



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,

If you haven't attended the 9:30 AM Mass over the last two weeks, you've missed out. No, I'm not referring to Brandon's outstanding talks at the end of the Mass, but that is reason enough to attend the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday. However, you can also catch him at the 11 AM Mass, and on YouTube, Facebook and our website if those aren't your regular Masses. I'm writing about the two Scrutinies we have conducted at those Masses over the last two weeks and our third, and last one, this weekend.

So what are the Scrutinies? They are Rites in the Church that are part of the final preparation process for those who we will welcome into the Church at the Easter Vigil. A few weeks earlier, we had the Rite of Sending here at St. Mark the Evangelist, as did all the parishes in the state that have people journeying through the process of discerning if they want to embrace all that we believe - and become Catholic. After that Rite, those people gather at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester and become the Elect. The Elect are those that the Church have recognized as ready to become Catholic, *if they desire it*. Essentially, the Church has 'promised' them the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist – at the Easter Vigil. They, however, can choose for themselves at any time for any reason, or no reason, not to complete the journey. The Rite recognizes them as ready if they so wish to proceed. The Scrutinies are those last few steps, the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, helping them complete their journey.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults describes the Scrutinies as: "...solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, [they] are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect [those preparing for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist]; to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. These Rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all" (No. 141).

The First Scrutiny, on the Third Sunday of Lent, presented our Catechumens and Candidates with the Creed. It is followed by the Presider (Fr. Mike) praying over them, laying on hands and an exorcism. We then pray our petitions mainly for the Elect. The Second Scrutiny on the Fourth Sunday of Lent (think Rose vestments!) called the Elect to a Spirit of Repentance with similar prayers and petitions for them. Our final Scrutiny, this week, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, presents the Elect with the Our Father. This prayer was given to us by Jesus Himself. It too is followed by prayers and petitions for the Elect.

The beauty of these Rites, from where I am humbled to sit each week, is that all of us at St. Mark get to see that the Spirit of Conversion is alive, in our Church Universal, as well as right here in Londonderry and Windham! These people are examples to all of us of how Christ is alive and in our midst, actively working in our lives each day, especially through those around us, if only we pay attention.

Please pray for those in our RCIA process: Kayla, Matt, Cacilia, Nastasha and Mariella, that through us and the working of the Holy Spirit, they will soon join us as full members of the Catholic Church.

Deacon Tom

Prayers for our Family

As Holy Week approaches and we prepare for the joy of the Great Easter Vigil, we ask that you pray in a special way for those in our RCIA program who will be welcomed fully into the Church this Easter Season. Please pray for **Cacilia Anthony, Matt Erickson, Kayla DiFava, Natasha Powlowsky, and Mariella Rollins**. *And I am sure that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Phil 1:6*

Stations of the Cross

Join us this **Friday, March 23**, 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 23**, in the Parish Hall from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM for our Lenten Supper! The men of Knights of Columbus Council 10488 are once again hosting this great tradition on Friday evenings throughout Lent. Turnouts the past few weeks has been outstanding and we'd love for you to join us!! Admission is \$5 per person and no more than \$20 for a family of four or more.

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!

Easter Basket Thank You!

Our outreach team would like to thank the parish for their generous donations towards the Easter baskets for kids at the Anne-Marie house. All the candy, stuffed animals and chocolate bunnies will surely bring great smiles to these children on Easter morning! Thank you again for your continued support!

Be Cool ~ Register for Summer Rel. Ed. !!

This FUN week of activities and expanding on the Word of God will include a focus on Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation for students in grades 2 through 8. Sign up TODAY! **Registration Fee: \$65 per child**. How do I sign up? Stop by the Parish Office, Welcome Center or go to www.stmarksnh.org and download the registration form!!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, March 18:

10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)
6:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation Class (Hall)

Monday, March 19:

6:00 PM Exposition and Confessions (Church)
7:00 PM Lenten Lamentations (Church)
7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)

Tuesday, March 20:

6 AM- 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
4:30 PM Religious Ed (Rel. Ed. Center)
7:00 PM Religious Ed (Rel. Ed. Center)
7:30 PM Choir Practice (Church)

Wednesday, March 21:

7:00 PM Grace Within Alumni (Lounge)

Thursday, March 22:

7:00 PM K of C Business Meeting (Room 206)

Friday, March 23:

5:30 PM Lenten Supper (Hall)
6:00 PM Scout Meeting
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 24:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

Lenten Lamentations

Please join us this *Monday evening, March 19*, as we gather together to deepen our participation in this sacred season of Lent. The Lenten Lamentations are an 18th Century Polish tradition incorporating ancient hymns and prayers that retrace the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. The devotion incorporates prose and verse, chant and reading, prayer and meditation - inviting us to reflect on the mystery of our Redemption through Christ and our own personal identification with Him through His suffering.

