



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 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,

There is a quiz this weekend on your knowledge of the Catholic faith! You didn't think all of Brandon's efforts in his talks on Sunday's would go without checking to see if you are learning anything along the way, did you? Maybe you only read Fr Mike's or Brandon's column (good call!) If you read the first line, you are likely still reading, probably because you're wondering how we will administer the quiz. I'm really just checking to see if anyone reads this column.

Whenever I get to Baptize a child, I prep the Parents and Godparents before the service. I ask them if in their preparation with Fr Mike, did he tell them there was a quiz? They always look at me frightened (I've got to have my fun somehow!). Then I tell them I'm going to ask them the name of their child. Usually they know the answer to this one. Then I tell them I'm going to ask them what they want of God's Church for their child. This is where they look at me confused. The answer...Baptism! It's what they came for! But it's a good example of how we can get nervous and anxious when we are under pressure from a quiz or a test.

Our first reading this weekend starts with "God put Abraham to the test." I don't know anyone who likes quizzes and tests. In some of the Gospel readings the Scribes and Pharisees put Jesus to the test. Even the Devil tried to put Jesus to the test. It's hard to escape quizzes and tests. But as we get older and leave school, we don't encounter them much and probably avoid them if they creep up.

Most of my Formation for the Diaconate, believe it or not, did not include any quizzes or tests. Except for one class (thanks Fr Jason!). And the quizzes (always unannounced) were very challenging. But they did reinforce for all of the Deacons-in-training the parts of the Mass and our words, actions and posture.

Maybe you are like my children and would freeze up on test day and that would affect your performance on quizzes and test. Imagine the pressure if God was your tester, like in today's reading? If you froze on test day under normal circumstances, how would you perform with God putting you to the test? Well, I'd suggest with Brandon's talks on Sunday mornings, most of you would fair very well, so you should relax. And if you don't go to the 9:30 AM or 11:00 AM Masses on Sunday, you can always watch his 5-7 minute teachings on YouTube, Facebook, or our Parish website.

One day, God will put each of us to the test. It won't be on the knowledge we have of our Catholic faith, although that knowledge WILL help form our lives to be all that God calls us to be. God's test will be how we lived out our lives, to the best of our ability, to do His will and care for his creations, our families, our friends and our neighbors. The first two might be the ones we'd pass easily. It's our neighbors that might be where we don't ace the test. As we continue in Lent, remember that this is our study time for that ultimate test we will face from God. It's part of why the Church gives us these times each year to reflect on our status on this Journey and do a bit of "study time" for when we are put to the test.

Deacon Tom

Spend an Hour with Him

Nocturnal Adoration will be held on *Friday, March 2* beginning at 8 p.m. until midnight. Please join us for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel each hour. For information, call Dennis at 437-6051.

Stations of the Cross

Join us this *Friday, March 2*, and continuing every Friday in Lent until Holy Week, as we will be commemorating our Lord's Passion by meditating on the Stations of the Cross. We gather for this ancient and beautiful devotion every Friday during Lent at **7:00 PM** in the Church.

Lenten Suppers

Please join us this *Friday, March 2*, 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.

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 Almsgiving Opportunity

During this Lenten Season our Poor Box donations will benefit Anne Marie-House - a transition facility that assists homeless families to become self sufficient and maintain their own homes. We will also collect paper goods, personal items and cleaning supplies throughout Lent to help these families "get back on their feet". Bins will be available in the gathering space at the back of the Church to collect donations. Thank you for your generous support!

Religious Education News

*An afternoon retreat will be held for all First Reconciliation Students and their parents on *Sunday, March 11* from 12:30 until 2:00 here at St. Mark's. More information will be coming home with your children this week! Please call the Parish Office with any questions at 432-8711.

Natural Family Planning

Want to learn a method of family planning that's healthy, reliable, and marriage-building? Thanks to modern scientific research, you can learn to observe and interpret the natural signs of fertility and reliably plan your family. Keeping your body free of chemicals, and improving your marriage — what's not to love?!

Natural Family Planning Course

St. Patrick Church in Pelham

March 17, and April 21 (Saturdays)

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Teachers: Barbara and Paul Donovan

Register at ccli.org or call Barbara and Paul at 603-463-7456.

