



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 Pastor...

Brothers and Sisters-

“My friend, I am not cheating you.
Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?
Take what is yours and go.
What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel today give us such great hope as Christians! Jesus gives us this great parable to explain to us about how His love and mercy works... but then by His very life, he ‘shows us’. We all remember that when Jesus was hanging there on the cross alongside the two thieves... one of them who had used his life for swindling and doing to evil to others finally had his conversion to the Truth!! Jesus does not say, “Well... that’s nice you understand now... but you are too late!” Rather, He responds by saying, “Today you will be with me in paradise”... Jesus tells us it is NEVER too late to see clearly... it is NEVER too late for conversion.... the last will be first.

I had a beautiful experience visiting a patient in the hospital when I was in the Seminary. The woman I was visiting was suffering with terminal cancer. She began to tell me the story of her life and how she had been away from Christ and the Church for years and years. She admitted to me that she neglected to raise her children in any form of faith, and now on her deathbed she deeply regretted ‘distancing herself from God.’ In our conversation, however, she appeared to be joyful, because she had rediscovered her faith... that Christ is indeed The Way, The Truth, and The Life!! Brothers and Sisters, it is NEVER too late for conversion. I believe that Jesus would say the same thing to her as He said to the thief... “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

This ‘last shall be first’ stuff sounds pretty nice... but it can be very difficult to accept sometimes!! The workers who began work in the early hours of the morning got the exact same pay as those who only worked an hour?? How is that fair?? We can say the same thing... ‘Lord, I have given my life to you... I say my prayers... I am kind... I don't gossip... I raised my kids to know and love God... how is it fair that others that don't have it together as well as I do may get into heaven before me?!’ Sometimes we can think that the practice of our faith is like a ‘scorecard’ and then we begin to judge others that may not express faith in the same way. We begin to think that we are better than people of no faith. Rather, we should be using our lives for the conversion of others!! Helping one another by our words and actions, showing them the unconditional love and mercy of God, and FORMING DISCIPLES!! In leading one another to Christ there is no judgment, there is no condemnation, but rather reaching out our hands and our lives in total service to those we so easily dismiss.

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

Caring for Creation—at our Church!

We are in the middle of the Season of Creation, a time during which Pope Francis has asked us to pray, work, and speak up for all of God's creation. We began the season on September 1, with prayer, continued it during our Sunday Prayers of the Faithful, and will conclude with a day to beautify the walkway and shrine to the Holy Family, located opposite the church and beyond the parking lot.

Bring your pruning shears, shovels, clippers and gloves (and water bottles), if you have them. **We will gather in the parking lot at 9 AM till noon on Saturday, September 30**, to prune shrubbery, weed, and reclaim our stations of the cross from encroaching weeds.

Ever wonder "what can I possibly do?" to be a better steward of God's creation? Well, here's your answer—see you on September 30. Questions? Email mikespeltz@me.com

Community Outreach

* Donations to the Poor Box in September will benefit the survivors of Hurricane Harvey. The damage from this devastating storm will require billions of dollars to repair and every contribution helps!! Thank you for your generous support

* The next meeting of St. Mark's Community Outreach will be on **Monday, October 9, at 6:30 PM** in Room 104 of the Parish Center. Preparations and planning for our Stockings for Soldiers collection and the Christmas Basket Program are well underway!! Bring your ideas and your helping hands! We hope to see you on October 9th!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are looking for a few extra volunteers (18+) to help out with the Children's Liturgy of the Word, offered during the 9:30am Mass. The Children's Liturgy is a wonderful experience for our children ages 4-8 to come together, learn the rituals of the Mass, and hear the gospel at their own level! Children are dismissed from the Mass, just after the opening prayer, and are lead by adult volunteers to our designated classroom. The children return to their family during the offertory and remain in the church until the conclusion of the Mass. We'd love to have you join us! Contact Stephanie Wright at stephaniesigmund@yahoo.com or 617-782-3414 for more information.

Religious Education News

* Religious Education Classes begin on *Tuesday, September 26*. All families who have registered should have received their child's schedule. Any questions please call Cathy Kinnon at 434-5711

* 9th Grade Confirmation students and parents are reminded of their meeting on *Sunday, October 1st at 1:00 PM* in the Church.

* Host families are needed to house members of the NET team on *Friday, October 20th until Sunday, October 22nd*.

* 11th Grade Confirmation students are reminded that all sponsor sheets are due in the office. Please call Brandon at 432-8711 for your confirmation interview.

Prayer Shawls

The October Meeting of St. Mark's Prayer Shawl Group will take place on **Tuesday, October 3, at 6:00 PM** in the parish lounge. If you knit or crochet and would like to make shawls for those who need comfort, please join us on Tuesday for an hour of creativity and friendship! It's an opportunity to use your talent to support this loving ministry.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, September 24:

4:00 PM Middle School Night (Lounge)

6:00 PM High School Night (Lounge)

Tuesday, September 26:

4:30 PM Rel. Ed Grades 2 - 5 (Rel. Ed Center)

7:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 6 - 8 (Rel. Ed Center)

7:00 PM Grace Within Alumni (Hall)

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, September 27:

10:00 AM Woman's Bible Study (Lounge)

7:00 PM Grace Within (Room 102)

Thursday, September 28:

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

7:00 PM Woman's Ministry Book Group (Lounge)

Saturday, September 30:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Lounge)

Spaghetti Dinner for St. Gianna's Place!!

Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner to raise money to open St. Gianna's Place, a home for pregnant women in need. On **October 28, 2017 at 5:30pm**, the fun begins at the *Saint Thomas Aquinas Center, 26 Crystal Avenue in Derry*. In addition to the Italian dinner, there will also be raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction. Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under.

St. Gianna's Place aims to provide a safe home, job and life skills training, spiritual and emotional support, and a renewed sense of independence, joy, and self-worth to some of the most vulnerable in our community. Please help us by attending our dinner! If you are unable to attend, please consider donating via our website at stgiannasplace.org, or by mail at St. Gianna's Place, P.O. Box 725, Londonderry, NH 03053. All donations are tax deductible. Questions can be directed to Kelly at 603-770-9288 or via email at kmcintire5@comcast.net.

Youth Night Tonight!!

Don't miss St. Mark's Youth Night, happening tonight September 24! Middle School is from 4:00 to 5:45, and High School is from 6:00 to 8:00. Come on down for food, fun, and friends! Bring someone new with you - Can't wait to see you there!

Mother - Daughter Tea...

On **Saturday, November 4th**, from 1-3 PM, in partnership with the Gianna Family Care Center of Londonderry, we will be hosting a Mother Daughter Tea for girls ages 9 - 13 and their mothers! We invite you to come explore God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of God's holy plan for becoming a woman. This program builds a foundation for continued communication between a mother and her daughter. Our speaker, Nancy Malo of Catholic Medical Center, will be discussing topics including the changes in a young woman's body as it prepares for future motherhood; the female reproductive system; the sacredness of human life; the self-respect of modesty; and the virtue of chastity. Price for the afternoon is \$25 per family and space is limited so sign up early. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions please contact Susanne at Live4Him@myfairpoint.net.

In Loving Memory...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Kevin Driscoll, brother of Mrs. Cathy Kinnon. Our St. Mark's family joins together in petition to our Lord to bring comfort to his loving family.

Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Women's Ministry!!

ROSARY – We would like to welcome all members of the parish to join us after Mass on Wednesday mornings to pray the rosary for peace in the world and for the respect of life from conception until natural death. After Mass is concluded we will allow a few minutes for personal prayer before we begin the rosary together.

BIBLE STUDY - Beginning **Wednesday, September 20th** and running through November 8th, we will have an eight week Bible Study entitled 'Wisdom: God's Vision for Life,' following the rosary on *Wednesday mornings at 10AM*, in the Parish Lounge! Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible, this study will help us to actively seek out sound guidance and increase our sense of peace in navigating life. In everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Sacred Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well-being. With this bible study we will learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom, and we will experience the joy it brings to our lives!

Registration and materials for this course is \$20. You can register and drop of your payment at the Welcome Center after Mass, or at the office during business hours. Checks can be made out to St. Mark's. *Those registering after September 10th will be responsible to purchase their own journal* online at <https://ascensionpress.com/shop/products/wisdom-gods-vision-for-life-journal>.

BOOK GROUP - St. Mark's Woman's Ministries would like to begin an evening book group meeting every other month starting this **Thursday, September 28!** We'll meet in the Lounge at 7 PM and discuss a faith inspiring book. The first book we would discuss is *The Way of a Pilgrim and The Pilgrim Continues His Way*, translated by Helen Bacovcin. Each participant would be responsible to get her own book. If you are interested in taking part in such a group, please contact Susanne at Live4Him@myfairpoint.net, or call the Parish Office.

Sacrificial Giving (September 16 -17)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (131)	\$ 4,808.50
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 2,663.00
ParishPay - 48 donors	\$ 1,568.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 205.00
Social	\$ 57.00
General Donations	\$ 15.00
Mass Donations	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 9,356.50

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$ 280.00
Charitable	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 305.00
Grand Total	\$ 9,661.50

Mass Intentions for September 23 - October 1

9/23 Saturday, 5 PM:

Camille L. Lynch by Nouhad Soueidan

9/24 Sunday, 8 AM:

Joseph & Anne Costello by the Soares family

9/24 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Intentions of Deacon Lee by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

9/24 Sunday, 11 AM:

Abel Patenaude by John & Suzanne Patenaude

9/25 Monday, 9 AM:

Antony Zega by Bob & Maureen St.Jean

9/26 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Brian Moynihan by Barbara Scott

9/27 Wednesday, 9 AM:

John Ligotti by Diane Hoppe

9/28 Thursday 9 AM:

Timothy Martinez by Mom, Dad, & Nick

9/30 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pasquale Trongo by Larry & Marie Bean

10/1 Sunday, 8 AM:

Genevieve Allen by Stan & Sheila Swiderek

10/1 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Kathleen Belmonte by her family

10/1 Sunday, 11 AM:

Elisa Patnaude by John & Suzanne Patnaude

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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