



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 Your Parish Evangelist ...

We have arrived again to the most sacred week of the year - the week where the totality of our Faith is on display. Holy Week is the brass tacks of all that we believe: our suffering in this life is not in vain; hope of salvation and eternal life; and the unfathomable Love that conquers even death. This week we journey with the only begotten Son of God, like us in every way but sin, as He endures His Passion. We are once again asked to contemplate the mystery of why God chose to save us in this way, and likewise reflect on how our imitation of His Son contributes to this wondrous plan of salvation.

The three key themes we encounter this week - suffering, death, and resurrection - are not meant to be considered exclusively, but rather as a unified whole. For us Christians, suffering and death are not to be seen as defeats on the way to a victorious resurrection. Rather, there is true Grace in all three elements, unifying in one miraculous, triumphant victory! Why is this possible? Well, that's the mystery. How is this possible? Because Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, was obedient to the Father's plan and through that obedience sanctified the human experience - even our trials and tribulations.

There is an old cliché that says, 'there is no Easter Sunday without Good Friday.' We usually say or hear it in moments of exasperation when we are pleading for the gift of patience - sort of equivalent to 'I see the light at the end of the tunnel.' Our Liturgy this Palm Sunday focuses on this often elusive grace of patient suffering. It is that discipline which unites us in a real and unique way to Christ. After we process joyously with palms in hand, our opening prayer pleads 'graciously grant that we may heed His lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in His Resurrection.' We see that death and life are not mutually exclusive, but rather a unified reality through the merits of God encountering His creation through Christ Jesus.

Our First Reading from the prophet Isaiah is the well-known Song of the Suffering Servant. The striking message is the patience and obedience displayed in the midst of turmoil. 'Morning after morning He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled... The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.' The first three strophes of our Psalm today are filled with images of hardship and mockery - yet the final verse steadfastly proclaims glory and praise to God! The Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians brings these Old Testament passages to light in Christ: 'He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death... Because of this, God greatly exalted Him.' It is patience and humility in times of adversity and distress that constitute the path to exultation. This is the mystery of Christ's Passion. Indeed, it is the mystery of our Faith: 'For by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.'

Much can be said about St. Mark's portrayal of the Passion that we read in the Gospel, but it will remain unsaid for today. The story speaks for itself. Christ came among us to identify Himself with sinful humankind, and despite rejection, even from those closest to Him, He freed us from the power of sin and death. Let us praise Him this week for the opportunity to unite our pains with His, and ceaselessly hope to one day join Him in triumphant Glory.

Peace be with you,
Brandon Sargent

Prayers for our Family

As Holy Week begins 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*

Easter Flowers Still Available

Envelopes can be found at the church entrance for those who would like a special remembrance for loved ones by contributing to the beautiful flowers that adorn our worship space this Easter season. These souls will be remembered in the holy Masses celebrated during the Easter Octave. Simply print the names of your loved ones clearly on the envelope and return it with the donation to the collection basket or to the Welcome Center. The names will be listed in the bulletin after Easter for prayerful remembrance. Thank you for your generosity!

The Living Easter Basket

All Religious Education students in First through Fifth Grade are welcomed and encouraged to participate in 'The Living Easter Basket' on **Tuesday, March 27** from **4:30 - 6:00 PM!!** The children will experience Holy Week interactively through Bible theatre and the building of an easter Basket! This is a super fun way for them to experience the major events of Holy Week and simultaneously engage with the symbols of the season - fostering a deeper understanding of the real meaning of Easter and our share in the Life of our Risen Savior! Families are encouraged to replicate the basket at home and bring it on Holy Saturday to be blessed! This is a wonderful Eastern European tradition in preparation of the Easter feast that may greatly enrich your child's understanding of this most sacred time!

Spend an Hour with Him

Nocturnal Adoration will be held on **Friday, April 6** beginning at 8 PM until midnight. Please join us for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel each hour.

