



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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October 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each October, the celebration of World Mission Sunday leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission, as Pope Francis explains in his message for this year’s celebration on October 22.

The collection on the next-to-last Sunday in October is unique. It is truly a global effort for the entire Church. It is a central moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God’s love and mercy, His hope and peace.

The materials for World Mission Sunday from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith encourage an ongoing formative relationship for mission, offering portraits of today’s missionaries inspired by the words of our chief missionary, Pope Francis.

I invite all of us in the Diocese of Manchester to see World Mission Sunday as a special moment of encounter with the Pope’s missions throughout the world. Meeting the priests, religious and lay leaders who, day in and day out, witness to the Gospel and serve the poor, will, as Pope Francis says, *“enable the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization.”*

As I remain grateful for your generosity, I ask your full support, through prayer and sacrifice, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, as you are able.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

For more about this important celebration of the universal Church, and information about how you can learn about the Missions from Pope Francis himself, please visit ChatWithThePope.org.

Adult Faith Formation Returns!!

Adult Faith Formation at St. Mark's is back for another season! Join us **Monday evening, October 23, at 7 PM** in the Parish Lounge. We will begin a continuing series exploring the the Catechism and the four pillars of our Catholic faith. All are welcome! Snacks and refreshments will be available. You don't want to miss it! Email brandon@stmarksnh.org with any questions.

In Loving Memory....

This week our St. Mark community remembers in prayer all who have died... especially Judy Predham, mother of Lorraine Keir and Carol Lyon.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Toys! Toys! Toys!

St. Gianna's Closet is accepting toy donations for its annual used toy sale to be held on December 2, 2017, at St. Thomas Church, 26 Crystal Ave in Derry. Please consider donating your gently used toys and drop them off at the St. Mark's Parish Office during business hours. Proceeds from this sale go to help the needy in our community through St. Thomas' outreach programs. If you have a large donation, it may be brought to 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry. Simply leave your bagged donation in the driveway. Donations will be accepted through the last week of November. Thank you for your generosity!

New Rules...

For many years St. Mark parish has prepared a salad once each month in the Kitchen of the parish hall in support of the Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry. Unfortunately, because the Soup Kitchen has now been deemed to be a "commercial" food service operation, we can no longer provide food prepared in the Parish Hall. We are grateful to the parishioners that provided and helped prepare food over the years to assist those less fortunate. Thank you!

Religious Education News

*9th grade students and parents are reminded of their confirmation are reminded of their NET retreat on **Friday, October 20th at 4:30PM - 9:00PM**. All permission slips are due in the Res. Ed Office as soon as possible.

*10th grade Confirmation students are reminded of their NET retreat **Saturday, October 21st at 10:00AM - 8:00 PM**. All permission slips are due in the Res. Ed Office as soon as possible.

All Saints & All Souls

On **Wednesday, November 1**, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for the faithful, and we will be celebrating Mass at 9 AM and 7 PM here at St. Mark's.

The following day, **Thursday, November 2**, is the Feast of All Souls. We will again be celebrating Mass at 9 AM and 7 PM. We cordially invite all those in our parish community who have lost family or loved ones in the past year to attend the 7 PM liturgy as we lift up our prayers and petitions to those who have left us.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, October 15:

10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)

Monday, October 16:

6:30 PM Outreach at St. Mark's (Room 104)

Tuesday, October 17:

6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

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

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

7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Wednesday, October 18:

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

7:00 PM Grace Within (Room 102)

Thursday, October 19:

Parish Office Closed

Friday, October 20:

4:00 PM 9th Grade NET Retreat (Rel. Ed Center)

Saturday, October 21:

6:00 AM Men of St. Joseph (Church and Hall)

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

10:30 AM 10th Grade NET Retreat (Rel. Ed Center)

Men of St. Joseph News

Calling all Men! If you're looking for a great way to start your weekend, here's the answer. It starts early, 7:00am. 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 guys helping each other become warriors who will take on the challenges of being a 21st century Catholic man.

There are no sign-ups, no projects, no dues. Just show up here at St. Mark's at **7:00 AM next Saturday morning, October 21**, for fellowship, food, and prayer. We guarantee to have you headed out by 9:00 AM sharp so you can get to your weekend projects. Come and check us out - you won't be disappointed. For more information, call Bill Donroe at 432-6066.

