. Mark's family, is on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout! For his Eagle Project, he has asked to do some maintenance projects around the church property, and we happily obliged!

Join us *Saturday evening, September 2, from 6 - 8:30* for a Spaghetti Supper to help Tim raise funds for this endeavor! The suggested donation is \$8 per person or \$20 for a family of four! Let's all support Tim in his efforts, and let's continue to support Scouting in forming the character of our youth!

Londonderry Old Home Days!

Come on down to Londonderry Town Common on *Saturday, August 19th*, for Old Home Days! Visit our Knights of Columbus Council 10488 booth and putting green! Other members of our parish family will be there serving snacks and refreshments, as well! Bring the whole family along for this great event! See you there!

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!

Sacrificial Giving (August 5 - 6)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (143)	\$ 4,694.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,998.00
ParishPay - 61 donors	\$ 5,336.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 355.00
Social	\$ 21.00
Assumption	\$ 25.00
Total	\$12,429.00

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$ 673.00
Charitable	\$ 118.00
Diocesan (Mission Co-Op)	\$ 25.00
Parish to Parish	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 836.00
Grand Total	\$13,265.00

Parish Contact Information

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Men of St Joseph	Bill Donroe (603) 432-6066
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 August 12 - 20

8/12 Saturday, 5 PM:

Younan Soueidan by Nouhad Soueidan
& his loving family

8/13 Sunday, 8 AM:

Louisa Gendron by her loving husband

8/13 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

In thanksgiving of a 50th wedding anniversary

8/13 Sunday, 11 AM:

Vernon Ouellette by his wife Andrea

8/14 Monday, 9 AM:

Andrea Cicirelli by the Cicirelli family

8/15 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Julius Pallone by his family

8/16 Wednesday, 9 AM:

John Such by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

8/17 Thursday 9 AM:

Daniel M. Johnson by friends & family at Philips

8/19 Saturday, 5 PM:

Russell Kelley by his family

8/20 Sunday, 8 AM:

Joan Loring Wing by Mary & Doug Shares & family

8/20 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

People of the Parish

8/20 Sunday, 11 AM:

Leo Roy by John & Suzanne Patenaude

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