



*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...**

Our St. Mark's family is deeply saddened by the continued images and reports of devastation coming from the Gulf Coast this week. Our thoughts prayers go out to the countless folks who have lost everything in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Perhaps you've noticed, as I have, that in times of immense catastrophe such as this, we ironically get the opportunity to see people at their best. First responders and health professionals, good samaritans and concerned citizens, and everyday people all across the country making donations to help in the relief effort. That mysterious coexistence of tragedy and triumph is part of the human experience, and a mystery that we seek to understand through God's revelation to all of us.

No doubt that many of our sisters and brothers in Texas are echoing the cries of the prophet Jeremiah in our First Reading: "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!" Good people, who have put their trust in God and strive to lead honest and virtuous lives for themselves and their families, now find themselves in the midst of ruin, surely wondering, "Why me, Lord?"

Jeremiah's lamentation came as he was imprisoned for prophecies he made against the errant ways of the people. He knew he was obeying God's Will, yet he was punished for it. The age old question: "Why do bad things happen to good people?" It is a mystery that can only be enlightened through the passion and death of Lord, Jesus Christ, who as Righteousness personified, suffered and was crucified for our sake. At that moment, the suffering of all humanity was united to His. As Christians, we believe that there is Grace in all our hardships, as they unite us in a unique way to the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Grace through suffering is a profound sentiment, but in reality it can be a hard pill to swallow. St. Paul encourages us today in his letter to the Romans to "not conform ourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." This age seems to be filled with struggle and strife - so evident in the unfolding of current events. But St. Paul instructs us to offer our hearts and minds as a living sacrifice to God. To leave the struggles where they lie and turn wholeheartedly to the will of God. It is there that we find peace and solace.

In today's Gospel, even St. Peter gets caught up in the endless noise of the world! He rebukes Jesus for speaking of the reality of the suffering He must endure, and our Lord firmly puts Peter in his place: "You are not thinking as God does, but as human beings do!" What follows are some of the most challenging and potent words our Lord ever spoke: "*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*" This is a hard teaching. Especially for those who have seemingly lost everything, whether through natural disaster or any other tragedy.

Yet the psalmist today cries out to God: "You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me." When that shadow covers us, do we hold fast to faith, hope, and love? Do we try our best to realize that the things of this world are all for not, and that our true life exists in the world to come? We never cease to pray for those affected by disaster, war, persecution, and the like - and many of us generously donate time and treasure to assist those less fortunate than us. Although, in a real way, these struggles may be easier for us to digest because they seem so far away. Perhaps this week, we can seek out some spiritual solidarity with our brothers and sisters affected by Hurricane Harvey. Maybe a little sacrifice: fasting from a meal, waking up a half hour early and spending some time with Scripture, turning of the radio in traffic and saying a decade of the rosary - some little offer or inconvenience to unite in some way with the strife of others, and ultimately with the Passion of our Lord.

May God continue to bless our St. Mark's family, and may He bless those in most need of His mercy.

Brandon Sargent

### **Thank You from Deacon Lee and Marie**

Marie and I want to thank the entire parish from the bottom of our hearts for the incredibly beautiful Mass and Reception. The outpouring of love and warm embraces were overwhelming (we're still crying)! We want to thank especially the Planning Committee who spent so much time and effort in arranging and executing this wonderful send off. We also want to thank Bishop Libasci, the visiting priests; Fr. Moe Larochelle and Fr. Mike Ciccone, Fr. Mike, Deacon Bob, and the Altar Servers; Dylan Giordano and Ross Pare, for all that they did to make the Liturgy so beautiful and meaningful. And a special heartfelt thank you to Allan Fernald and the Choir for sharing their beautiful voices. What a precious gift and wonderful farewell. Once again, thank you to all and please know that the St. Mark's parish family will always occupy a special place in our hearts and we are eternally grateful for your love and support.

