



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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Website: www.stmarksnh.org

From your Pastor...

Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Each and every week, we gather in joyful celebration because we believe to the depths of our souls what we hear St. Peter proclaim today: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Our God is a Living God that brings about new life! Our God is a God who brings us renewal! Our God is a God who forever points us towards Resurrection!!

This past week, our Parish family experienced together the promise of this newness and Resurrection as we celebrated the life and ministry of our founding pastor, Father Tom Bresnahan. What a sight it was to see so many of us gathered together as one family in prayer and belief in the LIVING God. If death was the end, there would be nothing to celebrate... but we believe that in everything, in all that life deals to us, even in death, our lives are "changed", not finished. "And when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven" (from the Preface for the Dead in the Roman Missal). This belief that we share was made evident in our worship together... and profoundly in our songs of praise!! I was almost in tears as I watched everyone in the Church singing from the depths of their hearts for Fr. Tom. It was a truly beautiful moment.

This week, we have another monumental moment in our parish, as we gather to say "thank you" to Deacon Lee for his ministry and witness among us. We will be forever grateful for his "being the presence of Christ" for us in so many moments: baptisms, weddings, in his preaching, and in his reaching out to the sick and the homebound. I have heard over and over again how much he means to everyone in this community, and through my ministry with him during the last year and a half I assure you the feeling is mutual. I personally have learned so much about this parish community and its history from Deacon Lee and I would like to thank him for that. It was truly a privilege to share with him in the ministry of Christ. As is true for any clergy member, no ministry location is ever permanent. There comes a time when we are called to bring our life and ministry to serve God's people in another capacity. Change is always hard, and it can be very sad. But I know from my time with Deacon Lee that God will use him in so many new ways in his continued ministry as a Deacon... always a good and faithful servant to the people of God.

With all this change, may we also be open to the newness that the Spirit brings to us... always leading us towards Resurrection!

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

Spend an Hour with Him...

Nocturnal Adoration will be on **Friday, September 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 more information, please call Dennis at 437-6051.

Spaghetti Supper Next Saturday!!

Mr. Tim Lopes, a member of our St. Mark's family, is on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout! For his Eagle Project, he has asked to do some maintenance projects around the church property, and we happily obliged!

Join us **Saturday evening, September 2, from 6 - 8:30**, for a Spaghetti Supper to help Tim raise funds for the needed materials for this endeavor! The suggested donation is \$8 per person or \$20 for a family of four! Let's all support Tim in his efforts, and let's continue to support Scouting in forming the character of our youth!

Anniversary Celebration!!

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a Special Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on **October 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond anniversary, please contact the parish office by September 22, 2017. We will need your last names, first names and mailing address. Please also indicate your special anniversary year.

Youth Ministry!!

Youth Night is TONIGHT, Sunday, August 27!! **Middle School begins at 4:00** and wraps up at **5:45!** **High School meets from 6:00 to 8:00!!** We meet downstairs in the Parish Lounge, so find us using the Hall entrance! Haven't been to a youth night, yet? Come on down and check it out! Bring a friend with you! They don't have to belong to St. Mark's... they don't even have to be Catholic! All are welcome for food, fellowship, and FUN! No pressure and no obligations. We're always looking for new guys and gals to come and hang out with us. Can't wait to see you there!

Contact Brandon with any questions at 432 - 8711, or reach him at [brandon.stmarks@comcast.net!](mailto:brandon.stmarks@comcast.net)

Religious Education News

- * 10th Grade Confirmation students who have completed all their requirements are asked to call Mrs. Kinnon at 434 - 5711 to set up your interview.
- * Registrations for the Fall 2017 Religious Education semester are now due. Please call the office with any questions.

Grace Within

Grace Within is now accepting registrations for its third session which runs from **Sept 13 to Nov. 8, 2017**. The eight week program is an empowering journey to your inner self utilizing personal journals and led by peers in a small group setting. We share insights on eight topics from the journal, pray, and discuss issues affecting our lives. Twenty four women have already taken the Grace Within journey and among them have said, "I learned a lot about myself and my relationship with God. I now feel like I have a strong personal relationship with Jesus which I have longed for for a long time and I finally feel I have one." Please join those who have already said "yes" to being a part of the Fall 2017 Session. If you are interested in registering or becoming a prayer partner, please contact Diane Carter at 434-4762. Space is limited. Information can also be found on the parish website and at the Welcome Center. Please pray that this ministry will continue to blossom and strengthen our community.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, August 27:

- 4:00 PM Middle School Night (Lounge)
- 6:00 PM High School Night (Lounge)

Monday, August 28:

- 9:00 AM Mass (Church)

Tuesday, August 29:

- 9:00 AM Mass (Church)

Wednesday, August 30:

- 9:00 AM Mass (Church)

Thursday, August 31:

- 9:00 AM Mass (Church)

Friday, September 1:

- 8 - 12PM Nocturnal Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, September 2:

- 9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)
- 6:00 PM Spaghetti Supper (Hall)

A Message from our FUNdraising Team...

