



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...

Brothers and Sisters-

Today we celebrate the great feast of the Epiphany: the arrival of the wise men to Bethlehem. 'Epiphany' comes from a Greek word meaning 'to appear.' The star appeared to the magi; the magi appeared to the birthplace of Jesus; and our Lord Jesus in turn appeared to all the nations of the earth!

You will recall that the first people to see Christ in the flesh (besides Mary and Joseph, of course) were the shepherds. As the first witnesses to the Incarnation, the shepherds represent the Jewish people, as well as the poor and afflicted of the world (sheep herding was not a respected or lucrative profession). In contrast, St. Matthew tells us that the next people to welcome Jesus into the world were the Magi: travelers of foreign religions who represent all the Gentile peoples of the world, as well as the wise and learned of every nation.

God became man to save ALL people. The stories of the Nativity and the Epiphany in Matthew's Gospel make that abundantly clear right in the beginning. The Son of God is not a political leader. He is not a religious zealot. He is the Redeemer of ALL mankind. Jews and Gentiles. Kings and shepherds. Men and women. Rich and poor. People of every race, creed, and culture. The Incarnation removed every barrier between mankind and the Divine; the only obstacles that remain are the ones we construct ourselves. This is truly the miracle of Christmas!

The Magi and the shepherds teach us an important lesson: that none of us have a real advantage over anyone else. Each one of us, every human, is a unique and unrepeatable image of God. The Word became flesh to redeem every one of us, and to afford us each the opportunity to reconcile with our Creator who we offend through our sinfulness. The Prophet Isaiah tells us today that 'thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light... they all gather and come to you.' No matter our position or circumstance, the Light of Christ illumines the way to Eternal Life for all humanity.

The universality of the Redemption offered to us has many implications, and St. Paul makes note of a profound consequence to us today. Because God became man to save mankind, it follows that we 'are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Christ.' While mountains, oceans, borders, and languages may keep us physically separated, through Christ there is no division among us! We all have the same opportunity to know Him, to love Him, and to worship Him.

'Lord, every nation on earth will adore you' we acclaim today in the Psalm. One verse speaks of kings and tribute, and the next tells of the poor and afflicted crying out for mercy. As the Magi arrive today with their lavish gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, they will stand shoulder to shoulder with the shepherds - stinking of sheep and the sweat of their labors. They have come for the same reason: to gaze with wonder on the baby that conquers death and offers a share in His divinity to every person earth. It is one family that stands before the manger. Let us praise Almighty God that each one of us are members of that family.

Peace be with you,

Brandon Sargent

Thank You Cathy!!!

The St. Mark's family would like to thank Cathy Kinnon for her 20 years of ministry to our parish, especially our young people!! Cathy has served at our parish as Religious Education Assistant, and also the Director of Religious Education for several years and has undoubtedly touched countless lives. She has made the decision to resign as Religious Education Director to pursue other endeavors in this next chapter of life. We wish her the best!! We will miss her sense of pride and dedication for the education of our kids! We will be holding a reception at Coffee and Donuts after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, January 14 to be able to show our gratitude for her life and ministry among us. See you all there!

Community Outreach

The next meeting of Community Outreach will take place this **Monday, January 8** at 7 PM in room 204 in the Parish Center. We will discuss our upcoming projects for 2018 - new members and ideas are always welcome! See you Monday night!

Poor Box

The January Poor Box will benefit Rockingham County Community Action's fuel assistance program. Donations will be used to help local households in need cover the cost of fuel in these cold winter months. For further information contact www.snhs.org. Thank you for your generosity!

Adult Faith Formation

Start your New Year of right by joining us at Adult Faith Formation this **Monday, January 8th!** Paula Flynn will lead us on a look back at what just happened at Christmas before we hustle on to Valentine's Day and Lent. We'll take another look at the "gifts" given to us at Christmas and draw comfort and inspiration for the new year. Adult Faith Formation begins at 7:00 in the Parish Lounge. Refreshments will be provided, and we always have a lot of fun. Join us!

High School Night Tonight!!

Come on down for the first High School Night of the year, **Sunday evening January 7 at 6:00 PM!** Food, fellowship, and FUN! Bring a friend!

Religious Education News

*Religious Education Classes will resume this **Tuesday, January 9!** Grades 2 -5 meet at 4:30 and Grades 6 - 8 meet at 7:00.

*A friendly reminder that when Londonderry Schools are closed due to inclement weather, Religious Education classes are likewise cancelled.

