



*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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*Pastor*  
*Permanent Deacon*  
*Director of Evangelization*  
*Family Faith Formation*  
*Office Administrator*  
*Music Director*  
*Music Director*  
*Custodian*

### **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 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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This past year has been full of many changes... changes in our parish, and even larger changes in our Diocese. With the institution of the Restored Order of the Sacraments, the accustomed model of Catholic religious education here in New Hampshire is undergoing a major renovation. While this transition may at times be a challenge, it is a wonderful opportunity for renewal and evangelization in our community and beyond! The traditional approach of Religious Education is shifting towards an emphasis on Whole Family Faith Formation and Comprehensive Youth Ministry. This is an effort to emphasize the importance of parents as the first teachers of the Faith in their families, and the role of the parish community to be partners and faithful witnesses to that process. With this significant change in the religious education landscape, we are excited to announce some new staffing arrangements here at St. Mark's!

Over the past few months, we have been actively developing a Family Faith Program focused on the new initiative of parish-wide catechesis. We will be launching this program in the Fall, and we're looking forward to sharing more details with you in the weeks to come! As we have been exploring formats and brainstorming ideas, an integral voice in the process has been our current office administrator, Claudia Dominguez. Claudia's background in education and childhood development has been insightful, and her enthusiasm for the mission of Catholic education has been contagious! I am pleased to announce that Claudia will be directing and overseeing the implementation of our Family Faith Program, as well as arranging and coordinating various other programs for our Pre-K through Elementary School students!

The traditional track of Middle and High School students is changing significantly, as well. With the Sacrament of Confirmation being celebrated in the third grade, it is of vital importance that we ensure our pre-teens and teenagers continue to be engaged in the Faith and growing in their relationships with Jesus Christ. Comprehensive Youth Ministry incorporates elements of established religious education along with groups and events geared towards community and discipleship. The goal is to ensure our youth that the Church is safe, vibrant, and fun environment where they can connect with their peers and grow in the Faith! We are pleased to announce that we have brought on a dedicated Youth Minister to focus on this endeavor. Hollis Dunlop is a graduate of Boston College with an M.A. in Theology and Ministry, and she has significant experience in developing vibrant and engaging youth ministry. Her expression of faith is remarkable and she will surely be a tremendous addition to our St. Mark's team!

With these staffing changes, we are happy to welcome Lisa Olsen as our new Office Administrator! Lisa has a dynamite personality, and will be assisting everyone in the weekly operations of parish life. Lisa's talents will also be contributing to the formation and implementation of our various catechetical ministries.

We are grateful to our Parish Evangelist, Brandon Sargent, for creating and building the current Youth Ministry program here at St. Mark's. He will still be integrally involved with the youth in our new formation programs, but he will now be able to concentrate fully on the mission of evangelization. As Director of Evangelization, Brandon's focus is the continued catechesis and 'teaching' of those of us in the pews. His Sunday talks, Adult Faith Formation, Bible Studies, and continued opportunities for us to grow in our relationships with Jesus Christ are his mission. Brandon is also responsible for ensuring that the Gospel reaches beyond these walls - creating events, programs, and media to invite others into our community... to reach out to those who have been 'de-churched,' or those seeking the Grace and Peace that is found in our Catholic Faith... to welcome home those who have been away, to answer questions, and to help foster the healing process that some may need. With focus on evangelization, Brandon will continue to reach out and build relationships with other parishes and faith communities, in our area and beyond, to strengthen our connection of faith, discipleship, and community.

Please continue to keep our St. Mark's family in your prayers as we move forward in the Mission of the Church... to go forth and teach all nations... baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Always in Christ,  
Father Mike

### **St. Valentine's Day Breakfast**

*Join us following the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses today 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! No cash? No problem! We are able to accept your credit or debit card. See you downstairs!

### **Our Lenten Journey Begins...**

Lent begins this 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.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Beginning this *Friday, February 16*, and continuing every Friday in Lent 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.