Check out the Couple to Couple League's Facebook page to see what former students are saying about the lasting positive effects of NFP on their marriages!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, February 25:

10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)

Monday, February 26:

7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)

Tuesday, February 27:

6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

7:00 PM St. Gianna's Meeting (Room 201)

7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Friday, March 2:

5:30 PM Lenten Supper (Hall)

6:00 PM Boy Scouts (Parish Center)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

8 PM - 12AM Nocturnal Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, March 3:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

Easter Voices...

We are forming a 'festival choir' which will be singing at all of our 'Triduum' Celebrations here at St. Mark's. (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil). We are in need of more voices! This would be a great opportunity to meet new people and be involved in our liturgies on the most Holy days of the year!! Please call Allan or Artie at 603-432-8711 for more information.

Men of St. Joseph

Don't forget to register for our annual celebration with Bishop Libasci at the the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Manchester on *March 17!* This is our 12th year celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph with men from all over the state! Mass is open to all, but our catered breakfast is by paid registration, only \$10 for admission again this year. Please check out our website at mensbreakfast2018.eventbrite.com - just type this address into your browser and register today!

If you've been away for a while, you are always welcome to join us whenever you can. May St. Joseph grant us the heart of a father and the soul of a warrior.

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 432-8711, or email info@stmarksnh.org! More information will be forthcoming, so stay tuned to the bulletin for more details!

Adult Faith Formation

Join us this *Monday, February 26* at 7:00 PM for the second of our Lenten Adult Faith Formation sessions! This Liturgical Year we are listening predominantly to the Gospel of Mark in our Sunday readings. Come together with us on Monday nights as we delve deeper into the sacred writings of our patron, St. Mark! Our parish evangelist Brandon Sargent will lead us in an organic and prayerful Bible study to accompany us through these first weeks of Lent. Come to learn, pray, discuss, and most of all enjoy fellowship!

Our Adult Faith Formation sessions are held in the Parish Lounge. Light refreshments are provided and all are welcome. We'll see you there!

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.

How Do You Give?

Do you enjoy the convenience of online bill pay? Is your gym membership or car insurance automatically deducted from your bank account each month? You can experience the same convenience with your weekly donation to the parish with *eGiving!* No more last minute trips to the ATM or writing and tracking paper checks! Getting started is easy: register your gifts at <https://saintmarkevangelist.churchgiving.com>.

You can make secure one-time or regularly scheduled gifts with a major credit card, a debit card, or an automatic transfer from your checking or savings account, from your home computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone! As always, thank you for your continued generosity and support!!

Sacrificial Giving (Feb. 17 & 18)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (133)	\$4,071.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$1,404.00
Electronic Giving (6)	\$605.00
WeShare	\$1,758.00
Flowers	\$10.00
Social	\$44.00
General Donations	\$948.48
Ash Wednesday	\$475.00
Total	\$9,315.48

Designated Funds

Capital Development (7)	\$150.00
Charitable (2)	\$40.00
Diocesan (65)	\$1,025.00
Total	\$1,215.00
Grand Total	\$10,530.48

Parish Contact Information

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Mass Intentions for Feb. 24 - March 4

2/24 Saturday, 5 PM:

Harold Merran by the Santos family

2/25 Sunday, 8 AM:

Sister Vivian Pichette by Denise Demers

2/25 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Donna Quandt by the Quandt family

2/25 Sunday, 11 AM:

Ron Goguen by Monique Savoie

2/26 Monday 9 AM:

The Deceased of the McCafferty Family

2/27 Tuesday, 9 AM:

John Balletto by Jeannette Erickson

2/28 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Dale Mitchell by Janet Devlin & Melissa Taylor

3/1 Thursday, 9 AM:

Frances Marie 'Penny' Hager by Barbara & Al Quandt

3/3 Saturday, 5 PM:

Jeanne M. Fleming by Laura & Ron Chandler

3/4 Sunday, 8 AM:

Rev. Thomas Bresnahan by Rita Griffin

3/4 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Teri & Allan Fernald

3/4 Sunday, 11 AM:

Kevin Driscoll by the Mitchell family

Music	Allan Fernald (603) 434-9101
	Artie Carew (603) 546-5503
Outreach	Dianne Zdankiewicz (603) 434-7991
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

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