



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 the desk of Deacon Tom...

What do we think of when we hear the word "Gospel?" Most of the time, we probably think about the stories of Jesus that we hear at Mass each week. Maybe we think "Good News" since that is a translation of the word Gospel. But do we ever think of preaching the Gospel ourselves? You probably think that's something best left to clergy. Except it's our responsibility as Baptized Catholics to be preaching the Gospel, if not by our words, then by our actions. That's not always easy and we may fail at times, but that doesn't remove our responsibility. Just like parenting, I may not have always gotten it right, but it didn't negate my responsibility to continue to do my best while raising my children.

As a former Reader at St. Mark prior to becoming a Deacon, I always struggled with St. Paul who usually is the author of our second reading each week. I call him the "King of the Run-on Sentence" because sometimes our Second Reading on Sunday is just one (or maybe two) very long sentences. I have a lot of sympathy for our Readers on many weekends. I find it much easier (yet much more humbling) that I get to read the Gospel each week at Mass.

It's very challenging for our Readers to proclaim the word sometimes when reading St Paul. He is the author of more than a quarter of the New Testament, and he never even met Jesus while He was alive. And St. Paul's letters are the first books of the New Testament that were written, predating even the Gospels.

In today's Second Reading, our Reader's get a break. It's one of the easier passages to proclaim. Yet it strongly reinforces our responsibility to preach the Gospel. One of the other meanings of "Gospel" is "Truth." Aren't we obligated to speak the truth? Of course! It's the Eighth Commandment! Well, if we are obligated to speak the Truth, both from our Baptism and by God's Commandments, then the "Good News" or "Truth" of Jesus Christ is also our obligation. That's what Paul speaks so plainly to us today.

When we encounter something good, something we enjoy, we like to share that information with others. A great TV show, a good movie, another Super Bowl win... we like to share the good! All the more we should find ways to share our faith, which is the ultimate Good! And even though it's an obligation, that's not the reason we share this news. As Paul concludes today, we proclaim it "for the sake of the Gospel, so that we too may have a share in it!"

May God give you His peace!

Tom

Blood Drive at St. Mark's!!

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 10488 is sponsoring a Blood Drive this **Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** in the Parish Hall! To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code STMARK_LONDONDERRY. 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!

St. Valentine's Day Breakfast

Join us following the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses **next 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!

Our Lenten Journey Begins...

Lent begins next week, **February 14**, as the Church commemorates Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated here at St. Mark's at **9:00 AM and 7:00 PM**. Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are looking for a few extra volunteers (18+) to help out with the Children's Liturgy of the Word, offered during the 9:30 AM Mass. The Children's Liturgy is a wonderful experience for our children ages 4-8 to come together, learn the rituals of the Mass, and hear the Gospel at their own level! Children are dismissed from the Mass, just after the opening prayer, and are lead by adult volunteers to our designated classroom. The children return to their family during the Offertory and remain in the church until the conclusion of the Mass. We'd love to have you! Interested? Please contact Stephanie Wright at stephaniesigmund@yahoo.com or 617-782-3414 for more information. Or stop by the Welcome Center and sign up!

Religious Education News

We have been receiving a lot of inquiries about the logistics concerning the Restoration of the Sacramental Order (i.e. First Communion and Confirmation). We appreciate your patience, as we are awaiting dates from the Diocese on when the Sacraments will be celebrated here at St. Mark's in 2018. You will have this information as soon as we receive it!

In the interim, please stay tuned to the weekly bulletin - we are currently preparing a comprehensive circler that will contain pertinent information to help your family prepare for this transition.

Any Religious Education inquiries please contact the Parish Office at 432-8711 or email info@stmarksnh.org.

In Remembrance...

