



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 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 Pastor...

Brothers and Sisters,

Together as a parish family we move into the third week of the Lenten Season. It is always a good practice to step back and ask, 'how am I doing this Lent?' Have we taken the time to truly examine our lives and ask, 'what is the obstacle preventing my growing in relationship with Christ?' All of our lives are very similar - we are busy!! Between driving our kids to games and practices, taking care of our homes, trying to excel in our workplaces - how can it be possible to truly devote time and energy to relationship with Jesus Christ this Lent?

The Gospel this weekend gives us two 'hints' at how to make the most out of the rest of our Lenten Season. First, let's look at the character of Peter's mother-in-law. The Gospel tells us that she was sick with a fever and Jesus came to the house and healed her! He helps her out of bed and immediately she starts waiting on them! Now we could look at this scene with shock... why would Jesus allow her to do heavy lifting that soon after she was sick? The Gospel writer, Mark, is trying to communicate to us that our 'disposition' after we realize how the Lord has helped and healed our lives should be that of gratitude and service! It can be so easy to forget about the blessings God has given and then afterward not even raise a finger to help 'Jesus among us', who is present in our families, communities, and workplaces. The proper way to thank God is to pay it forward and to serve others. Where is Christ calling us to serve this Lent?

The other 'hint' that Jesus gives us in this Gospel about 'Lenten Living' is that of the importance to take some quiet time to pray.

*Rising very early before dawn, he left
and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.
Simon and those who were with him pursued him
and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you."*

Jesus demonstrates in His own life that we all need quiet time to rejuvenate... to be with the Father... to be fed spiritually... and to go back out there to serve. We, as Christian disciples, are not called just to be 'Do-Gooders.' If all we are concerned about is service and good works, and always DOIN. We will indeed burn ourselves out eventually! May we take the time as Jesus did for prayer. Maybe we turn off the radio in the car... perhaps go and have prayer and reflection time away from distractions by ourselves for a few moments... or turn off the TV a half hour earlier to just sit in God's presence... maybe stop into the Church and pray when out and about running errands. Prayer and service are vital to our faith. Prayer leads us to serve more... and service leads us to pray in thanksgiving and intercession for those we are called to serve. We need both! Not just one or the other.

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

Free Family Movie Night!

Knights of Columbus Council 10488 is hosting another awesome Family Movie Night! Join us for a fun evening of popcorn, pizza, drinks and fellowship with family members of all ages! We will be watching **Gnomeo & Juliet** (Rated G). Please join us **Saturday, March 10 at 6:00pm** in the Parish Hall! If you're interested, please stop by the Welcome Center and Sign-up! You can also contact Chris Cook at (603) 557-7240 to sign-up or if you have any questions. Can't wait to see you there!

Stations of the Cross

Join us this **Friday, March 2**, and continuing every Friday in Lent until Holy Week, as we will be commemorating our Lord's Passion by meditating on the Stations of the Cross. We gather for this ancient and beautiful devotion every Friday during Lent at **7:00 PM** in the Church.

Lenten Suppers

Please join us this **Friday, March 9**, in the Parish Hall from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM for our annual Lenten Supper! The men of Knights of Columbus Council 10488 are once again hosting this great tradition on Friday evenings throughout Lent. Turnouts the pass few weeks has been outstanding and we'd love for you to join us!! Admission is \$5 per person and no more than \$20 for a family of four or more.

Raffle Calendars - To Benefit "Claire's Kids"

The Sisters of Holy Cross have established the Claire Daneau Legacy Fund to benefit the children of Mary Gate of Heaven Orphanage in Haiti. The orphanage was founded by Sister Claire Daneau, an American Sister of Holy Cross. It is home to over 55 children. You can help gift these children with a future by purchasing a raffle calendar at a cost of \$10 each or six for \$50. From April 1st through April 30th, a total of \$2,500.00 in prizes will be drawn. Representatives of the Sisters will have raffle calendars available after each Mass this weekend. Thank you for helping "Claire's Kids."

Religious Education News

*Students from our 2017 Summer Program, grades 2 through 5, are reminded of their follow-up meeting this **Thursday, March 8, from 4:30 - 6:00 PM**. We will be reviewing topics from the summer and beginning the process of Sacramental Preparation for all grade levels.

*An afternoon retreat will be held for all First Reconciliation Students and their parents on **Sunday, March 11 from 12:30 to 2:00 PM** here at St. Mark's.

*Questions about Religious Education? Please call the parish office at 432-8711.