Women's Ministry

All women of the parish are invited to join us, **Thursday, January 18** in the lounge to discuss the current book we are reading: *Awakening Your Soul to the Presence of God* by Kilian J. Healy. (Participants are responsible to provide their own books.) Our discussion will start at 7:00 PM and you are welcome to come a few minutes early to socialize if you'd like. We'd love to have you join us! Questions can be directed to Susanne at Live4Him@myfairpoint.net

Marriage Ministry

Calling married couples who want to share fun, food, fellowship, and faith with other couples! Monthly **L.O.V.E (Living Our Vows Everyday)** small groups will begin **January 20**. Sign up in the Welcome Center by January 14 if you have not already done so. Questions? Call Brenda or Bill at 432-6066.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, January 7:

10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)

6:00 PM High School Youth Night (Lounge)

Monday, January 8:

6:30 PM Outreach (Room 104)

7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)

Tuesday, January 9:

6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

4:30 PM Rel. Ed Grades 2-5 (Rel. Ed Center)

7:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 6-8 (Rel. Ed Center)

7:00 PM St. Gianna's Place Directors (Room 201)

7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, January 11:

7:00 PM K of C Business Meeting (Room 201)

Saturday, January 6:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

Day of Fasting & Prayer

Please join our St. Mark's family and members of our neighboring parishes in prayer and penance in reparation for the offenses of our society against the Culture of Life. This period of fasting will begin on **Sunday evening, January 21** with Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 PM in St. Bridget's Chapel here at St. Mark's. The fast will conclude the following day, **Monday, January 22** with Benediction at 7 PM. Life issues are the core of Catholic social teaching, and this conscious effort of prayer and penance is a poignant witness to our Faith. If you are available to attend these services, please consider participating in the fast and prayer at home and work. The power of prayer is exceptional, and each one of us can make a difference!

As the Blessed Sacrament must always be accompanied when exposed, please sign-up for Adoration by contacting John Matuszewski at 434-4098, or at matu19@comcast.net. A light reception will follow Benediction on Monday evening. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Vacation Bible School at St. Mark's!!

We are happy to announce that our St. Mark's family will be conducting Vacation Bible School in the Summer of 2018!! Next year's VBS theme is *Shipwrecked!*

Our kids will "venture onto an uncharted island where they are rescued by Jesus! They'll be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. They will learn to hold on to God's promises when they are lonely, they worry, they struggle, do wrong, and feel powerless."

We are in the initial planning stages of this event, and we'd love to have you 'on-board'! VBS is geared towards children Preschool to Grade 5. It is a vibrant, energetic week filled with games, activities, and a ridiculous amount of FUN! We would love to have you join us in planning, preparing, and putting on this event. Adults and teens are welcome! If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 434-8711, or email info@stmarksnh.org! More information will be forthcoming, so stay tuned to the bulletin for more details!

Free Throw Contest!!

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship! The local competition will be held **Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 1 PM to 4 PM** (registration begins at 12:30 PM) at St. Thomas Aquinas Center Gymnasium in Derry, NH. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing to the state competition! All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish a birth certificate as proof of age and written parental consent.

Mass Intentions for Jan. 6 - 14

1/06 Saturday, 5 PM:

Margaret Cleary by her family

1/07 Sunday, 8 AM:

People of the Parish

1/07 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Barbara & Michael Nicolosi by

Earl & Mary Lou Bartlett

1/07 Sunday, 11 AM:

Jeanne Fleming by the Duyon Family

1/08 Monday 9 AM:

Robert Kelley by the DiFava family

1/09 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Ed Dziergowski by Barbara Scott

1/10 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Kevin Driscoll by Mary Y. Lynch and Family

1/11 Thursday, 9 AM:

Kathleen Anderson by Allan and Terry Fernald

1/13 Saturday, 5 PM

Robert Kelley by The Kelley Family

1/14 Sunday, 8 AM:

Matthew John Crosson by his students

1/14 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Christine & Elaine Seaver by

Earl & Mary Lou Bartlett

1/14 Sunday, 11 AM:

Michael Walsh by Kelly Giguere

Sacrificial Giving (Dec. 23/24 & 30/31)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (262)	\$7,664.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$4,614.00
Electronic Giving	\$225.00
WeShare	\$5,922.16
Flowers (4)	\$80.00
Fuel (39)	\$2,570.00
Social	\$228.00
General Donations	\$175.00
Mass Donations	\$630.00
Total	\$22,108.16

Designated Funds

Capital Development (8)	\$340.00
Special Collection (Holy Day)	\$435.00
Diocesan	\$45.00
Christmas	\$335.00
Poor Box	\$127.00
Total	\$1,327.00
Grand Total	\$23,435.16

Sacrificial Giving (Christmas Masses)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (190)	\$8,523.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$3,108.00
Flowers (3)	\$145.00
Fuel (7)	\$250.00
Total	\$12,026.00

Designated Funds

Capital Development (1)	\$10.00
Special Collection (Holy Day)	\$120.00
Diocesan	\$10.00
Total	\$140.00
Grand Total	\$12,166.00

Our St. Mark's family is blessed in so many ways, and this Christmas Season it is apparent that one of our greatest gifts is YOU!

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Your time, treasure, and talent enable our Parish community to thrive. May God bless you and your families in abundance in 2018!

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Safe Environment	Claudia Dominguez (603) 432-8711
Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30- 11 AM
Birthright	(603) 434-3000
NH Catholic Charities, Windham	(603) 893-1971

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