The evening will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available until 6:45. At 7:00 we will have the Lamentation service, followed by Benediction. All are invited to remain with us as we will continue our Lent Adult Faith Formation Series.

Vacation Bible School Registration!!

AHOY!!... Register *NOW* for our *Shipwrecked* adventure that will be loads of FUN! The Vacation Bible School voyage will be held the *Week of June 25!* Come venture onto an uncharted island where our castaways are rescued by Jesus! They'll be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life!

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! Cost is \$35.00 per crew member for the week. You can register after Sunday masses at coffee and donuts. Or you can register at the Parish office or visit our website at stmarksnh.org.

Volunteers are still needed for our voyage... please join us at sea for an amazing journey! **Adults and Middle/High School students are welcome!** If you are interested, please call 432-8711, or email Claudia Dominguez at claudia.stmarksnh.org.

Adult Volunteers Needed for Youth Group!

Are you between the age of 20 and 40 and interested in becoming more involved at St. Mark's? The Youth Group is looking for some volunteers to be Christian witnesses and mentors for our teens! We are also looking for any and all parishioners who would want to help out as a part of our support team! The time commitment is not huge but you would be making a huge difference! *Please join us for a casual conversation about the creation of an Adult Leadership Team for Youth Group, Sunday March 25th immediately following the 11AM Mass in the Parish Hall.* For more information contact Hollis: hollis@stmarksnh.org

Adult Faith Formation

We have been blessed with outstanding attendance and participation for our weekly AFF sessions this Lent! It's been a lot of fun, too! We will continue our exploration and meditation on the Gospel of Mark this *Monday evening, March 19*. Since the remaining sessions this Lent will be taking place following our Lenten Lamentations service, we will be hosting AFF in the church. The session will begin following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (roughly *7:30 PM*). Come join us as we discuss the life and ministry of Jesus through the inspired words of our patron, St. Mark the Evangelist!

Many Thanks!

On behalf of the Sisters of Holy Cross, we are so grateful for your generosity last weekend in benefiting Sister Claire's Children at Mary Gate of Heaven Orphanage in Haiti! The St. Mark's Family is continually blessing those in need with abundance - Praise be to God! For those of you may have missed the Sisters last weekend and would like to assist them in their mission to bring compassion and assistance to those most in need, they may be reached at: *Sisters of Holy Cross Claire Daneau Legacy Fund, 365 Island Pond Road, Manchester NH, 03109.* Checks can be made to *Sisters of Holy Cross/Claire Daneau Fund.*

Save the Date!

**2nd Annual Wine Tasting
Saturday, June 2nd**

Sacrificial Giving (Mar. 10 & 11)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (161)	\$3,718.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$1,753.00
Electronic Giving (1)	\$20.00
WeShare	\$5,075.99
Flowers	\$55.00
Social	\$64.00
General Donations	\$1,500.00
Religious Ed	\$130.00
Mass Donations	\$40.00
Total	\$12,355.99

Designated Funds

Capital Development (6)	\$93.00
Charitable (2)	\$40.00
Diocesan - Catholic Relief/Home Missions	\$863.00
Poor Box	\$725.00
Total	\$1,721.00
Grand Total	\$14,076.99

Mass Intentions for March 17 - March 25

3/17 Saturday, 5 PM:

People of the Parish

3/18 Sunday, 8 AM:

Alan Gosselin by the Gosselin family

3/18 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Gerardo & Maria Medina by Edgard & Maria Medina

3/18 Sunday, 11 AM:

Kathy Pond by the Giguere family

3/19 Monday 9 AM:

Edith DeLage by DeCosta Family

3/20 Tuesday, 9 AM:

John Balletto

3/21 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Alice Capistran by Mary Y. Lynch & family

3/22 Thursday, 9 AM:

Margaret McNeice by Barbara Scott

3/24 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pat Trongo by Wife & family

3/25 Sunday, 8 AM:

Rene Robergeau by his wife & children

3/25 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Fr. Tom Bresnahan by Terry and Allan Fernald

3/25 Sunday, 11 AM:

Theresa Beliveau by The Beliveau family

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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