### **Something to Consider...**

Giving up chocolate or soda for Lent? Here's another idea: give up some carbon! Everything we consume, from heating fuel to plastic bags, adds to the store of heat-trapping carbon dioxide in our atmosphere - and that hurts our planet, especially the poorest among us. If you would like to give up something for Lent, a 'carbon fast' can be a penance, an opportunity for alms giving, and an inspiration to prayer. *Stop by the welcome center to pick up a Carbon Fast handout*, with ideas for each week of Lent.

### **Lenten Suppers**

Please join us this *Friday, February 16*, in the Parish Hall for our annual Lenten Supper! The men of Knights of Columbus Council 10488 are once again hosting this great tradition on Friday evenings throughout Lent. Admission is \$5 per person and no more than \$20 for a family of four or more.

### **Religious Education News**

\* This Sunday evening, February 11, will be a combined Confirmation Class of both 9th and 10th Grade at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. See you there!

\* 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](mailto:info@stmarksnh.org).

### **This Week @ St. Mark's!!!**

#### **Sunday, February 11:**

- 10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)
- 12:30 PM Baptisms (Church)
- 6:00 PM 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Class

#### **Tuesday, February 13:**

- 6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 4:30 PM Rel. Ed Grades 2-5 (Rel. Ed Center)
- 7:00 PM St. Gianna's Place Meeting (Room 201)
- 7:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 6-8 (Rel. Ed Center)
- 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

#### **Wednesday, February 14:**

- 9:00 AM Ash Wednesday Mass
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass

#### **Friday, February 16:**

- 5:30 PM Lenten Supper (Hall)
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

#### **Saturday, February 17:**

- 7:00 AM Men of St. Joseph (Hall)
- 9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

### **Men of St. Joseph**

Calling all Men! If you're looking for a great way to start your weekend, here's the answer. It starts early, 7:00 AM. It's hard hitting, like going to the gym. It's breakfast and a cup of coffee you didn't have to make. It's guys supporting each other to become warriors who will take on the challenges of being a 21st century Catholic man.

There are no sign-ups, no projects, no dues. Just show up at **7:00 AM, next Saturday morning, February 17**, for fellowship, food, and prayer. We guarantee to have you headed out by 9:00 AM sharp so you can get to your weekend projects. Come and check us out - you won't be disappointed. For more information, call Bill Donroe 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 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 Middle/High School students are welcome! If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 434-8711, or email [info@stmarksnh.org](mailto:info@stmarksnh.org)! More information will be forthcoming, so stay tuned to the bulletin for more details!

### **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 the Parish Office. In addition, any baby equipment and used toys will also be accepted. Thank you!!

### **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 7:00 PM in the Lounge. If you have any questions, contact [Live4Him@myfairpoint.net](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:stephaniesigmund@yahoo.com) or 617-782-3414 for more information. Or stop by the Welcome Center and sign up!

### **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](http://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.

**Sacrificial Giving (Feb. 3 & 4)**

**Operating Funds**

Offertory Envelopes (157)	\$4,953.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$2,011.00
Electronic Giving	\$415.00
ParishPay	\$2,903.00
Fuel (1)	\$20.00
Social	\$69.00
General Donations	\$95.20
Mass Donations	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,516.20</b>

**Designated Funds**

Capital Development (55)	\$1,268.00
Charitable (1)	\$20.00
Special Collection (56)	\$889.00
Diocesan (1)	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,227.00</b>

**Grand Total \$12,743.20**

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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 Feb. 10 - Feb. 18**

**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 Lescarbeau by Marie & the Lescarbeau family

**2/11 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Gloria Ciccolo by Marguerite & Farhad Idjadi

**2/12 Monday 9 AM:**

John Conner by Susan Peterson

**2/13 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

Joan Bompastore by her family

**2/14 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Mary & Albert Antonellis & Silvio P. Uliano Sr.  
by Dora & John Antonellis

**2/15 Thursday, 9 AM:**

John Conner by K of C Council 10488

**2/17 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Pat Trongo by his wife & family

**2/18 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Intentions of Jane Morway & her family

**2/18 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Lucille DiMartino by the Leone family

**2/18 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Gloria Ciccolo by Andrea Ouellette

**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