



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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From your Parish Evangelist...

Brothers and Sisters,

There are many buzzwords and phrases that have entered our vernacular in modern times, and one we hear often is 'resource management.' The phrase is just another way of saying 'stewardship': a concept that can be applied to various aspects of our human experience. Environmental stewardship, economic stewardship, and the list goes on. In essence, it is an ethic that requires a certain responsibility to protect the gifts that we have been given. The word 'stewardship' comes from the word 'steward,' which refers to a housekeeper or a house servant. There is a certain domestic quality to the term, and I would propose that is profoundly expressed in our readings this week.

The stewardship at the heart of readings can be seen to reflect the responsibilities of the family. Now it may seem a bit impersonal to refer to the members of our families as 'resources,' but they really are! In our reading from the Book of Proverbs, we hear of the 'Woman of Valor' - the wife who brings her husband blessings, all the days of her life. She works with loving hands and extends her arms to the needy. What a beautiful picture of matrimony and maternity! Not only are mothers and fathers invaluable resources within the domestic home, they are stewards of the blessings that God may will to give them. The headship and management of the household is not just a responsibility, it is truly a vocation! A Divine mandate to cultivate, maintain, and protect the blessings we have been given.

'What do you know, Brandon? You're not a parent!'" Very true. But I am a son. And as such, I too have a responsibility to be a faithful steward of the gift of my parents. Not only in a Fourth Commandment sense, but with a continual effort to grow in love and understanding. For some of us its easy, but for some of us it can be quite difficult. Funny how sometimes the people closest to us can be the most challenging! Its part of being human. But life is short, as St. Paul reminds us in our Second Reading. Even when being a 'stewardly' son or daughter is difficult, we must remember that *'we are children of the light and children of the day... we are not of the night or of darkness.'* As baptized children of God, filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we strive to put ourselves aside and let love shine through the shadows.

Today's Gospel, the Parable of the Talents, warns us all of squandering the blessings that the Lord God has given us. What greater blessings can we think of than the people He has placed in our lives? Mothers and sons, fathers and daughters, sisters and brothers: all wonderfully unique and created in His image! Each with their own talents, nuances, charms, and challenges. We are called to be stewards of our families - to invest in the abundant resources that the Master has entrusted us with! As the holiday season approaches, let us grow in mindfulness of this responsibility. May our families continue to draw closer through compassion, encouragement, forgiveness, and love. *'For to everyone that has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.'*

Peace be with you,

Brandon Sargent

L.O.V.E. Living Our Vows Everyday

All married and engaged couples are invited to join us for our second annual kickoff dinner on **Saturday evening, December 2, from 6-9:30 PM**. Come and hear about this exciting ministry that helps build strong marriages that are founded in our Catholic faith. The cost is \$40 per couple and includes a catered dinner with appetizers, dessert, and drinks. Last year's event was attended by 60 couples, so be sure to *register before Sunday, November 19!* You can sign up in our Welcome Center with cash or checks payable to St. Mark. Contact Walt and Vivian Paskowski at vpaskow1@hotmail.com with any questions.

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.

Prayer Shawls...

Do you know someone in need of a spiritual lift? Someone who could benefit from the power of prayer? Perhaps someone in the hospital, homebound, or going through difficult challenges? We at St. Mark's are blessed to have a wonderful group of women who knit Prayer Shawls to accompany others on their journeys through life. If you know someone who could benefit from this gift of love and prayer, stop by the Welcome Center and pick one up.

Christmas Basket Program

Our annual Christmas Basket Program will begin next weekend! This program helps families in our community who are struggling to buy gifts for their family. In many cases, they will have nothing if we don't help. This program provides food, necessary clothing items and limited toys for children. Maybe we can share our abundance with them. For more information, please see the bulletin insert. Please consider how you can help.

Religious Education News

- * 9th grade Confirmation students are reminded of their meeting this evening (Sunday, November 19) from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall
- * There will be no Religious Education classes on Tuesday, November 21, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Keep Christ in Christmas

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Keep Christ in Christmas campaign, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 10488! If you are still interested in picking up some Christmas cards or KCIC car magnets, its not too late! Stop by the Church Hall after Mass for coffee and donuts and check out the Keep Christ in Christmas display!

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Our St. Mark's family will be celebrating a special Mass of Thanksgiving this **Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM**. Please join us as we praise the Lord for all the blessings in our lives! Please note that there will be no daily mass on Thanksgiving Day. On behalf of the entire St. Mark's staff, we wish you and your family a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

You have entrusted to us the great gift of freedom, a gift that calls forth responsibility and commitment to the truth that all have a fundamental dignity before You. In Jesus, through His Death and Resurrection, we find our ultimate redemption, freedom from sin, and every blessing. (from the Preface of Thanksgiving Day)

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, November 19:

- 10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)
- 4:00 PM Children's Choir (Church)
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Class (9th Grade)

Tuesday, November 21:

- 6 AM-11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Wednesday, November 22:

- 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, November 23:

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Saturday, November 25:

- 9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

Christmas Trees!! Won't you join us?