Our St. Mark's family joins together in prayer for all our loved ones who have gone before us. This week we pray especially for Daniel Devlin, husband of Janet Devlin, and for Linda Lynch, wife of Bernie Lynch.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, February 4:

10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)
6:00 PM High School Night (Lounge)

Monday, February 5:

7:00 PM Outreach Committee (Room 104)

Tuesday, February 6:

6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
4:30 PM Rel. Ed Grades 2-5 (Rel. Ed Center)
6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lounge)
7:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 6-8 (Rel. Ed Center)
7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, February 8:

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

Saturday, February 10:

9:00 AM Blood Drive (Hall)
9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

High School Night!!

This *Sunday, February 4* is High School Night! Yes, the big game is on, and due to popular demand we will be watching it together! No worries if football isn't your thing, we have plenty of other fun stuff to do! And besides, it's more about hanging out anyways, right? We usually wrap up the evening at 8:00, but we will probably stick around until halftime. We're sure to have plenty of food, so bring a friend along and check it out!

Vacation Bible School at St. Mark's!!

We are happy to announce that our St. Mark's family will be conducting Vacation Bible School the *week of June 25, 2018!* This 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."

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!

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.

Stations of the Cross

Beginning *Friday, February 16*, and continuing every Friday until Holy Week, we will be commemorating our Lord's Passion by meditating on the Stations of the Cross. Join us as we gather for this ancient and beautiful devotion every Friday during Lent at **7:00 PM** in the Church.

Flu Season...

Due to the degree of severity of this year's flu season, the Bishop has recommended that the distribution of the Precious Blood be suppressed until Holy Week.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us of the full Presence of our Lord Jesus in both the Precious Body and the Precious Blood:

"The body is present under the form of bread and the blood under the form of wine, by virtue of the words [of Christ]. The same body, however, is under the form of wine and the blood under the form of bread, and the soul under either form, by virtue of the natural link and concomitance by which the parts of Christ the Lord, who has now risen from the dead and will die no more, are mutually united."

Woman's Ministry

Our next book discussion will be *Thursday, March 15*. At that point we will be deep into the season of Lent. With this in mind, we would like to invite all women of the parish to join us in reading *Death on a Friday Afternoon* by Richard John Neuhaus, and to join our discussion of at 7 PM in the Lounge. If you have any questions, contact Live4Him@myfairpoint.net.

From the back of the book: "If what Christians say about Good Friday is true, then it is, quite simply, the truth about everything." In this book, Neuhaus unpacks the truth of the Seven Last Words of Jesus, a truth that sets Good Friday apart from all other days. *Death on a Friday Afternoon* invites readers to embark on a journey into mystery and wonder, and to ponder the stories of people today who in their troubles find themselves at the foot of the cross.

Sacrificial Giving (Jan 27 -28)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (157)	\$4,155.50
Loose Cash & Checks	\$1,689.00
Electronic Giving	\$105.00
WeShare	\$2,543.00
Fuel (3)	\$95.00
Social	\$57.00
General Donations	\$500.00
Mass Donations	\$100.00
Donations (bap/wed/fun)	\$300.00
Total	\$9,544.50

Designated Funds

Capital Development (6)	\$96.00
Charitable (7)	\$236.00
Special Collection	\$10.00
Diocesan	\$316.00
Total	\$658.00
Grand Total	\$10,202.50

Mass Intentions for Feb. 3 - Feb. 11

2/3 Saturday, 5 PM:

Ed Dziergowski

2/4 Sunday, 8 AM:

John Flemings Jr. by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

2/4 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Nora & Charlotte Dowd by Edgard & Maria Medina

2/4 Sunday, 11 AM:

Anne Marie Soroko by Nouhad Soueidan

2/5 Monday 9 AM:

Robert Kelley by the DiFava family

2/6 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Adrian Pallone by his family

2/7 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Lorraine & Don Connolly by Mary Y. Lynch & family

2/8 Thursday, 9 AM:

John Conner by Diane & Norman Ducas

2/10 Saturday, 5 PM:

Leanna Draghi by Karen Draghi

2/11 Sunday, 8 AM:

Catherine Kelley by the Kelley family

2/11 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Dennis Lesarbeau by Marie & the Lesarbeau family

2/11 Sunday, 11 AM:

Gloria Ciccolo by Marguerite & Farhad Idjadi

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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