God Bless,

Deacon Lee and Marie

### **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 **7:00am next Saturday morning, September 16**, for fellowship, food, and prayer. We guarantee to have you headed out by 9:00am 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.

### **Spaghetti Supper!!**

Join us downstairs after the 5:00 PM mass for a spaghetti supper! Proceeds are to fund the materials needed for Tim Lopes' Eagle Scout Project! The suggested donation is \$8 per person or \$20 for a family of four! Let's all support Tim and his quest for Eagle!

### **Religious Education News**

- \* Registrations are now due for the fall Religious Education Program. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 26. Any questions please call Mrs. Kinnon at 434-5711. All schedules have been mailed to those families that have registered.
- \* Fall Religious Education teachers are reminded of their meeting on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 PM.
- \* Students who are receiving First Eucharist on Sunday, September 17, are reminded of practice on Wednesday, September 6, at 4:30 PM in the church.
- \* First Eucharist families will be having their children's First Eucharist retreat on Sunday, September 10, at 1:00 PM. Please bring a desert to share.

### **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.

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

#### **Monday, September 4:**

*Labor Day: Office Closed*

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

#### **Tuesday, September 5:**

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lounge)

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

#### **Wednesday, September 6:**

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

4:30 PM First Eucharist Practice (Church)

7:00 PM Outreach Meeting (Room 104)

#### **Thursday, September 7:**

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

7:00 PM St. Gianna's Place Meeting (Lounge)

#### **Saturday, September 9:**

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

### **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](mailto: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!

### **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!!

### **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.

### **Youth Ministry!!**

Mark your calendars for ***Sunday, September 10!!*** That's our next St. Mark's Youth Night! Middle School starts at 4:00 and High School begins at 6:00. Come on down and have some fun - bring a friend!

The High School Youth Group will be hosting a *Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday masses on September 24!* Come on down for some food and fellowship and help support the group's future endeavors! Stay tuned to the bulletin for more details!

### **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!](http://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!!

### **Happy Labor Day!!**

*I know that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life. For every person to eat and drink and enjoy the fruit of all their labor is a gift from God.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:12-13*

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Our St. Mark's community is joyful in the commission of evangelization set forth by our Lord! We are happy to announce a new season of RCIA beginning this fall - welcoming new members not only into our parish family, but into the Mystical Body of Christ!

Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic? Perhaps they're just waiting for a friendly invitation from you! Why not ask them to join you for mass next week? Let them know that the Lord is here waiting for them to come and encounter Him!

For RCIA questions or inquiries, please call the office, or email Beccah at [beccah@stmarksnh.org](mailto:beccah@stmarksnh.org).

**Sacrificial Giving (August 26 - 27)**

**Operating Funds**

Offertory Envelopes (121)	\$ 3,521.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 2,196.00
ParishPay - 48 donors	\$ 1,341.66
Electronic Giving	\$ 105.00
Social	\$ 30.00
Assumption	\$ 20.00
General Donations	\$ 1,255.00
Mass Donations	\$ 80.00
Donations (wed/bap/fnrl)	\$ 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,648.66</b>

**Designated Funds**

Capital Development	\$ 75.00
Charitable	\$ 375.00
Diocesan (NH Mission)	\$ 50.00
Poor Box	\$ 38.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 538.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,186.66</b>

**Parish Contact Information**

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Men of St Joseph	Bill Donroe (603) 432-6066
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 September 2 - 10**

**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

**9/4 Monday, 9 AM:**

Bruce McLaughlin by John & Jan McLaughlin

**9/5 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

Adrian Pallone by his family

**9/6 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Michael Walsh by the Kinnon family

**9/7 Thursday 9 AM:**

Gloria Ciccolo by Terry & Allan Fernald

**9/9 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Anthony Varone & Anothone James Varone  
by Nancy Shearer & family

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

Louisa Gendron by her loving husband

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

John Dowd by Edgard & Maria Medina

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

Paul Hoppe by his family

**Sacrament of Baptism**

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm 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