



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...

You may have noticed that our readings these past few weeks have shared a common theme. In fact, an argument could be made that this theme is central to the entirety of the Gospels. That theme is ‘forgiveness.’ In many ways, the Christian Life that we have been instructed to live is by no means easy. Often it seems unnatural to our human condition. The Book of Sirach makes that clear to us today: “Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.” No one likes to be hurt, yet in the fallen nature that we all share, anger and revenge tend to be a more natural response than forgiveness! It’s part of who we are as human beings, and God knows that. That is why throughout the entirety of Divine Revelation, we hear Him challenging us to put our bruised pride and hurt feelings aside and to regard one another in perfect charity.

Much easier said than done! But St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans that “none of us live for ourselves... for if we live, we live for the Lord.” We all remember one of Jesus’ most outlandish requests of us: “You, therefore, must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matt 5:48). How is that possible?! By “putting on the new man, created after the likeness of God” (Eph 4:24). The daily call to conversion that we all must heed: to put God first, everyone else second, and ourselves a distant third. That is the path to perfection... the path to heaven. Because Jesus said so. Repeatedly.

Putting ourselves in the back row means a lifelong devotion to forgiveness. We have no better example than our Lord Jesus Christ. From John the Baptist’s proclamation, “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!” (John 1:29), to Christ’s prayer from the Cross, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do,” an undeniable theme throughout Jesus’ ministry is forgiveness. Not only did He proclaim God’s mercy for us and our failings, but He commanded the reciprocity of us showing mercy towards each other in humble imitation of God’s amazing grace - forgiving us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us (where have I heard that before?). Even when we do bite the bullet and bury the hatchet, Jesus explains in today’s Gospel that forgiveness is a commitment rather than a one-time event. To imitate the Divine Mercy, to be perfect as He is perfect, we must forgive “not seven times, but seventy seven times.” God’s love for us is so great, so unfathomable, that to forgive someone the way He forgives us would be, at the least, a life-long endeavor.

God forgives us. We are called to forgive each other. But there is another piece: Do we forgive ourselves? Sometimes, even when we hear about God’s forgiveness in His Word, or receive His sanctifying grace in His sacrament of Reconciliation, we still tend to despair. Once again, it’s part of being human. How can God, or anyone else, *really* forgive me for this? I can’t break free from this particular sin, so there’s no way I could *really* be forgiven. I’ve hurt other people, and even though they say they have forgiven me, every time what I’ve done comes to mind I get really down on myself.

Take heart, my brothers and sisters. Turn to the Cross and look up. It’s all up there. Every mistake we have ever made, and all our mistakes to come. He took them all to Calvary, and He has forgiven every one of them. Let us do our best to thank Him, by abounding in mercy to each other, and to ourselves.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness towards those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103

Peace be with you,

Brandon Sargent

A Note of Gratitude...

The family of Father Tom Bresnahan wishes to thank Father Mike and Deacon Lee for all their kindness during his funeral. The visitation and Funeral Mass were exceptional with all the parishioners and friends who attended. The music was beautiful, and our thanks to all the clergy who participated. Our thanks to anyone we may have missed. I'm sure Tom is praying for all of us now... -Mary Martin

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

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, September 17:

12:15 PM Baptisms (Church)

1:30 PM First Eucharist (Church)

Tuesday, September 19:

7:00 PM CCD Teacher Meeting (Lounge)

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, September 20:

9:30 AM Rosary following Mass (Church)

10:00 AM Woman's Bible Study (Lounge)

7:00 PM Grace Within (Room 102)

7:00 PM 1st Grade Parent Meeting (Lounge)

Thursday, September 21:

7:00 PM RCIA Inquiry Session (Lounge)

Saturday, September 23:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Lounge)

12:00 PM Oktoberfest (Hall and Grounds)

4:30 PM Summer Religious Ed Retreat (Hall)

Religious Education News

* Please keep our Summer Religious Education students in your prayers as they are receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time at the table of the Lord!