Lenten Almsgiving Opportunity

During this Lenten Season our Poor Box donations will benefit Anne Marie-House - a transition facility that assists homeless families to become self sufficient and maintain their own homes. We will also collect paper goods, personal items and cleaning supplies throughout Lent to help these families "get back on their feet". Bins will be available in the gathering space at the back of the Church to collect donations. Thank you for your generous support!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, March 4:

4:00 PM Youth Night (Lounge)

Monday, March 5:

6:00 PM Exposition and Confessions (Church)

7:00 PM Lenten Lamentations (Church)

7:30 PM Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)

7:00 PM Community Outreach (Room 104)

Tuesday, March 6:

6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

4:30 PM Religious Ed (Rel. Ed. Center)

6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lounge)

7:00 PM Religious Ed (Rel. Ed. Center)

7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, March 8:

4:30 PM Summer Follow-Up (Rel. Ed. Center)

7:00 PM K of C Officers Meeting (Room 209)

Friday, March 9:

5:30 PM Lenten Supper (Hall)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 10:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

6:00 PM K of C Movie Night

Lenten Lamentations

Please join us this *Monday evening, March 5*, as we gather together to deepen our participation in this sacred season of Lent. The Lenten Lamentations an 18th Century Polish tradition incorporating ancient hymns and prayers that retrace the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. The devotion incorporates prose and verse, chant and reading, prayer and meditation - inviting us to reflect on the mystery of our Redemption through Christ and our own personal identification with Him through His suffering.

The evening will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available until 6:45. At 7:00 we will have the Lamentation service, followed by Benediction. All are invited to remain with us as we will continue our Lent Adult Faith Formation Series on the Gospel of Mark immediately afterward.

Vacation Bible School Registration!!

AHOY!!... Register *NOW* for our *Shipwrecked* adventure that will be loads of FUN! The Vacation Bible School voyage will be held the *Week of June 25!* Come venture onto an uncharted island where our castaways are rescued by Jesus! They'll be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life!

VBS is geared towards children Preschool to Grade 5. It is a vibrant, energetic week filled with games, activities, and a ridiculous amount of FUN! Cost is \$35.00 per crew member for the week. You can register after Sunday masses at coffee and donuts. Or you can register at the Parish office or visit our website at stmarksnh.org.

Volunteers are still needed for our voyage... please join us at sea for an amazing journey! **Adults and Middle/High School students are welcome!** If you are interested, please call 432-8711, or email Claudia Dominguez at claudia.stmarksnh.org.

Adult Faith Formation

We have been blessed with outstanding attendance and participation for our weekly AFF sessions this Lent! It's been a lot of fun, too! We will continue our exploration and meditation on the Gospel of Mark this *Monday evening, March 5*. Since the remaining sessions this Lent will be taking place following our Lenten Lamentations service, we will be hosting AFF in the church. The session will begin following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (roughly *7:30 PM*). If you've missed the last two sessions on Mark, no worries! You will easily be able to pick up right where we left off! Come join us as we discuss the life and ministry of Jesus through the inspired words of our patron, St. Mark the Evangelist!

Annual Pro-Life Seminar

The N.H. Knights of Columbus annual pro-life seminar will be held on *Sunday, March 25* at St. Joseph's Cathedral. The guest speaker will be Abigail Young, New England Regional Coordinator of Students for Life. She will addressing us on the value of chastity in building a culture of life. The seminar begins at noon with a light luncheon served by the Daughters of Isabella. There will be information tables and representatives from various organization such as New Hampshire Right to Life, the Marian Family Apostolate, and 40 Days for Life. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ron DiStasio at rddistasio@comcast.net or 595-7837 to make a reservation. *Deadline is Wednesday March 21*. Come join us as we praise God for the gift of life and come be part of the movement which is working to protect the most vulnerable in our society.

Woman's Ministry

Our next book discussion will be *Thursday, March 15*. We would like to invite all women of the parish to join us in reading *Death on a Friday Afternoon* by Richard John Neuhaus, and to join our discussion of at 7:00 PM in the Lounge. If you have any questions, contact Live4Him@myfairpoint.net.

Sacrificial Giving (Feb. 24 & 25)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (148)	\$4,282.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$2,219.00
Electronic Giving (2)	\$40.00
WeShare	\$2,386.66
Flowers	\$125.00
Social	\$63.00
General Donations	\$6,380.97
Mass Donations	\$40.00
Total	\$15,536.63

Designated Funds

Capital Development (2)	\$13.00
Charitable (2)	\$325.00
Altar Server Albs	\$834.00
Diocesan (2)	\$30.00
Poor Box	\$226.00
Total	\$1,428.00
Grand Total	\$16,964.63

Mass Intentions for March 3 - March 11

3/3 Saturday, 5 PM:

Jeanne M. Fleming by Laura & Ron Chandler

3/4 Sunday, 8 AM:

Rev. Thomas Bresnahan by Rita Griffin

3/4 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Teri & Allan Fernald

3/4 Sunday, 11 AM:

Kevin Driscoll by the Mitchell family

3/5 Monday 9 AM:

Kevin Driscoll by Allan & Terry Fernald

3/6 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Adrian Pallone by his family

3/7 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Ray Bolduc by his family

3/8 Thursday, 9 AM:

Alice Capistran by Barbara Scott

3/10 Saturday, 5 PM:

Ed Dzeirgowski

3/11 Sunday, 8 AM:

Ed Dzeirgowski by Andrea Quелlette

3/11 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Carmen & Roberto Caminos
by Edgard & Maria Medina

3/11 Sunday, 11 AM:

Intentions of Deacon Lee Abbott
by Mary Y. Lynch & family

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Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30- 11 AM
Birthingright	(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 3:30-4:30 PM 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, 6:00 AM-11PM / First Fridays 8 PM-12 AM