



Welcome to the Catholic Community of

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THE EVANGELIST

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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...

Happy New Year! Ironically, I wrote the same thing here a few short weeks ago as we began a new Liturgical year. This time the *calendar* is changing instead of the Gospel readings (Mark) we will hear at Mass over the next liturgical year. And our days are getting longer rather than shorter! Always a positive change for me when we get more daylight rather than less each day.

This weekend, after just celebrating Christmas, we observe the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It's fitting that after just celebrating the arrival of our Messiah as a baby and spending time with our own families, both immediate and extended, that the Church honors the Holy Family. When I thought about this, it occurred to me that we may think of the Holy Family as a 'perfect' family. And although Jesus *is* perfect, and Mary *is* a perfect and sinless person, the Holy Family wasn't necessarily 'perfect'. Remember, St. Joseph was the foster father of Jesus. Poor St. Joseph - imagine the pressure having to live as a normal man within a family consisting of God (Jesus) and the Theotokos (the God Bearer - Mary). There must have been tremendous pressure! After all, if anyone in that family committed a sin, all of them knew Joseph was the culprit!

When I think of the perfect family, I reminisce way back to my childhood and watching "Leave it to Beaver." Remember Ward, June, Wally and Theodore Cleaver? Many of those shows from the 50's and 60's presented the 'ideal' family, but even then it wasn't very realistic. I looked up the definition of the word 'perfect'... I think of it like a verb - "to make something completely free from faults or defects." But, despite our best efforts, none of us can achieve that in our families. Instead, I think our families meet the definition of 'perfect' as an adjective - "having all the required or desirable elements, qualities or characteristics; as good as it is possible to be." Perhaps we should take a look at our families from this perspective this weekend!

I was out a few weeks ago with my adult daughter at a concert and was watching how much she was enjoying the show. As I watched her, I thought, "she is what God has given as a gift to me." It made me reflect on my son and my wife in the same way: as God's "gifts" to me. Then I took it further, to my extended family: brothers, sisters, in-laws, aunts, and uncles. It had been some time since I reflected on all those in my family as gifts from God! It brought my perspective back into proper focus.

Join me in taking some time this weekend to reflect on what gifts God has given to us in the form of our families. Perhaps we'll see it by the definition of "perfect" that says it "has all the desirable elements, as good as it can possibly be." Let's reflect on these gifts of family given to us by God. Thanksgiving may be just a distant memory, but it's always good to give thanks to God from whom all good things come.

May God give you His Peace!

Deacon Tom

Spend an Hour with Him...

Nocturnal Adoration will be on *Friday, January 5*, beginning at *8 p.m. until midnight*. Please join us for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel each hour. For more information, please call Dennis at 437-6051.

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). Thank you!!

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.

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!

Religious Education News

*There will be NO Religious Education classes held on *Tuesday, January 2*. Classes will resume on January 9. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

*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

Adult Faith Formation

Start your New Year of right by joining us at Adult Faith Formation on **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!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Monday, January 1:

Parish Office Closed

7:00 PM Mass

Tuesday, January 2:

6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, January 5:

8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, January 6:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

Thank You!!

Heartfelt gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the entire St. Mark's community goes out to all those who helped make our Christmas liturgies truly blessed!

Thank you to all the Greeters, Welcomers, Altar Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who contributed their time and talent to our celebrations!

A special thanks to those who decorated our worship space for the Advent Season and the Feast of the Nativity. You always do such a magnificent job. And to all of those who contributed to the Christmas Flowers in memory of your loved ones, thank you.

To Allan Fernald, Artie Carew, Amanda Morgan, Rosemarie Kelly, the Children's Choir, and all the members of the Music Ministries here at St. Mark's - your talents and dedication to lifting the worship of our community to the Gates of Heaven itself is truly remarkable... you are all a cornerstone of this community, and your contribution of song and praise is worthy of our admiration and thanks. Bravo!

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.

A Blessing to Our Community...

It is in giving that we truly receive... and that sentiment is alive here at St. Mark's. This year's Christmas Basket Program was an enormous success, and your generous donations brought hope and joy to so many local families in need this Christmas. The true meaning of Christmas shines in this community - the joy of the greatest gift of all, our Lord Jesus Christ, inspires us all to give to others in abundance! God be praised!

A special thank you to Karen Brouillette and her team who worked tirelessly over these past few months to make this program possible. This is a huge effort, and Karen and her team orchestrate and execute it all with efficiency and love. We are truly blessed to have such talent and charity here at St. Mark's, and our local community is blessed in turn!

High School Night!!

High School Night is ***Sunday, January 7***, at 6:00 PM! It's a new year, so if you've never checked it out, there's no better time! Food, fellowship, and fun is always on the schedule... Bring a friend along - they don't have to belong to St. Mark's, they don't even have to be Catholic! All are welcome! If you have any questions, email Brandon at brandon@stmarksnh.org.

ParishPay is now WeShare!

Your giving makes a difference! It's a joy to receive the blessings God has placed in our hands. The joy only grows when we give and receive together. Our online giving service, ParishPay, has now become WeShare! To administer your account, visit our website stmarksnh.org and click on the WeShare icon! All existing information has migrated to this new service. If you have questions, please call the office at 858-2494.

Thank You, Beccah!!

Beccah Nusbaum, our RCIA Coordinator and Assistant Youth Minister, is moving to the Midwest. She has been a wonderful asset to our community, and her passion and talents will certainly be missed. We send our prayers and well-wishes along with her as she enters a new chapter of her life adventure! Good luck, Beccah!

Sacrificial Giving

Due to the early bulletin deadlines over the Christmas Season, the Sacrificial Giving Report will appear in next week's bulletin. As always, we thank Almighty God for your continued generosity. We are blessed as a parish family to have the gifts of time, treasure, and talent that you all selflessly provide to further the mission of our St. Mark's community. Thank you, and Happy New Year!

Tax season is right around the corner... if you would like a statement of your contributions for 2017, please contact the Parish Office at 432-8711.

Mass Intentions for Dec. 30 - Jan. 7

12/30 Saturday, 5 PM:

Gloria M. Ciccolo by Roy and Marie Bouchard

12/31 Sunday, 8 AM:

Mary Salerno and her son Paul by the family

12/31 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Phyllis Fernald

12/31 Sunday, 11 AM:

People of the Parish

1/01 Monday 7 PM:

John Connor by Allan and Terry Fernald

1/02 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Mary Salerno and her son Paul by the family

1/03 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Adrian Pallone by his family

1/04 Thursday, 9 AM:

Dave Templeton by Mary Y. Lynch and Family

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

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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