



*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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Website: [www.stmarksnh.org](http://www.stmarksnh.org)

**From your Pastor...**

Brothers and Sisters,

*"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!  
My daughter is tormented by a demon."  
But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.  
Jesus' disciples came and asked him,  
"Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us."*

There is so much to be unpacked in the Gospel this weekend, but I would like to reflect a bit on just the first couple of lines... The woman in her great need (the healing of her daughter from a demon) comes to the Lord, throwing herself at Him. She is desperate... just like many of us would be if we so longed for someone in our family to be healed of an awful illness!! I am sure she had heard so many good things about this 'Jesus' that she searched far and wide and finally found Him!!

We look at her first words: "Have pity on me"... She did not find Jesus and say, "Hey, I demand that you heal my daughter... because I deserve it!!" No, that is not what happened at all. She comes to the Lord with total humility. Jesus sees her genuineness and of course shows her His unconditional love and compassion. The question that we should wrestle with, however, is "how do we come to the Lord when we need something?" Do we sit down to pray and have a long list of demands for God, or do we come to Him as we are: imperfect people who are trying to do the best we can; trying to love others the best we can. Prayer in such a real way opens our hearts and minds to the Will of God... not MY will, but YOURS be done, Lord! So in the very act of prayer we open ourselves up to the great mystery of faith. At the end of the day, we are not the one driving the bus...God is. Does that come across in the way that we pray? Is our prayer all about US and OUR wants and needs? Or do we find ourselves praying for those who might need healing and peace even more than we do?

As the gospel continues, Jesus' closest friends try to dismiss the woman by saying, "Send her away!" Again, as we see over and over, Jesus' followers were not the most perfect people. Traveling with Jesus may have gotten quite tiring and they maybe they were in need of a break!! Or perhaps this woman was so persistent that they were annoyed and thought it might just be easier if she just vacate the scene and leave them alone! Does the same thing happen with us? Do we get so focused on ourselves...our wants...our quiet time... that when someone REALLY needs us we just try to ignore them? We, just like the disciples of Jesus, are human. Sometimes we would much rather put our feet up and close our eyes rather than be there when someone needs us. Is this becoming more and more our "go-to" mentality? Are we in turn becoming blind to those around us that need help or prayers? With God's help, may we rise above our attraction to complacency and continue to grow in prayer and charity towards others!

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

**Thank You, Deacon Lee!!**

Please join us in celebrating the ministry and legacy of our beloved Deacon Lee! Join us next **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!

**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](http://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.

**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!

**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.
- \* Registrations for the Fall 2017 Religious Education semester are now due. Please call the office with any questions.

**Grace Within**

Grace Within is now accepting registrations for its third session which runs from **Sept 13 to Nov. 8, 2017**. The eight 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)
- 5:00 PM Marriage Ministry Planning Meeting

**Tuesday, August 22:**

- Parish Office Closed*
- 6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

**Thursday, August 24:**

- 2:00 PM Blood Drive (Hall)

**Saturday, August 26:**

- 9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

### **A Message from our FUNdraising Team...**

Our *'Tasting for Tiles'* fundraiser was a huge success! We had a fun evening and proceeds went toward much needed floor repairs (stop by the second floor of the Religious Ed Center and take a look at our new carpet!). Thanks again to all who participated!

Now we are getting ready to *'Raise the Roof'*! Our next goal will be to help save up for future repairs to our roof. We are planning a family event in the spirit of ***Oktoberfest*** on ***Saturday, September 23rd from 12-3!!*** We will have local brewers providing samples, our team will provide amazing food, and our Youth Group will organize fun activities for the kids!

We need help with set up, serving food, selling tickets, and clean up. Would you be willing to help for 2-3 hours? If so, please send an email to Diana at [FUN.STMARKS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FUN.STMARKS@GMAIL.COM). *Set up is Friday 3-5pm, serving and selling Saturday 12-3, and clean up Saturday 3-5pm.* A sign-up sheet will also be in the Welcome Center. We'd love to have you join us!

### **Community Outreach**

\* Donations to the Poor Box for the months 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 for Separated & Divorced**

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment.

Visit [www.catholicnh.org/support](http://www.catholicnh.org/support) for a listing of groups. Do you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce? Please consider passing this information along to them.

### **Youth Ministry!!**

Mark your calendars for ***Sunday, August 27!*** That's the last Youth Night of the summer before we all head back to school! **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!](mailto:brandon.stmarks@comcast.net)

### **Welcome Father Felix!**

Please give a joyous St. Mark's welcome to our visiting priest this weekend, Father Felix Udoh! Father Felix is in residence at St. Aloysius of Gonzaga in Nashua and is the chaplain for both Southern New Hampshire Regional and St. Joseph Hospital. Father is a priest of the Diocese of Onitsha, Nigeria. Welcome!!

### **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.

### **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 (across from the Parish Offices). In addition, any baby equipment and used toys will also be accepted. Thank you!!

**Sacrificial Giving (August 12 - 13)**

**Operating Funds**

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory Envelopes (153) | \$ 3,890.00        |
| Loose Cash/Checks         | \$ 1,644.00        |
| ParishPay - 61 donors     | \$ 5,136.00        |
| Electronic Giving         | \$ 105.00          |
| Social                    | \$ 83.00           |
| Assumption                | \$ 81.00           |
| General Donations         | \$ 1,708.56        |
| Mass Donations            | \$ 180.00          |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$12,827.56</b> |

**Designated Funds**

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Capital Development      | \$ 446.00          |
| Diocesan (Mission Co-Op) | \$ 6.00            |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 452.00</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>       | <b>\$13,279.56</b> |

**Parish Contact Information**

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| Parish Office                  | (603) 432-8711              |
| Religious Education Office FAX | (603) 434-5711              |
| Parish Email                   | stmarkevan@comcast.net      |
| Web Page                       | stmarksnh.org               |
| Office Hours                   | Mon-Thurs 9 AM- 4 PM        |
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| Pastoral Council               | Justin Paré                       |
| Finance Council                | Kevin Cronin                      |
| Music                          | Allan Fernald (603) 434-9101      |
| Outreach                       | Dianne Zdankiewicz (603) 434-7991 |
| Knights of Columbus            | Bob McGuirk (603) 203-9384        |
| 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 19 - 27**

**8/19 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Russell Kelley by his family

**8/20 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Joan Loring Wing by Mary & Doug Soares & family

**8/20 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

People of the Parish

**8/20 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Leo Roy by John & Suzanne Patenaude

**8/21 Monday, 9 AM:**

John Ligotti by Diane Hoppe

**8/22 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

Gerald M. Gillespie by K of C Council 10488

**8/23 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Raymond Keenan by Allan & Terry Fernald

**8/24 Thursday 9 AM:**

Carole Meyer by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

**8/26 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Patricia Hildreth by the Kelley family

**8/27 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Leonard & Mary Costello Wing  
by Mary & Doug Soares and family

**8/27 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Luiz Pinto by Allan & Terry Fernald

**8/27 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Joan Carroll by Dianne Nolin

**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