



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 Your Pastor...

Brothers and Sisters-

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him,

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

'Love of God' and 'Love of Neighbor' are indeed the foundations in which our Christian living needs to stand upon!! In our culture, however, the term 'LOVE' gets thrown around so much - do we really even know what it means anymore or how to do it? It is commonplace to use the word to describe our feelings towards our possessions... but how we are supposed to truly 'love' each other is undoubtedly at a different level. How do we love? Do we treat people like they are just objects, rather than human persons with emotions and feelings? I came across Fr. James Martin's '6 Ways to Love Chastely'... I think it can give us some ideas of how to expand our capacity to truly love this week...

1. Listen compassionately. "Compassionate listening is an important way of making someone feel respected and loved. ...Listening in joyful times is important too."
2. Be present. "As Jesuit novices, when we were working as hospital chaplains we were taught that a "ministry of presence" – simply being with another person – is an important part of pastoral care."
3. Do something practical. "Here's a good question to ask: What active ways of chaste loving can be part of my life? How about: Help your elderly mother clean her house. Drive a sick friend to the hospital. Babysit for a stressed young couple. Take a friend out to dinner even if it's not her birthday or a special event. Write a letter to someone whom you know is lonely..."
4. Love freely. "One of the hardest parts of love is this: allowing the other to love you as he or she can, not as you want to be loved. ...Accepting others as they are means not only trusting in their love, but respecting how they choose to love."
5. Forgive. "Forgiveness releases the other from the trap of guilt and can also help to release you from your own anger. It is never easy, but in the end it is an act of love that heals both the forgiver and the forgiven."
6. Pray. "Ask God to help those you love. Ask God to be close to them. Most of all, ask God to allow you to see others the way God does."

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

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! This time we'll be watching the Pixar classic, "Cars." This is a free event for all ages! Please join us **Saturday, November 18, at 6:00 PM** 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!

In Loving Memory....

This week our St. Mark community remembers in prayer all who have died... especially John Conner, husband of Nancy Conner.

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

All Young Singers Welcome!

If you are in grade K-12 and like to sing, we would like to invite you to join our 18th Annual **Christmas Youth Choir!** We will be singing in the Church at the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

We will be having our first rehearsal on **Sunday, November 12th, 4:00 - 5:00 PM** in the Church, and rehearsals will be held every Sunday until Christmas Eve! Please sign up in the Welcome Center!

If you have any questions, please call Rosemarie Kelly at (603)889-8972, or email at jrmdkelly@gmail.com.

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

- * A special thank you to Mr. Jay Jellis & Mrs. Cindy Jellis, Mr. Richard Riley & Mrs. Louella Riley, and Mr. Tim Stewart & Mrs. Joanne Stewart for opening up their hearts and homes to the NET Team last weekend! The 9th and 10th graders as well as our parish family are very grateful to you!
- * Thank you to Mrs. Mary Lynch and Mrs. Dianna LaMothe who helped with the food for our students and the NET Team!
- * 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.
- * 4th grade summer religious education families are reminded of their Reconciliation retreat on **Sunday, November 5, at 1:00 PM** in the parish hall.
- * 10th grade Confirmation students are reminded of their meeting on **Sunday, November 5, at 6:30 PM** in the parish hall.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, October 29:

10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)

Monday, October 30:

7:00 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Tuesday, October 31:

No Daily Mass

6 AM-11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

Wednesday, November 1:

9:00 AM Mass (All Saints)

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

7:00 PM Mass (All Saints)

7:00 PM Grace Within (Room 102)

Thursday, November 2:

9:00 AM Mass (All Souls)

10:30 AM Grace Within Dinner Committee (Hall)

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

7:00 PM Mass (All Souls)

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

Friday, November 3:

8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration

Saturday, November 4:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Hall)

12:00 PM Mother-Daughter Tea (Hall)

Spend an Hour with Him...

Nocturnal Adoration will be held *Friday, November 3* beginning at *8 PM until midnight*. Please join us for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel each hour. For information, call Dennis at 437-6051.

Stockings for Soldiers

We will be helping the organization "Operation Care for Troops" provide our service men and women overseas with Christmas Stockings full of much needed and greatly appreciated items this Holiday Season! Stockings may be found at the back of the Church along with a list of gifts to put in them. It is important to follow the list of items carefully so that all stockings contain similar gifts. If you would like to participate in this program just pick up a stocking, fill it with goodies (a list is in each stocking) and return it to the box in the back of the Church by *Sunday, November 12*. Please include a note or card, if possible, thanking the recipient for their service. It's a wonderful way to express our gratitude for the sacrifice of all our military personnel who are far from home and family during the Holidays!!

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).

Women's Ministry

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, or call the Parish Office.

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!

Attention Daily Parishioners...

The Fall Institute for the priests of our diocese is being held next week. As a result, Mass will not be celebrated here at St. Mark's on *Tuesday, October 31*.

Homemade Baked Goods Wanted...

Are you a whiz in the kitchen? Do your confections get rave reviews from your family, co-workers or neighbors? If so, we could use your help! We are in need of homemade goodies for our 2nd Annual Mother Daughter Tea, to be held Saturday, November 4. Can you help us? If you can, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Your participation is greatly appreciated! Any and all questions can be directed to Susanne at Live4Him@myfairpoint.net Thank You!!!

Sacrificial Giving (Oct. 21-22)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,098.00
Loose Cash	\$1,786.00
Electronic Giving	\$505.00
Parish Pay	\$1,048.40
Social	\$75.00
General Donation	\$380.00
Religious Ed Tuition	\$1,755.00
Mass Donations	\$122.00
Total	\$9,769.40

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$20.00
Diocesan Collection (World Mission)	\$830.00
Charitable	\$20.00
Total	\$870.00
Grand Total	\$10,639.40

Mass Intentions for Oct. 28 - Nov. 5

10/28 Saturday, 5 PM:

Camille L. Lynch 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

10/30 Monday, 9 AM:

Kevin Driscoll by Allan & Terry Fernald

10/31 Tuesday, 9 AM:

No Mass

11/1 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Fr. Tom Bresnahan by Bob and Liz Valway

11/2 Thursday 9 AM:

Kevin Driscoll by The Duyon Family

11/4 Saturday, 5 PM:

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Dennis & Barbara Pedley

11/5 Sunday, 8 AM:

Hedy Palmiotto by Stan and Sheila Swiderek

11/5 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

People of the Parish

11/5 Sunday, 11 AM:

Gaston Roy 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 3:30-4:30 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