Brody Campbell

Lily Keane

Sean Collins

Molly Leone

Sophie Dugas

Cameron O'Donnell

Cooper Fowler

Nathan Ouellette

William Gingrow

Emily Spaulding

Skyler Greenwood

John Vincent Tringali

Lucian Howe

Laurel Wright

Ryan Josef

* Fall Religious Education teachers are reminded of their meeting on *Tuesday, September 19*, at 7:00 PM.

* First Grade parents are reminded of the First Grade Parent Meeting, on *Wednesday, September 20*, at 7:00 PM in the Lounge. Books will be distributed.

* Grade 6, 7, & 8 Summer Students are reminded of their retreat *Saturday, September 23*, from 4:30 - 8:00!

* Religious Education Classes begin on *Tuesday, September 26*. All families who have registered should have received their child's schedule. Any questions please call Cathy Kinnon at 434-5711

* 9th Grade Confirmation students and parents are reminded of their meeting on *Sunday, October 1st* at 1:00 PM in the Church.

* Host families are needed to house members of the NET team on *Friday, October 20th* until *Sunday, October 22nd*.

* 11th Grade Confirmation students are reminded that all sponsor sheets are due in the office. Please call Brandon at 432-8711 for your confirmation interview.

Oktoberfest at St. Mark's!!

Oktoberfest is *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!

Catechetical Sunday!!

This Sunday, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday, a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of one of us plays, by virtue of our Baptism, in handing on the faith and being witnesses to the Gospel. Our St. Mark's family is blessed to have many wonderful and talented folks who continue to dedicate themselves to this mission. God be praised!

Grade 1: Sally Mitchell; Kelly Santos

Grade 2: Olivia Callery;. Sara Ruigrok; Lauren Porier

Grade 3: Barbara Pedley; Katherine Callery;
Sean Cavanaugh;. Ashley Greenwood

Grade 4: Catherine Kearney; Michaela Short;
Anna Cook; Rachel Cook; Janet Lash

Grade 5: Ryan Amazeen; Owen Cook; Julie Duddy;
Jenna Madigan; Grace Borcoche

Grade 6: Haley Vanagel; Dylan Wolf;
Carey Follansbee; Kayla Vanagel

Grade 7: Abbey Follansbee; Jocelyn Mayo;
Bill Powers; Madison Bolton; Morgan Bolton;
Nadia King

Grade 8: John Matuszewski; Joanne Troy;
Jack Madigan; Lauren Porier; Abby Giguere;

Grades 9/10: Cathy Kinnon; Rebeccah Nusbaum;
Brandon Sargent

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.

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.

Welcome Claudia!!

Our St. Mark's family is pleased to welcome Mrs. Claudia Dominguez as our new Director of First Impressions! Claudia will be assisting office staff and will be the first point of contact for all parish inquiries. Please join us in welcoming Claudia to the team!

Sacrificial Giving (September 9 - 10)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (155)	\$ 4,052.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 2,147.00
ParishPay - 48 donors	\$ 5,758.50
Electronic Giving	\$ 145.00
Social	\$ 40.00
Assumption	\$ 15.00
General Donations	\$ 60.00
Religious Ed Tuition	\$ 965.00
Fuel	\$ 50.00
Donations (bap/wed/fun)	\$ 150.00
Mass Donations	\$ 125.00
Total	\$13,507.50

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$ 536.00
Charitable	\$ 50.00
Diocesan	\$ 151.00
Total	\$ 737.00
Grand Total	\$14,244.50

Parish Contact Information

Parish Office	(603) 432-8711
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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 16 - 24

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

9/18 Monday, 9 AM:

Pauline Grant by Allan & Terry Fernald

9/19 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Gerald M. Gillespie by K of C Council 10488

9/20 Wednesday, 9 AM:

James Lavella by Veronica Lavella

9/21 Thursday 9 AM:

Lillian Sanborn by Judy Vining

9/23 Saturday, 5 PM:

Camille L. Lynch by Nouhad Soueidan

9/24 Sunday, 8 AM:

Joseph & Anne Costello by the Soares family

9/24 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Intentions of Deacon Lee by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

9/24 Sunday, 11 AM:

Abel Patenaude 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