



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 Pastor,

Brothers and Sisters-

This weekend, we reach the culmination of the Liturgical Year as we celebrate the Solemnity of 'Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe'! We have journeyed this past year as a parish community through the Scriptures and through life together... and hopefully have each been nourished... our relationship with Christ has been deepened... as we continue that great quest to discover who Christ is, and where indeed He is found!

Our faith tells us over and over again that 'faith' is rather counter cultural... everything we do... what we truly believe 'goes against the grain' a bit. We celebrate 'Christ the King' today... the God and Master that we have each been called to serve. Using this phrase, however, we can easily let our minds wander... Kingship in our world is all about the power... the prestige... the Gold Crown... the nice cars and possessions... the latest wardrobe... the fanciest and most expensive pets... and guards who are dressed up and always stationed with swords!! How could we ever serve and love a 'King' like that?? Would we ever be able to truly know him?? Would we feel that we were ever able to approach Him?? Would serving him just be as superficial as the clothes that he wears or the car that he drives?? Would that 'King' truly care about you as his servant?? Or would you just be another number??

As Christians, we need to reverse our thinking... that is 'NOT' the King that we are called to serve with our lives... Our God, Jesus Christ is RELATIONAL... He is in our midst ALWAYS!! He is also in our midst and comes to us in a real way when we receive Him in the Eucharist... He is not a God who 'lords it over us'... but one who is with us gently and humbly... Our challenge is to RECOGNIZE Him... not just in the sacrament... not just as our God in heaven... but in our day to day lives....

*'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'*

This is Christ, brothers and sisters... This is the 'King' we are called to serve...

"Lord, open our hearts and minds to recognize You in the lost... the hungry... the stranger... the imprisoned... those who this world would lead us to dismiss... Help us to serve them with love, generosity, and compassion... because we know that when we serve them... we serve You. Amen"

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

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.

Youth Ministry!!

Tonight (11/26) is High School Youth Night! Join us from 6 - 8 Pm in the Parish Lounge. Haven't been to a Youth Night? Come check it out! Bring a friend - we always have food and a lot of fun. See you there!

Middle School Night will return after Christmas... Please stay tuned to the bulletin for more details. If you have any questions, please call the office, or email Brandon at brandon@stmarksnh.org.

Breakfast Sunday!!

Join us for our 'Snowman Breakfast' today after the 9:30 Mass! There will be a full spread of waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, and hash browns! We've also got a great craft project for your family: make a real Advent Wreath for your home! Come on down and join us for this festive gathering as we celebrate the end of the Liturgical Year! Suggested donation is \$5 per person, with a maximum of \$20 for families of four or more. Come on down for food, fellowship and fun!!

Christmas Basket Program

Today and next week we invite you into the Welcome Center after all Masses to take part in the Christmas Basket Program! Members of the Community Affairs Committee will be available to assist you and answer any questions. There are lots of items to choose from and are specific to each person's needs. Make your selection today and kindly return your gift over the next two weekends in the box marked "Christmas Baskets." (**Deadline is December 10th**).

Religious Education News

* 4th Grade Summer Students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 PM.

Spend an Hour with Him

Nocturnal Adoration will be held on Friday December 1 beginning at 8 p.m. 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.

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.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, November 26:

Breakfast after 9:30 Mass

10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)

4:00 PM Children's Choir (Church)

6:00 PM High School Youth Night (Lounge)

Tuesday, November 28:

6 AM-11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

4:30 PM Religious Ed (Grades 2-5)

7:00 PM St. Gianna's Director's Meeting (201)

7:00 PM Religious Ed (Grades 6 -8)

7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Wednesday, November 29:

7:00 PM 4th Grade Reconciliation (Church)

Friday, December 1:

8 PM-12 AM Nocturnal Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, December 2:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

6:00 PM Marriage Ministry Dinner (Hall)

Grace Within - Many Thanks!!

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the Fall 2017 Session of Grace Within: our twelve wonderful participants, our facilitators Beth Maffattone, Jane Leonard and Becky Brown; Prayer Partner Coordinator Barbara Quandt and all the dedicated prayer partners; Celebration Dinner Committee members Arleen Potter, Christine Japy and Marie Lescarbeau and the many women who helped to make the dinner and the program such a success. Special thanks to Allan Fernald and Monique Savoie for the beautiful music presentation and to Jayne Zumgulus for the truly inspiring talk. We thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon our Grace Within Ministry and we look forward to continued growth and success. For more information about this ministry, please visit the church web site.

Two Masses on Christmas Eve??

Some of you may have heard our Evangelist's Message from a couple weeks ago regarding Christmas Eve falling on the 4th Sunday of Advent this year. If not, you can check it out on our website, stmarksnh.org, and click the 'Faith Formation' tab!

For the rest of us, a friendly reminder: although Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, attending a Christmas service *does not* fulfill our Sunday Obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Our Mass schedule will remain the same for the weekend of the 23/24, with our Christmas liturgies beginning on Sunday afternoon (please see the schedule in the next column). Please join us as we complete the fullness of the Advent mysteries before we come together for the great feast of our Lord's Nativity. If you have any questions, please call the Parish 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 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.

Advent at St. Mark's

Evensong & Faith Formation

Join us *Monday evenings at 7 PM* for prayer and adoration as we prepare for the Triumphant Coming of our Lord. Stay with us after the service for a special Advent presentation of our Adult Faith Formation series in the Parish Lounge. Refreshments and fellowship are always part of the festivities!

Monday, December 4:

Father Mike leads a meditation on the Theological Virtue of *HOPE*. Come discuss and ponder the spiritual expectations that accompany us through our Advent journey.

Monday, December 11:

Deacon Tom takes us through the 'Bethlehem Roster': Mary, Joseph, Kings, shepherds, camels, and more! Come and hear of all the special and unique significances that each character plays at the foot of the manger!

Monday, December 18:

Come and explore the treasures of our Catholic Christmas traditions. Brandon Sargent delves into the history and symbols of solemn celebrations of the Birth of our Lord.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

On *Friday, December 8*, the Church remembers the miracle of our Blessed Mother being created without stain of original sin, in order that she would become the true Arc of the Covenant, mother of the Messiah. Join our St. Mark's family at 9:00 AM or 7:00 PM as we celebrate Holy Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Sunday, December 24:

4:00 PM	Mass with St. Mark's Children's Choir (in the Church)
4:00 PM	Mass (downstairs in the Hall)
7:00 PM	Mass with Adult Choir
12:00 PM	Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25:

10:00 AM	Mass
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Sacrificial Giving

Due to the early bulletin deadline preceding the Thanksgiving holiday, the offertory report for the weekend of November 18/19 will appear in next week's bulletin. As always, thank you for your generous support of the operations and missions of St. Mark's!

Mass Intentions for Nov. 25 - Dec. 3

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:

People of the Parish

11/26 Sunday, 11 AM:

Joan & John Carroll by Dianne Nolin

11/27 Monday, 9 AM:

Brian Moynihan by Barbara Scott

11/28 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Anne Marie Soroko by the Men of St. Joseph

11/29 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Hon. John C. Ligotti by Diane Hoppe

11/30 Thursday 9 AM:

Ruth Flynn by the Flynn family

12/2 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pam & Carl Wakefield by Andrea Oullette

12/3 Sunday, 8 AM:

Ted Swiderek by Stan & Sheila Swiderek

12/3 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

People of the Parish

12/3 Sunday, 11 AM:

Yvette Patenaude by John & Suzanne Patenaude

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Al-Anon Saturdays, 9:30- 11 AM
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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