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 10488 is hosting their annual Christmas Tree Sale! This is the Knight's hallmark fund-raiser for the year, and the proceeds support the various service projects that these men provide for our parish family and the whole community! Support them and St. Mark's by purchasing a fresh, beautiful tree from the Knights!

*In the lead-up to the sale, we are looking from some folks to lend a hand in setting up the operation. On **Saturday, November 25, from 7:30 - 9:00 AM**, we will be unloading a tractor trailer full of trees!! This is a big project for a few, but a quick and easy project for the many! Won't you please consider helping out with this important project? Stop by the Welcome Center, or call the office at 432-8711.*

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 today, ***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.

Quiet Moments in His Presence...

Did you know that Eucharistic Adoration is a weekly practice here at St. Mark's? Every Tuesday, from 6 AM until 11 PM, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Chapel. Please come and spend an hour, or even just a few minutes. The Author of all Creation is truly here among us, and He patiently waits for you to 'Come and see' (John 1:39).

Second Annual Christmas Concert!

Join us ***Saturday, December 16, at 7:00 PM*** for a night of festive choral music at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry! Our beloved St. Mark's Choir will be performing alongside the choirs of St. Thomas and Holy Cross! This is a free event with a reception to follow at the Aquinas Center. Come and enjoy the sounds of the season! For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 434-8711.

Community Outreach

The Outreach Committee will be collecting new and gently used winter coats (no wool coats please) on the weekend of ***November 18 and 19*** to support the Christmas Basket Program! Here's an opportunity to make space in your closet and donate that winter coat that doesn't quite fit or is just not your favorite style and color to a worthy cause! All coats must be clean and either new or gently used. *We only need adult sized coats at this time; children's sized coats have already been provided by the Knights of Columbus.* There will be a bin at the entrance to the church on November 18 and 19 for your donation. Thanks for your support!!

Christmas Cards...

Twenty three years ago St Mark's tradition of collecting Christmas cards for prisoners was reinstated. It had been originally started earlier when the Chaplain at the Men's prison asked Fr. Tom Bresnahan if he could collect the cards, and had stopped when the Chaplain left for new duties. Sadly this year we will be unable to participate in this ministry due to the current opioid crisis. We have been told by the prison officials that all mail must be thoroughly inspected before entering the prison and that would mean that each card and envelope would have to be carefully scrutinized and handmade cards are out of the question. If anyone has an idea that we could do in place of this, we would be happy to hear from you—meanwhile, please remember the prisoners in your prayers.

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 (Nov. 11 - 12)

Operating Funds

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| Offertory Envelopes (165) | \$4,567.00 |
| Loose Cash | \$2,258.00 |
| Electronic Giving (4) | \$105.00 |
| ParishPay | \$1,658.00 |
| Social | \$75.00 |
| General Donation | \$350.00 |
| Mass Donations | \$20.00 |
| Total | \$9,033.00 |

Designated Funds

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| Capital Development | \$299.00 |
| Diocesan (Human Development) | \$45.00 |
| All Saints Day | \$411.00 |
| Total | \$755.00 |
| Grand Total | \$9,788.00 |

Parish Contact Information

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| Parish Office | (603) 432-8711 |
| Religious Education Office FAX | (603) 434-5711 |
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| Men of St Joseph | Bill Donroe (603) 432-6066 |
| Prayer Line | (603) 424-4678 |
| Safe Environment | Claudia Dominguez (603) 432-8711 |
| Al-Anon | Saturdays, 9:30- 11 AM |
| Birthright | (603) 434-3000 |
| NH Catholic Charities, Windham | (603) 893-1971 |

Mass Intentions for Nov. 18 - Nov. 26

11/18 Saturday, 5 PM:

Augustine Patnaude

11/19 Sunday, 8 AM:

Ellen Norton by the Wilcox Family

11/19 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

People of the Parish

11/19 Sunday, 11 AM:

Elaine Young by John & Suzanne Patnaude

11/20 Monday, 9 AM:

Catherine Merlino by her family

11/21 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Kristen M. Underkoffler by Martha & Carl Tomanelli

11/22 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Kevin Driscoll by Terry & Allan Fernald

11/23 Thursday 9 AM:

Holy Souls in Purgatory

11/25 Saturday, 5 PM:

Robert Kelley by the Kelley family

11/26 Sunday, 8 AM:

Louisa Gendron by her loving husband

11/26 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

The People of the Parish

11/26 Sunday, 11 AM:

Joan & John Carroll by Dianne Nolin

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