



Welcome to the Catholic Community of

SAINT MARK

THE EVANGELIST

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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 the desk of Deacon Tom...

Brothers and Sisters-

It's a heat wave! I'm writing this on the last day of our mini Ice Age of 2017/18 with the forecast for the week predicting a January thaw. When you read these words, hopefully that thaw is a reality and our driveways and roofs are clear of all that unmelted ice and snow, at least for a few days.

I'm no fan of the cold. Ever since the ice storm of 2008 with no electricity and no generator for days, I've developed a bit of a fear of the cold. I find extreme weather interesting and sometimes exciting, so I have some interest in the extended sub-zero temperatures we just endured for two weeks. Cold is cold to me, whether it's ten degrees above zero or ten degrees below zero, although it is a bit harder to get the car to start at -10°F.

One of the things required of all the Ordained (Bishops, Priests and Deacons) is to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Perhaps I'll expand on that in another column soon. But one of the prayers that's said frequently is the Cantic from the book of Daniel (Daniel 3:57-88 – Let all creatures praise the Lord!) It goes: Every shower and dew, bless the Lord, all you winds, bless the Lord, fire and heat, bless the Lord, **cold and chill**, bless the Lord, dew and rain, bless the Lord, **frost and chill**, bless the Lord, **ice and snow**, bless the Lord... Whenever this prayer comes up, and it comes up often, I struggle through this part! And wouldn't you know, it was the morning prayer in Liturgy of the Hours the day I was writing this column. But it does remind me that God is present in everything, if only we are looking for him.

The same is true in the beginning lines of today's Gospel. It begins with John the Baptist with two of his own disciples. As Jesus walks by, John says to them "Behold the Lamb of God!" John's two disciples hear this and immediately leave John and begin to follow Jesus. We might be tempted to think of this as John's followers being lukewarm to him. But this is consistent with what we heard from John in the Gospels leading up to Christmas when he said, "I must decrease and He must increase!" If only it were that easy for us to find God in the everyday. These two lucky disciples of John had Jesus pointed out directly to them, so He was easy to spot and subsequently begin following.

Well, in some respects it can be that easy! We have Jesus in our midst each week at Mass in the Real Presence in the Eucharist consecrated at Mass. At the end of the Eucharistic prayer, the priest elevates the Host and the Chalice (the deacon gets to elevate the Chalice if assisting at Mass) and he repeats these same words from John in today's Gospel. "**Behold the Lamb of God.** Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

It may take a bit of effort for us to discern God's presence in our everyday lives, but at least here at Mass, as I'm reminded by the line from today's Gospel, it's pointed out to us as clearly as it was pointed out to John's disciples that Jesus is in our midst.

May God give you His Peace!

Deacon Tom

Men of St. Joseph Anniversary Celebration

All men are invited to join us *Saturday, January 20*, to celebrate twenty-two years of men's ministry here at St. Mark's! As Men of St. Joseph, we challenge and support each other to follow the model of St. Joseph and become true warriors in the battle for our families and our communities. Whether you're already part of this growing ministry or you've been meaning to try it out, please join us from 7:00 to 9:00 AM (no – AM is NOT a typo) for Holy Mass, fellowship, and a pot luck breakfast. We promise you won't be disappointed. For more information, contact Bill Donroe at 432-6066.

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

Our next Adult Faith Formation session will be Monday evening, January 29! Mike Speltz will lead us in a discussion on our Christian duty to be faithful stewards of God's creation. As Ash Wednesday approaches, perhaps we can approach or Lenten practices with creation care in mind? Join us and be part of the discussion!

Adult Faith Formation begins at 7:00 in the Parish Lounge. Refreshments will be provided, and we always have a lot of fun. See you there!

In Remembrance...

O God, we thank you for the lives of great saints and prophets in the past, who have revealed to us that we can stand up amid the problems and difficulties and trials of life and not give in. We thank you for our foreparents, who've given us something in the midst of the darkness of exploitation and oppression to keep going. Grant that we will go on with the proper faith and the proper determination of will, so that we will be able to make a creative contribution to this world. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Religious Education News

*Confirmation classes will resume next week!

10th Grade will meet Sunday evening, January 21;

9th Grade will meet Sunday evening, January 28.

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.

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

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, January 14:

10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)

Monday, January 15:

*Office Closed in observance
of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Tuesday, January 16:

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)

7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Wednesday, January 17:

7:00 PM Grace Within Alumni (Lounge)

Thursday, January 18:

6:30 PM Woman's Book Group (Lounge)

Saturday, January 20:

7:00 AM Men of St. Joseph (Church & Hall)

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

6:00 PM L.O.V.E. Marriage Ministry (Lounge)

A Message from Mrs. Cathy Kinnon

As you know, earlier this month I made the difficult decision to leave my position as Director of Religious Education here at St. Mark's. A number of family concerns went into my decision to leave at this time.

I have loved this job and have felt it a privilege to coordinate our parish's religious education program and activities these past 20 years. It has been an honor to be part of so many milestone events for the children of Saint Mark's: First Communions, Confirmations, summer religious education programs, parent nights, etc. I will be forever grateful to the teachers who have so selflessly given of their time and talent to our program. I have seen the love of God come alive in wonderful ways for our children in the generosity of heart and commitment of spirit of our teachers.

I am grateful, too, for the many parents who have supported our teachers and programs these many years. It has been an honor to help you bring the values and meaning of our Catholic faith to your sons and daughters. It has been an extraordinary gift to see many of the first children I worked with become parents themselves.

Please know that Rich and I will always be grateful for our Saint Mark's experience. Your family will always be in the prayers of my family that God will continue to bless you with his peace and joy.

- Cathy Kinnon

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.

St. Valentine's Day Breakfast

Join us following the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses on **Sunday, February 11** for a St. Valentine's Day Breakfast! Pancakes, bacon, hash browns, and more! We'll have a fun craft project for the kids, too! Admission is \$5, and \$20 for a family of four or more! What a great opportunity for fun and fellowship before we begin our Lenten journey later that week... See you there!

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.

Donate Life!!

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 10488 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** in the Parish Hall! Won't you considering donating this scarce and needed resource to help those in need? To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code STMARK_LONDONDERRY. Stay tuned to the weekly bulletin for more details. If you would like to volunteer that afternoon with assisting donors, we'd love to have your help. Contact the Parish Office at (603) 432 - 5711 and let us know you're interested!

Sacrificial Giving (Jan 6 -7)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (123)	\$3,180.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$3,324.00
Electronic Giving	\$105.00
WeShare	\$6,420.99
Flowers (1)	\$25.00
Fuel (7)	\$360.00
Social	\$37.00
General Donations	\$686.16
Mass Donations	\$20.00
Total	\$14,158.65

Designated Funds

Capital Development (33)	\$390.00
Charitable (6)	\$735.76
Special Collection (Holy Days)	\$185.00
Diocesan	\$130.00
Total	\$1,440.76
Grand Total	\$15,599.41

Mass Intentions for Jan. 13 - 21

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

1/15 Monday 9 AM:

Mark Harris by the Beliveau family

1/16 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Joan Bompastore by her family

1/17 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Intentions of Deacon Lee Abbott

by Mary Y. Lynch and Family

1/18 Thursday, 9 AM:

Rev. Thomas Bresnahan by Paul & Sarah

1/20 Saturday, 5 PM:

Ann & John Flemings by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

1/21 Sunday, 8 AM:

People of the Parish

1/21 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Kevin Fitzgibbon by the Ciarletta family

1/21 Sunday, 11 AM:

Carmela Errico by the Duyon family

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Prayer Line	(603) 432-7425
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