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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday @ 5:00 PM**

**Sunday @ 8:00 AM 9:30 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,

*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.  
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding  
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Finally, brothers and sisters,  
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.  
Keep on doing what you have learned and received  
and heard and seen in me.  
Then the God of peace will be with you.”*

Our God is a God of PEACE... The hearts of all in our country ache when we turn on the television and see the evil and tragic event that took place in Las Vegas this past week. Innocent life robbed for no reason at all. The images all over the news of the turmoil become implanted in our minds and we watch with total disbelief. There are no words to take it away... there is no action on our part that can bring back the lives that were lost. When will all this senseless violence stop?! Could there have been anything done to have stopped this madness?? There is no meaning in any of this... why does evil exist?!

We live in a world with lots of questions... lots of anxiety... lots of fear and insecurity. Our stomachs and hearts ache. We try to go on with our lives, but our focus will inevitably return to the horror and the pain.

Again, our God is a God of PEACE. I think St Paul was writing to each and every one of us this weekend: we are to use our lives to seek out the PEACE of God, even amid all the turmoil and pain that life can deal out to us. We are called to look for ‘whatever is true...whatever is honorable, just, pure, lovely and gracious.’ We are called to pray and to long for the PEACE that nothing in this world can ever bring, but that only HE can bring. We cry out to HIM and open our hearts... HE came to conquer all evil and all sin. He desires to hold us close to HIMSELF. We can do nothing but surrender ourselves entirely to HIM... always seeking his PEACE in all things; the PEACE in knowing his unconditional love for us; the PEACE in knowing that all this worldly horror will pass; the PEACE in hoping that we will be with HIM forever in paradise.

Always in Christ,  
Fr Mike

**Welcome Deacon Tom!!!**

Our St Mark's community welcomes back Deacon Tom and his wife Cathy to our parish family! Many of you remember Deacon Tom before he was ordained a Deacon, as St. Mark's was his home parish! He was ordained three years ago by Bishop Libasci, and then assigned to St. Patrick's Parish in Pelham. With the ordination of new Deacons just a few weeks ago, the Bishop re-assigned Deacon Tom to our parish here at St. Mark's. A Permanent Deacon volunteers in a parish and assists with ministries and the Sacramental life of the Church. Aside from the Church, Deacon Tom is a full-time salesman who resides in Derry, NH. We look forward to his ministry among us! Welcome aboard Deacon Tom!!

**In Loving Memory....**

This week our St. Mark community remembers in prayer all who have died... especially Robert D'Ambrosio, father of Roberta Davis.

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

**Blessing of the Animals!!!**

St. Francis' Feast Day was celebrated on Wednesday, October 4. Since this fell during the week, we will be having the customary 'Blessing of the Animals' as well as an 'ecological' Way of the Cross (to continue our celebration of the Season of Creation) today on **Sunday, October 8 at 2 PM** over by our outdoor Stations of the Cross. Bring yourself, Fido, Rover, Clyde, and whatever other animal you want to bring to be blessed!!!

**Community Outreach**

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!

**Religious Education News**

\*1<sup>st</sup> grade Families are reminded of their child's first meeting on **Thursday, October 12th at 4:30-5:45** Chapters 1-5 should be completed at that time.

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

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

**Youth Night Tonight!!**

Don't miss out on St. Mark's Youth Group, Sunday, October 8! *Middle School is from 4 - 5:45*, and *High School is from 6 -8!* Bring a friend! See you there!

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

**Sunday, October 8:**

- 10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)
- 2:00PM Blessing of the Animals (Outdoor)
- 4:00 PM Middle School Night (Lounge)
- 6:00 PM High School Night (Lounge)

**Monday, October 9:**

- THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- 2:30 PM Salad Ministry (Kitchen)
- 6:30 PM Outreach at St. Mark's (Room 104)

**Tuesday, October 10:**

- 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 St. Gianna's Place Directors Meeting
- 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

**Wednesday, October 11:**

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

**Thursday, October 12:**

- 4:30 PM Rel. Ed 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Rel. Ed Center)
- 7:00 PM K of C Officers Meeting (Room 209)

**Saturday, October 14:**

- 9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)
- 5:00 PM Marriage Ministry Couples Dinner (Hall)

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **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](mailto:brandon@stmarksnh.org) with any questions.

### **Thank you for our Oktoberfest celebration!**

Oktoberfest was a great community celebration in so many ways. It began with an amazing FUNdraising team planning the details. Then came the outpouring of support from our sponsors. The topper was the amazing volunteer response for both set up and clean up. There are too many to thank – we wish would could list you all in gratitude. Truly, this was a wonderful reflection of our great community – our parish family!

While we set out to plan fundraising events, as stated before, the FUNdraising team's focus is first on gathering together as a community. That being said, this event did not raise money to put toward our roof. However, the laughter and great sense of teamwork we experienced provided a value beyond measure. Be sure to visit the parish website and Facebook page for great photos of the event!

### **Restore, Renew, Proclaim!**

The Diocese of Manchester is launching an initiative to strengthen faith formation in our parishes and schools. It is called "Restore, Renew, Proclaim the Hope that Is Christ." The goal of this initiative is to make lifelong faith formation a priority and a reality in all our parishes. To accomplish this, we will be looking at ways to strengthen our youth ministry and adult faith formation processes, as well as reimagining our sacramental preparation programs. At the heart of all this is a desire to form disciples of all ages.

Exciting things will be happening in all our parishes as we look forward with hope and with confidence that the Holy Spirit will guide all our efforts. Our parish will continue to be a place where disciples are formed in the faith and sent out on mission.

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

### **Women's Ministry!!**

**BOOK GROUP** - St. Mark's Woman's Ministries meets every other month to discuss a faith inspiring book. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 16! The group will meet in the Lounge at 7 PM and discuss a faith inspiring book. The November book that will be discussed is *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 joining the book group. Each participant would be responsible to get their own book. If you are interested in taking part in this group, please contact Susanne at [Live4Him@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Live4Him@myfairpoint.net), or call the Parish Office.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mother Daughter Tea, to be held **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. Can you help us? If you can, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Your participation is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, they can be directed to Susanne at [Live4Him@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Live4Him@myfairpoint.net) Thank You!!!



**Sacrificial Giving (Sept. 30 - Oct. 1)**

**Parish Contact Information**

**Operating Funds**

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,829.00
Loose Cash	\$1,867.00
Electronic Giving	\$395.00
Parish Pay	\$2,253.00
Social	\$21.00
General Donation	\$30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,395.00</b>

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Office Hours	Mon-Thurs 9 AM- 4 PM

**Designated Funds**

Capital Development	\$625.00
Diocesan Collection (PriestRet)	\$285.00
Special Collection (Hurricane Relief)	\$1,298.00
Charitable	\$243.00
All Saints	\$5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,456.00</b>

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Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30- 11 AM
Birthingright	(603) 434-3000
NH Catholic Charities, Windham	(603) 893-1971

**Mass Intentions for Oct. 7 -Oct. 15**

**10/7 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Ruth Picarello by her family

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

Alan Gosselin by the Gosselin family

**10/8 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Gerald M. Gillespie by K of C 10988

**10/8 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Catherine Kelley by the Kelley family

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

Virginia Butchard by her family

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

Joan Bompastore by her family

**10/11 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Stephen Fauci by Rod & Bernice Granese

**10/12 Thursday 9 AM:**

Don Brewer by the Sampson family

**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

**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

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