



*Welcome to the Catholic Community of*

# **SAINT MARK**

## **THE EVANGELIST**

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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 Deacon Tom...**

Brothers and Sisters,

You can't take it with you! I think we've all heard this saying, and as a collector of many things, I've got a lot of "stuff." As we get older, I'm sure we can all look around and see that we've accumulated a lot of "stuff". I'm in the beginning stages of downsizing as I look around my house and think about today's Gospel. I wonder, what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God? The answer is EVERYTHING belongs to God.

My wife, my children, my house and everything in it, everything I have is a gift from God! We may live in the "Live Free or Die" State, but we still have taxes. Yes, even the ability to pay taxes is a gift from God. I'm not sure that's easy for me to grasp, as I need to register my car this month and renew my license. Consequently, I get to pay the registration fee, license renewal fee, and have my car inspected. Nevertheless, the fact that I can do all these things is a gift from God. I wonder, what would the people I encounter when I pay these fees say if I told them I was just repaying Caesar as Jesus commanded this weekend?

Look around at your life this week. What are the gifts God has given you in your life right now? Our Psalm this weekend repeats, "Give the Lord glory and honor," but then give a few specifics: "Give Him Glory, Give Him Praise! Bring gifts and enter His courts. Worship the Lord in holy attire." What do we bring to Him when we are at Mass on the weekend? That can change from week to week. It could be all the blessings He gave us over this past week. But if we've had a tough week, if we're grieving, if we're suffering from illness, perhaps that is what we're bringing Him this week. We can bring our blessings to the Lord in Thanksgiving at Mass. Or we can bring our struggles, our problems, our challenges, our hurdles for the upcoming week and give them to Him. Let Him guide us through them!

One of the most eye-opening things I learned about the Mass is what happens when the gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by us at the Offertory. This is the time that all our blessings and all our troubles are also, symbolically, presented to the Lord. I used to zone out because this is when the collection basket comes around, and I've got to find my envelope in time! But there is much more here for us than we may be aware. It's our chance to offer up, as our sacrifice, all that we have. So when the gifts are brought forth this weekend, let us bring to mind our offering of self, of whatever is going on in our lives, good or not so good. When we do, we will have followed Jesus' command in today's Gospel: "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

May God give you His Peace!

Deacon Tom

**Adult Faith Formation Returns!!**

Adult Faith Formation at St. Mark's is back for another season! Join us tomorrow night, **Monday, 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](mailto: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, as well as Catherine Ganley, wife of Robert Ganley.

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

**Toys! Toys! Toys!**

St. Gianna's Closet is accepting toy donations for its annual used toy sale to be held on **December 2, 2017, from 9 AM until 12:00 PM** 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!

**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 celebrate 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 for those who have left us.

**Religious Education News**

\*4<sup>th</sup> grade summer religious education families are reminded of their Reconciliation retreat on **Sunday, November 5 at 1:00 PM** in the parish hall.

\*10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students are reminded of their meeting on **Sunday, November 5 at 6:30 PM** in the parish hall.

\*Summer students in grades 2 through 5 are reminded of their follow up meeting on **Thursday, November 2, from 4:30 - 5:45 PM**. Chapters 1-13 should be completed at that time.

\*Please keep in your prayers our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who are experiencing their NET retreat this weekend!

**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](http://www.comcaregivers.org). Thank you for your generosity!

**This Week @ St. Mark's!!!**

**Sunday, October 22:**

- 10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)
- 12:30 PM Baptism (Church)
- 4:00 PM Junior High Youth Night (Lounge)
- 6:00 PM High School Youth Night (Lounge)

**Monday, October 23:**

- 7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)

**Tuesday, October 24:**

- 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)
- 7:00 PM Pastoral Council (Room 209)
- 7:00 PM St. Gianna's Place Directors (Room 201)
- 7:00 PM Grace Within Alumni (Lounge)
- 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

**Wednesday, October 25:**

- 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Lounge)
- 7:00 PM Grace Within (Room 102)

**Thursday, October 26:**

- 7:00 PM K of C Business Meeting (Room 201)

**Saturday, October 28:**

- 9:30 AM Al Anon (Hall)

### **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](mailto: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!**

"The three sacraments of initiation lay the foundations of every Christian life." (CCC 1212)

Through the waters of Baptism, we are incorporated into the Body of Christ through the Spirit. We die to sin and become new creations in Christ. Confirmation is a special outpouring and strengthening of the Holy Spirit. This sacrament permanently seals us to Jesus Christ. Through the sacrament of the Eucharist we receive Christ—Body, Soul, and Divinity—in the bread and wine. Eucharist completes our initiation and unites us as one body in Christ.

In the early church, people were initiated into the community at one single event. They were baptized, anointed with chrism, and shared in the Eucharist. The sacraments, over time, have been separated from one another and this happened for a variety of reasons. The Second Vatican Council asked the Church to make it more clear that Confirmation is intimately connected with Baptism and the whole of Christian initiation. This also helps us to see that Eucharist completes our initiation into the Church.

Go to [www.catholicnh.org/lifelong](http://www.catholicnh.org/lifelong) for more information on this important change.

### **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 4 and 11**, 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!

### **Women's Minstry**

St. Mark's Women's Ministry Group meets in the lounge at 7 PM every other month to discuss a faith inspiring book. On **Thursday, November 16**, we will meet and discuss *Rediscover Jesus* by Matthew Kelly (ISBN 9781942611202). A limited number of copies will be available at the Welcome Center for \$3.00 each for those who will be attending. Each participant is responsible to get her own book. All women of the parish are invited to join us. If you are interested in this group, please contact Susanne at [Live4Him@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Live4Him@myfairpoint.net), or call the Parish Office.

### **Spaghetti Dinner!!**

St. Gianna's Place is hosting a spaghetti dinner and evening of fundraising on **October 28, 2017** at the Aquinas Center at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry, at 5:30 PM. This event will raise money to open a residence for crisis pregnancies in the Derry and Londonderry area. The evening will include an Italian dinner, raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction! Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Our goal is to provide a safe home, job and life skills training, and a renewed sense of self-worth and independence to pregnant women in crisis. Please visit [StGiannasPlace.org](http://StGiannasPlace.org) for additional information.

**Sacrificial Giving (Oct. 14-15)**

**Operating Funds**

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,480.00
Loose Cash	\$1,526.00
Electronic Giving	\$205.00
Parish Pay	\$4,246.61
Social	\$49.00
All Saints	\$25.00
Religious Ed Tuition	\$1,040.00
Mass Donations	\$100.00
Donations (bap/wed/fun)	\$1,050.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,721.61</b>

**Designated Funds**

Capital Development	\$260.00
Diocesan Collection	\$75.00
Special Collection (CRS)	\$942.00
Charitable	\$1,160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,437.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$15,158.61</b>

**Mass Intentions for Oct. 21 -Oct. 29**

**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 by Larry & Pearl Goodrich

**10/22 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Jeanne Smith by John & Suzanne Patenaude

**10/23 Monday, 9 AM:**

Edward J. Humora by Anne and Dan Emerson

**10/24 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

Joan Marie Morgan by the the Nadeau Family

**10/25 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Catherine Merlino by family

**10/26 Thursday 9 AM:**

Glenna Keenan by Allan & Terry Fernald

**10/28 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Camille L. Lynch by by Mary Y. Lynch & family

**10/29 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Louisa Gendron by her loving husband

**10/29 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Albert Seghezzi by Ed & Brenda Seghezzi & family

**10/29 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Francis Smith by John & Suzanne Patenaude

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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