Community Affairs

The October Poor Box will benefit Community Caregivers of Greater Derry. This local organization "is a volunteer network which provides support and assistance to help people maintain independence in their home environment." For further information contact www.comcaregivers.org. Thank you for your generosity

Attention Students: \$600!!

The NH Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a **Student Respect Life Essay Contest!** The contest is open to any Middle School (grades 6 -8) and High School (grades 9 - 12) students in New Hampshire! The Knights will make up to six cash rewards of \$100! The theme this year is: "How would you respond to claims that Pro-Life denies a woman's choice?"

The deadline for entries is **December 15, 2017**, by midnight. Essays may not be longer than 500 words; must be typed and submitted as a PDF or Word Document to matu19@comcast.net. Please include your name, age, grade, school, your parent's names and address, phone, parish and email.

Students may obtain help & information, including from parents, teachers, friends, and internet but the essay itself must be their own work. Further contest details may be obtained from KofC NH contest chairman John P. Matuszewski (603-434-4098), or KofC NH State Pro-Life Chairman Ron Distasio (603-595-7837).

Restore, Renew, Proclaim!

Our diocese will be restoring the order in which the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated: Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion.

Over the next few years, the standard age of Confirmation is going to be third grade throughout the Diocese of Manchester, and Confirmation will be celebrated before, not after, First Communion. This practice restores Confirmation to its original place. Through this process, the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation return to the logical order in which they were designed to be received: first Baptism, then Confirmation, then Eucharist. It also restores the practice of administering the Sacraments of Christian Initiation to young children as early as possible.

Our parish has a plan for an implementation schedule, as well as a renewed vigor for implementing this change within the context of Lifelong Faith Formation. This will help us to provide an enriching experience of God's love through the sacramental life of the Church.

For more information on the Lifelong Faith Formation and Restored Order of the Sacraments of Initiation, you can visit www.catholicnh.org/lifelong, or you can contact the Catholic Formation Offices at 669-3100.

Book of Remembrance

As the days get shorter, we once again are approaching the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. The Book of Remembrance will be open in the gathering space in these final weeks of October. Please stop by and inscribe the names of any family, friends, or loved ones who may have returned home to the Lord in this past year. The Book will be placed in the Sanctuary during the month of November as we enjoin our petitions in a special way with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Time to Get Ready...

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 10488 is once again getting ready to Keep Christ in Christmas! On the weekends of November 4th and 11th, the Knights will be selling beautiful Christmas Cards and of course the ever popular KCIC car magnets! Be sure to stop by and stock up for the season!

Sacrificial Giving (Oct. 7 - 8)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,009.00
Loose Cash	\$1,925.00
Electronic Giving	\$105.00
Parish Pay	\$2,327.65
Social	\$48.00
General Donations	\$167.32
Religious Ed Tuition	\$785.00
Mass Donations	\$155.00
Donations (bap/wed/fun)	\$150.00
Total	\$9,671.97

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$242.00
Diocesan Collection	\$82.00
Special Collection (Hurricane Relief)	\$866.00
Charitable	\$336.00
Total	\$1,526.00
Grand Total	\$11,197.97

Mass Intentions for Oct. 14 -Oct. 22

10/14 Saturday, 5 PM:

Edwin & Mary Kruse by Dennis & Barbara Pedley

10/15 Sunday, 8 AM:

Michael Smith by John & Suzanne Patenaude

10/15 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Jake Patota by Marylou & Earl Bartlett

10/15 Sunday, 11 AM:

Dawn Marie Pilat by her family

10/16 Monday, 9 AM:

Patricia Malone by Janet Devlin & Melissa Taylor

10/17 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Rev. Thomas Bresnahan by the Lott Family

10/18 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Thomas Lovejoy by his wife Elaine

10/19 Thursday 9 AM:

Helen Ferguson by her daughter Elaine

10/21 Saturday, 5 PM:

Genevieve Alosky by Anne Marie & John McCoy

10/22 Sunday, 8 AM:

James V. & Maria Fallon by the Fallon family

10/22 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Blanche & Bill Poitras Larry & Pearl Goodrich

10/22 Sunday, 11 AM:

Jeanne Smith by John & Suzanne Patenaude

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Safe Environment	Claudia Dominguez (603) 432-8711
Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30- 11 AM
Birtheright	(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