



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-

"...and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

The readings this week talk all about love and how to truly treat one another. I think when our thoughts turn to love, we focus immediately on our family or on a significant other. Do we spend quality time with them? Are we attentive to their needs? Do we truly sacrifice for them? Those who are closest to us, the people that we interact with each and every day, sometimes they can almost become 'invisible'... Our relationships can often become routine and we start only focusing on ourselves and our own needs. As Catholic Christians we need to keep challenging ourselves in our vocation to 'love as He loves'... starting with those closest to us!

Then we take a step back and read it again... 'love your neighbor as yourself...love does no evil to the neighbor'... Jesus is trying to tell us that love goes beyond the bounds of our closest relationships. He is challenging us to have this mentality towards everyone! In the Gospel, Jesus tells us how difficult some of our relationships can be. If we have an issue with someone who we feel is not doing 'right', then we should engage in dialog with them!! Out of that exchange comes understanding, and hopefully reconciliation!! In our culture, however, dialog is sometimes the hardest thing to do. We live in an age where it is easier to send a text message or post on Facebook. Easier to gossip about others than seek to repair a relationship. This is a danger for each of us, as our Lord tells us, 'love does no evil to the neighbor,' and we know that getting involved in gossip does nothing but spread falsities about another person... making it much more complex to reconcile differences and disagreements.

As Christians, each of us are striving every day to be perfect in love, which takes so much patience on our end... but also on our neighbors. Throughout our lives, there needs to be many moments of dialog and reconciliation, as conversion is constantly taking place in each of our lives! Our witness as Christians is made tangible when we are able to communicate with one another with mutual respect... with dignity... and most of all love. May we never tire of building up the Kingdom of God in our parish... in our families... and with all those people that God has put in our lives. May we never become so focused on ourselves and our own needs as to ignore those we are called to love. Most of all, may we all love our neighbor as ourselves by trying to reach reconciliation and forgiveness in all things.

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

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 21st 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.

Community Outreach

* **Thank you** to all the parishioners of St. Mark's for your support of the Poor Box charities during the summer months. We were able to donate \$400 to *Emily's Place* from contributions during June, and \$510 to the *Sonshine Soup Kitchen* from July and August donations. These organizations are grateful for your help in supporting the work that they do!

* Donations to the Poor Box in September will benefit the survivors of Hurricane Harvey. The damage from this devastating storm will require billions of dollars to repair and every contribution helps!! Thank you for your generous support

Youth Night is Tonight!!

School is back in session (boo!), but Youth Night is still going strong (yay!). Come by tonight and hang out! **Middle School is from 4 - 5:45**, and **High School is from 6 - 8!** Haven't been to a Youth Night, yet? Well there's no better time than now! We'd love to have you join us! We always have food and fun, so you can't go wrong. Bring a friend along - they don't have to belong to St. Mark's - they don't even have to be Christian! All are welcome. We'll see you there!

Contact Brandon at brandon@stmarksnh.org if you have any questions.

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 13, at 4:30 PM in the church.
- * First Eucharist families will be having their children's First Eucharist retreat **today, Sunday, September 10**, at 1:00 PM. Please bring a desert to share.
- * First Grade parents (and new parishioners!) are reminded of the First Grade Parent Meeting, on *Wednesday, September 20*, at 7:00 PM in the Lounge.
- * Grade 6, 7, & 8 Summer Students are reminded of their retreat *Saturday, September 23*, from 4:30 - 8:00!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, September 10:

- 1:00 PM First Eucharist Retreat (Hall)
- 4:00 PM Middle School Night (Lounge)
- 6:00 PM High School Night (Lounge)

Monday, September 11:

- 2:30 PM Salad Ministry (Kitchen)

Tuesday, September 12:

- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, September 13:

- 10:00 AM Woman's Bible Study (Lounge)
- 4:30 PM First Eucharist Practice (Church)
- 7:00 PM Grace Within Welcoming (Lounge)

Thursday, September 14:

- 7:00 PM K of C Officer Meeting (Room 209)

Saturday, September 16:

- 7:00 AM Men of St. Joseph (Church & Hall)
- 9:30 AM Al Anon (Lounge)
- 6:30 PM K of C Installation of Officers (Church)

Oktoberfest at St. Mark's!!