Our *'Tasting for Tiles'* fundraiser was a huge success! We had a fun evening and proceeds went toward much needed floor repairs (stop by the second floor of the Religious Ed Center and take a look at our new carpet!). Thanks again to all who participated!

Now we are getting ready to *'Raise the Roof'*! Our next goal will be to help save up for future repairs to our roof. We are planning a family event in the spirit of ***Oktoberfest*** on ***Saturday, September 23rd from 12-3!!*** We will have local brewers providing samples, our team will provide amazing food, and our Youth Group will organize fun activities for the kids!

We need help with set up, serving food, selling tickets, and clean up. Would you be willing to help for 2-3 hours? If so, please send an email to Diana at FUN.STMARKS@GMAIL.COM. *Set up is Friday 3-5pm, serving and selling Saturday 12-3, and clean up Saturday 3-5pm.* A sign-up sheet will also be in the Welcome Center. We'd love to have you join us!

Community Outreach

* Donations to the Poor Box for the months of July and August will benefit *Sonshine Soup Kitchen* - the local food pantry in Derry. Often supplies of food dwindle during the summer months and the poor and homeless are still in need of help. Also, children are not in school and cannot rely on the school lunch program for nourishment. As always, thank you for your generous support.

* The Outreach Committee will not meet during July; meetings will resume on ***Monday, August 28 at 6:30 pm*** in Rm 104 in the Parish Center. We will discuss Fall projects and the Christmas Basket Program for 2017. Everyone interested in Community Outreach is welcome!

Support for Separated & Divorced

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment.

Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups. Do you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce? Please consider passing this information along to them.

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.

St. Gianna's Closet

Please consider donating your used-but-still-wearable Children's clothing to St. Gianna's Closet. All clothing is given out for free to anyone in need. If your family needs children's clothing, call Liz at 437-6678. Donations of sizes birth to teen are accepted and can be brought to room 101 (across from the Parish Offices). In addition, any baby equipment and used toys will also be accepted. Thank you!!

Outreach Services for Victims and Their Families

If you or a loved one has experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, we urge you to contact the diocesan Office for Healing and Pastoral Care at (603) 669-3100, Ext. 110. Help is available.

How Do You Give?

Do you enjoy the convenience of online bill pay? Is your gym membership or car insurance automatically deducted from your bank account each month? You can experience the same convenience with your weekly donation to the parish with *eGiving*! No more last minute trips to the ATM or writing and tracking paper checks! Getting started is easy: register your gifts at www.churchgiving.com/StMarktheEvangelist03053!

You can make secure one-time or regularly scheduled gifts with a major credit card, a debit card, or an automatic transfer from your checking or savings account, from your home computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone! As always, thank you for your continued generosity and support!!

Sacrificial Giving (August 19 - 20)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (147)	\$ 4,902.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 2,126.00
ParishPay - 59 donors	\$ 1,863.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 205.00
Social	\$ 60.00
Assumption	\$ 801.00
General Donations	\$ 125.00
Mass Donations	\$ 120.00
Total	\$10,202.00

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$ 70.00
Diocesan (NH Mission)	\$ 708.00
Total	\$ 778.00
Grand Total	\$10,980.00

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Prayer Line	(603) 429-1211
Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30- 11 AM
Birthright	(603) 434-3000
NH Catholic Charities, Windham	(603) 893-1971

Mass Intentions for August 26 - September 3

8/26 Saturday, 5 PM:

Patricia Hildreth by the Kelley family

8/27 Sunday, 8 AM:

Leonard & Mary Costello Wing
by Mary & Doug Soares and family

8/27 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Luiz Pinto by Allan & Terry Fernald

8/27 Sunday, 11 AM:

Joan Carroll by Dianne Nolin

8/28 Monday, 9 AM:

Charles Pelchat by the DeCosta family

8/29 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Jordan Lewis by Cynthia Nichols

8/30 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Gloria Ciccolo by Mary Y. Lynch

8/31 Thursday 9 AM:

Elizabeth Saglime by her family

9/2 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pasquale 'Pat' Trongo by Larry & Marie Bean

9/3 Sunday, 8 AM:

Margaret Webster by Rita Griffin

9/3 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Candida Mello

9/3 Sunday, 11 AM:

Intentions of the Parish by John & Elaine Matuszewski

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are asked to participate in the baptismal catechesis program prior to their child's baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm 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, 6:00am-11pm / First Fridays 8pm-12am