



Welcome to the Catholic Community of

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THE EVANGELIST

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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 the Parish Evangelist...

Seems like whenever it's my turn to write this column, our Sunday readings are blatantly direct and generally dire in tone... I'm just lucky, I guess! Seriously, though, there is certainly reason to rejoice in this week's teachings, despite their stern character.

The Prophet Malachi is concerned with correcting a cliché that many of us are familiar with: "Do as I say, not as I do." In particular, he is addressing the priests and teachers of the Law and their negligence in adhering to and practicing correctly the very Law they are entrusted with teaching. Our Lord is rebuking the scribes and Pharisees for the same offense in today's Gospel: 'do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach, but they do not practice.'

At first glance, it sounds like this message is directed towards clergy and not necessarily to the rest of us. So unless your name is Father Mike or Deacon Tom, you can breathe a sigh of relief! In all seriousness though, this type of hypocrisy is something we all need to be wary of – for in a certain way we ALL share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ! In the First Letter of St. Peter we read: 'and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ' (1Pt 2:5). As far back as the Book of Exodus the Lord says: 'and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation' (Ex 19:6). So intimate is our union with Christ in baptism that we all share in this 'Universal Priesthood.'

Now, this differs significantly from the ministerial priesthood that we see in Sacred Scripture and that has been handed down to us from the Apostles. But nonetheless, we are called to sanctify our lives and the lives of everyone that we encounter. How? Through adherence to and practicing correctly the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Faith. Our Faith is not just something that we pick up at the door of the church and leave behind on our way back to the parking lot. Our Faith is a mission - a vocation - an active and living participation in the Divine Life here and now. It's quite a task, for sure. But the Lord did not abandon us here to figure it out on our own. He sent the Holy Spirit to Peter and the Apostles, and that same Spirit has guided the Church in Truth through the ages, and that same Spirit dwells in the hearts of each one of us. The Truth is known to us. We proclaim it. We profess it. We live it.

We are called to be examples of the Faith we profess to others in the way we live our lives - embracing our God-given roles as a 'royal priesthood' and a 'holy nation.' Every day is a call to conversion, and we strive to lead others to the Truth that is Christ by the way we live the Gospel message.

There is another piece to our Christian authenticity, and that involves how we are interiorly, as a Church. We are blessed as Catholics to enjoy the 'fullness of the Faith.' The Most Holy Eucharist - the TRUE presence of our Lord here on earth; the Sacraments - sanctifying Grace instituted by Christ Himself; the intercession of the Blessed Mother - mother of God and mother of the whole Church; and list goes on and on. Do we take the time to explore, and at times grapple with, the things that make us *Catholic*? We love our brothers and sisters of other faiths and denominations, but do we look at our own Faith as just another option in a marketplace of truth-claims? Rather, do we boldly proclaim who we say we are - approaching the mysteries and practices of our Church with reverence and awe? Let us embrace our 'priesthood,' and live and pray as the Church always has - with an unending reverence to God, and a genuine desire to lead others to the Truth.

Peace be with you.

Brandon Sargent

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!

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.

Stockings For Soldiers

Thank you so much for your outstanding support of the Stockings for Soldiers project last weekend! We ran out of stockings (we had 150) at the 9:30 Mass!! If you didn't get a stocking you can still provide our military service men and women overseas by taking a list of requested items from the table at the back of the church and placing the requested items in a plastic bag. Please return filled stockings or bags to the containers at the back of the church by **Sunday, November 12** so they can be shipped in time for Christmas. 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 their homes and families during the Holidays!!

Religious Education News

- * 1st Grade families are reminded of their child's class on **Thursday, November 16**, from 4:30 - 5:45. Chapters 6 -9 should be completed at this time.
- * 4th grade summer religious education families are reminded of their Reconciliation retreat today **Sunday, November 5, at 1:00 PM** in the Parish Hall.
- * 9th grade Confirmation students are reminded of their next class on **Sunday, November 19**, from 6:30 - 8:00 in the Parish Hall.
- * 10th grade Confirmation students are reminded of their meeting tonight **Sunday, November 5, at 6:30 PM** in the parish hall.

Poor Box for November & December

Donations to the Poor Box for November and December will be used to support the St. Mark's Christmas Basket Program. This parish effort provides food and gifts to local families in need during the Christmas Season. Stay tuned for further information on how you can help with this wonderful parish tradition.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, November 5:

- 10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)
- 1:00 PM Baptisms (Church)
- 1:00 PM 4th Grade Parent Retreat (Hall)
- 6:30 PM 10th Grade Confirmation Class (Hall)

Monday, November 6:

- 7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)
- 7:00 PM Outreach at St. Mark's (Room 104)

Tuesday, November 7:

- 6 AM-11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 4:30 PM Religious Education (2 -5)
- 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lounge)
- 7:00 PM Religious Education (6 - 8)
- 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Wednesday, November 8:

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

Thursday, November 9:

- 6:00 PM Grace Within Dinner (Hall)
- 7:00 PM K of C Officers Meeting (Room 201)

Saturday, November 11:

- 9:30 AM Al Anon (Hall)

Thank You For Your Service

This week we honor service men and women both past and present. Thank you and Happy Veteran's Day.

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

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. 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.

Keep Christ in Christmas

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 10488 is once again supporting Youth Ministry through the Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign! Stop by the table outside after Mass and pick up some beautiful Christmas Cards that express the true Reason for the season! Proceeds are going to support continued programs for the youth of our parish! We'll be out there next weekend too, so be sure to stop by and say hello!

Adult Faith Formation

St. Mark's AFF is back in session tomorrow night, **Monday, November 6**, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Lounge! Join us as we explore the beginning of the Catechism with a presentation entitled "What We Believe." As always, we'll have snacks, refreshments, and a healthy dose of fellowship and fun! All are welcome, so come on down and check it out! See you there!

Youth Ministry!!

Mark your calendars for our next St. Mark's Youth Night, next **Sunday, November 12!** Middle School is from 4 - 5:45 PM, and High School is from 6 - 8 PM. Haven't come to a Youth Night yet? Well, what are you waiting for?! We'd love to have you come and hang out with us! All are welcome, so bring a friend along with you. We have a super group of young disciples here at St. Mark's, and we're constantly growing. Come be a part of it! If you have any questions, call the Parish Office, or email brandon@stmarksnh.org.

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!

Sacrificial Giving (Oct. 28-29)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,664.00
Loose Cash	\$2,037.00
Electronic Giving	\$145.00
ParishPay	\$2,488.00
Social	\$61.00
General Donation	\$95.20
Mass Donations	\$85.00
Donations (wed/bap/fun)	\$150.00
Total	\$8,685.20

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$115.00
Diocesan Collection (World Mission)	\$65.00
Charitable	\$590.00
Poor Box	\$62.00
Total	\$832.00
Grand Total	\$9,517.20

Mass Intentions for Nov. 4 - Nov. 12

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

11/6 Monday, 9 AM:

Rev. Thomas Bresnahan by the DeCosta family

11/7 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Adrian Pallone by his family

11/8 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Madeleine P. & Thomas Lynch by Mary Y. Lynch

11/9 Thursday 9 AM:

Gerard Grandzol by Terry & Allan Fernald

11/11 Saturday, 5 PM:

Deceased members of the Strauss
& Tertheriaque families

11/12 Sunday, 8 AM:

Donna Quandt by Al Quandt

11/12 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Catherine Ganley by K of C Council 10488

11/12 Sunday, 11 AM:

Glen Giles 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