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! Tickets for this event can be purchased after all the Masses!

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!

Mother - Daughter Tea...

On **Saturday, November 4th**, from 1-3 PM, in partnership with the Gianna Family Care Center of Londonderry, we will be hosting a Mother Daughter Tea for girls ages 9 - 13 and their mothers! We invite you to come explore God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of God's holy plan for becoming a woman. This program builds a foundation for continued communication between a mother and her daughter. Our speaker, Nancy Malo of Catholic Medical Center, will be discussing topics including the changes in a young woman's body as it prepares for future motherhood; the female reproductive system; the sacredness of human life; the self-respect of modesty; and the virtue of chastity. If you have any questions please contact Susanne at Live4Him@myfairpoint.net.

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.

Women's Ministry!!

ROSARY – We would like to welcome all members of the parish to join us after Mass on Wednesday mornings to pray the rosary for peace in the world and for the respect of life from conception until natural death. After Mass is concluded we will allow a few minutes for personal prayer before we begin the rosary together.

BIBLE STUDY - Beginning **Wednesday, September 20th** and running through November 8th, we will have an eight week Bible Study entitled 'Wisdom: God's Vision for Life,' following the rosary on *Wednesday mornings at 10AM*, in the Parish Lounge! Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible, this study will help us to actively seek out sound guidance and increase our sense of peace in navigating life. In everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Sacred Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well-being. With this bible study we will learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom, and we will experience the joy it brings to our lives!

Registration and materials for this course is \$20. You can register and drop of your payment at the Welcome Center after Mass, or at the office during business hours. Checks can be made out to St. Mark's. *Those registering after September 10th will be responsible to purchase their own journal* online at <https://ascensionpress.com/shop/products/wisdom-gods-vision-for-life-journal>.

BOOK GROUP - St. Mark's Woman's Ministries would like to begin an evening book group meeting every other month starting **Thursday, September 28!** We would meet in the Lounge at 7 PM and discuss a faith inspiring book. The first book we would discuss is *The Way of a Pilgrim and The Pilgrim Continues His Way*, translated by Helen Bacovcin. Each participant would be responsible to get her own book. If you are interested in taking part in such a group, please contact Susanne at Live4Him@myfairpoint.net, or call the Parish Office.

Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Eagle Scout candidate Tim Lopes last weekend! Your generosity enabled Tim to raise the money for materials he needs to tackle the projects he envisioned here at St. Mark's. Please continue to keep Tim in your prayers as he works hard towards Eagle!

Sacrificial Giving (September 2 - 3)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (134)	\$ 3,643.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,479.00
ParishPay - 48 donors	\$ 2,098.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 755.00
Social	\$ 69.00
Assumption	\$ 10.00
General Donations	\$ 30.00
Religious Ed Tuition	\$ 480.00
Total	\$ 8,564.00

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$ 563.00
Charitable (Hurricane Harvey Relief)	\$ 4,017.00
Diocesan (Catholic University)	\$ 408.00
Total	\$ 4,988.00
Grand Total	\$13,552.00

Parish Contact Information

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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 September 9 - 17

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

9/11 Monday, 9 AM:

Dan & Ruth Emerson by Dan & Anne Emerson

9/12 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Joan Bompastore by her family

9/13 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Gloria Ciccolo by the Kinnon family

9/14 Thursday 9 AM:

Carmela Allen by Betty Miloro

9/16 Saturday, 5 PM:

Camille L. Lynch by Mary Y. Lynch & family

9/17 Sunday, 8 AM:

Capt. Brian Smith by his parents, Mike & Joanne

9/17 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Peter Sr., Peter Jr., Kevin & John Finnerty
by Mary Robinson

9/17 Sunday, 11 AM:

Rev. Raymond Demers by John & Suzanne Patenaude

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