



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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Director of First Impressions
Music Director
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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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Website: www.stmarksnh.org

From the Office of the Bishop...

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The call of the priesthood, of a life in love and service to our Church, is a truly profound call. Our seminarians here in the Diocese of Manchester have not only dutifully answered that call, but have answered it with pure joy in their hearts. I not only pray for their success each day, but I also pray in deep thanksgiving to our Lord that they have so selflessly answered His call.

One of our seminarians, Rory Traynor, says so beautifully about his own personal discernment: "God has always blessed me with many good priests who served as examples of how the priesthood is something beyond themselves and is a gift from God; these men have always been an inspiration for me." Our Seminarian Fund is an opportunity for you to enable Rory to continue this same path, and for many young men after him.

You may be aware that the critical shortage of priests is of serious concern to me and all of us throughout the state. Our priests provide us the blessed Eucharist and shepherd our parishes and spiritual communities. As we seek to grow our flock, we too must seek out those who provide these shepherding gifts to us. In order to help more men discern their vocation and to accompany men like Rory in their journey, we need your help, the help of the faithful. I write to you this year so that you may consider supporting our current and future seminarians in the 2018 Seminarian Fund Collection so that together, we become a diocese alive in the hope of Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.

Bishop of Manchester

Dear God,
Give us vocations to the religious life and to the priesthood,
To enlighten the faith of your faithful people,
To open the Gospel to minds unaware of it,
To give your forgiveness to repentant sinners,
To celebrate without ceasing the Divine Sacrifice,
To give your Host to famished souls,
To help the dying, to console those in suffering,
To recall to mind all men that they are brothers and sisters,
To bless our homes, our livelihoods and our land,
And that amongst us your Kingdom may come.
Dear God, give us vocations to the religious life and to the priesthood.
Amen.

Adult Faith Formation

Our next Adult Faith Formation session is this **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!

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 this **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.

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!

Religious Education News

Confirmation Classes!

10th Grade will this Sunday evening, **January 21**;
9th Grade will meet next Sunday evening, **January 28**.

Our monthly First Grade Religious Education session is this **Thursday, January 25**, at 4:30 PM.

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!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, January 21:

10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)
12:30 PM Baptisms (Church)
6:30 PM 10th Grade Confirmation Class (Hall)
7:00 PM Adoration for Life (Chapel)

Monday, January 22:

6:00 PM Benediction (Chapel)

Tuesday, January 23:

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 Meeting (Room 209)
7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Wednesday, January 24:

Office Closed for Diocesan Workshop

Thursday, January 25:

4:30 PM Rel. Ed Grade 1 (Rel. Ed Center)
7:00 PM K of C Business Meeting (Room 209)

Saturday, January 27:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

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!

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!

Support for Separated & Divorced

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups. Do you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce? Please consider passing this information along to them.

Outreach for Victims and Their Families

If you or a loved one has experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, we urge you to contact the diocesan Office for Healing and Pastoral Care at (603) 669-3100, Ext. 110. Help is available.

Offertory Records...

A few weeks ago, we sent out the 2017 tax statements to all the contributors of St. Mark's parish. We are always so thankful for your continued generosity and support of the Mission of the Church!! As was communicated last weekend, many of the documents that were sent out are incorrect. Although we have received funds from WeShare, they were not recorded completely into each individual tax document. Many of you are aware of the transition that took place when ParishPay became WeShare. Therefore, we have been in touch with WeShare (formally ParishPay), and they will be sending out individual contribution statements shortly to all online giving contributors giving statements for donations when they were ParishPay, and also after the transition into WeShare. If there are any other questions, please contact the parish office.

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.

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!!

Quiet Moments in His Presence...

Did you know that Eucharistic Adoration is a weekly practice here at St. Mark's? Every Tuesday, from 6 AM until 11 PM, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Chapel. Please come and spend an hour, or even just a few minutes.

Sacrificial Giving (Jan 6 -7)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (139)	\$4,352.50
Loose Cash & Checks	\$2,140.00
Electronic Giving	\$40.00
WeShare	\$1,993.00
Fuel (8)	\$375.00
Social	\$65.00
Mass Donations	\$10.00
Total	\$8,975.50

Designated Funds

Capital Development (12)	\$270.00
Charitable (21)	\$307.00
Special Collection (Holy Days)	\$70.00
Diocesan	\$57.00
Total	\$704.00
Grand Total	\$9,679.50

Parish Contact Information

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Knights of Columbus	Brian Roche (603) 889-3284
Men of St Joseph	Bill Donroe (603) 432-6066
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

Mass Intentions for Jan. 20 - 28

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

1/22 Monday 9 AM:

John Kelly by his children

1/23 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Edward J. Humora by Anne & Dan Emerson

1/24 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Joseph Butchard by his family

1/25 Thursday, 9 AM:

Louisa Gendron by her loving husband

1/27 Saturday, 5 PM:

Rev. Tom Bresnahan by the Kinney family

1/28 Sunday, 8 AM:

Kevin Driscoll by Rita Griffin

1/28 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

People of the Parish

1/28 Sunday, 11 AM:

Michael Walsh by Kelly Go

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