Holy Week Schedule

March 29 - Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Chapel of Repose - Room 209 - will be open for visitation until 10:30 PM)

March 30 - Good Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer (Church)
12:00 PM Seven Last Words with meditation by the Agape Dance Fellowship
4:00 PM Stations of the Cross with the Youth of St. Mark's
7:00 PM Good Friday Service
(Chapel of the Lord's Tomb - Room 209 will be through the night until 3:30 PM on Holy Saturday)

March 31 - Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer (Room 209)
3:00 PM Blessing of the Easter Baskets
8:00 PM Great Easter Vigil

April 1 - Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Easter Mass
9:30 AM Easter Mass
11:00 AM Easter Mass

This Week @ St. Mark's!!!

Sunday, March 25:

10:30 AM RCIA (Lounge)
12:00 PM Youth Ministry Leadership Team (Hall)
4:00 PM Youth Stations of the Cross Rehearsal
6:00 PM High School Youth Night (Lounge)

Tuesday, March 27:

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)

Thursday, March 29 - Sunday, April 1

See Holy Week Schedule Above

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? We have been seeking ways to get your generation more 'plugged-in' with our parish family, and what better opportunity than witnessing to and mentoring our youth! *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 today, Sunday March 25th immediately following the 11AM Mass in the Parish Hall.*** For more information contact Hollis: hollis@stmarksnh.org.

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!

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.

Confirmation Date!!

Please mark your calendars for ***Saturday, November 17.*** Bishop Peter Libasci will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our youth at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. There will be three separate services that day. **A comprehensive information form regarding this event will be available Easter weekend, both in our bulletin and on our website.** We are preparing all the information families will need, including schedule, sacramental preparation options, requirements, and event logistics.

Rice Bowls are Due!

We are still collecting Rice Bowls for the Catholic Relief Services. Please return them in the receptacle in the gathering space of the church. Thank you for your generosity as we continue to follow our Lord's request to feed the hungry and help our neighbors in need.

Women's Ministry

We are starting our final book for this year's book discussion group. ALL WOMEN are invited to join us in reading "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas. From the back of the book: "The classic story of the man who gambled for Christ's robe and won." We will meet Thursday May 17th at 7PM in the lounge to discuss what we've read. Participants are responsible to get their own books. Please consider joining us even if you haven't been able to join us previously. If you have any questions, please send an email to Susanne Levesque at Live4Him@myfairpoint.net.

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

This FUN week of activities, July 9 - 13, 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!!

High School Night Tonight!

Come to the Parish Lounge tonight, ***Sunday March 25,*** at 6:00 PM for food, fellowship, and fun! All are welcome - bring a friend!

Sacrificial Giving (Mar. 17 & 18)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (151)	\$4,495.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$1,726.00
Electronic Giving (5)	\$585.00
WeShare	\$1,863.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Social	\$81.00
Religious Ed	\$650.00
Mass Donations	\$375.00
Total	\$9,795.00

Designated Funds

Capital Development (6)	\$205.00
Charitable (2)	\$25.00
Altar Server Albs	\$20.00
Diocesan - Catholic Relief/Home Missions	\$127.00
Poor Box	\$10.00
Total	\$387.00
Grand Total	\$10,182.00

Parish Contact Information

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Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 AM
Birthright	(603) 434-3000
NH Catholic Charities, Windham	(603) 893-1971

Mass Intentions for March 24 - April 1

3/24 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pat Trongo by his 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

3/26 Monday 9 AM:

Caleb Ernest Croto by Rick & Paula Borrazas

3/27 Tuesday, 9 AM:

John B. Zocchi by the Broderick family

3/28 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Ed Dziergowski by Mary Y. Lynch & family

3/29 Thursday, 9 AM:

Priests of the Diocese of Manchester

3/31 Saturday, 8 PM:

Rita Lynn by Jane Leonard

4/1 Sunday, 8 AM:

People of the Parish

4/1 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Wally Ramsden by the Brown family

4/1 Sunday, 11 AM:

Edward Morris & Eric DeCarolis by
Rosemarie Morris & Phil DeCarolis

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