



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...

Happy Easter!! I promised I would start with that again, and we still have a few weeks to go, so I think I'll be able to say it (or write it) a few more times. Maybe now, finally, we actually FEEL like it's Easter with some weather that actually allows us to see plants, trees and grass coming back to life.

Speaking of spring weather, I started my flowers from seeds this week. I began doing this last year, both to save money on the annuals that we plant in the yard each year, but just as much to watch the flowers sprout and grow over the course of our short, New England growing season. I've always had a bit of a green thumb and enjoy the magic of a seed forcing its way through the dirt to catch some sunlight and grow. Bringing me back to my childhood, the first things I grew were Marigolds and Sunflowers, both of which I grew last season and will again this year.

But along with seeding and planting flowers comes pruning some of the perennials in my yard, particularly Rhododendrons and Burning Bushes. Both of these plants are almost indestructible. This is especially true for the Burning Bush, or *Euonymus alatus* (I had to look that up!) and it's now listed on the prohibited species of plants in NH, which means they are no longer sold because they are so invasive. I have a few of them on my property and aggressively prune them to keep them under control. This year I will be especially aggressive on two of the Burning Bushes in my yard.

This weekend Jesus says "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you." We don't have many vines in NH, so when I read this Gospel I think of the Burning Bush (not to be confused with Charlton Heston's movie version!) Am I bearing fruit? Have I already been pruned? Or is God pruning me now so that I can bear more fruit? I'm not sure I get it...

When I think about the other plants in my yard that I prune, there are a few reasons for pruning. One is that the branch has gone astray, growing faster than the others around it. I prune to help the plant focus its energy on the surrounding branches. It only has limited energy and if it is focusing all that energy on a branch that's gone astray, all the other branches suffer. Second, I prune areas to shape the plant. Every branch that's pruned, even the longest one, results in at least two branches sprouting from the area that's cut. I'll be thinking about how God is working to prune me while I'm working in the yard over the coming weeks! Enjoy the beautiful weather heading our way!

Happy Easter!

Deacon Tom

Earth Day Clean Up - Huge SUCCESS

A HUGE Thank you the volunteers who did some hard work beautifying the parish grounds for earth day! We are so grateful to Cub Scout Pack 605, members of the Youth Group, and all the parishioners who showed up to do some landscaping work and upkeep on our grounds for Earth Day! We would not have even made a dent in the cleanup without your awesome efforts! We hope to keep the momentum going and to continue to make stewardship of Creation a focus here at St. Mark's!

Pre-Summer Beach Bash

This weekend is your last chance to register for the PRE-SUMMER BEACH BASH! Barbecue, brats, baked beans, sliders and root beer floats! Games and music, too! Sign up after Mass. Cash, check and credit cards accepted. \$40 per couple for dinner (BYOB) and fun, fun, fun! We can't wait to see you there!

AED, CPR & First Aid Training

If you are a frequent volunteer at the parish — or even if you are considering increasing your knowledge of how to keep your loved ones safe — please consider becoming CPR certified in the lounge at **10:00 AM on May 16**. Cost of the program is \$55 per person. Contact the Parish Office to register.

Morning Mass...

Fr. Mike will be away **Monday, April 30**. For your convenience, there is Mass at the following locations:

St. Thomas Aquinas, 26 Crystal Ave, Derry on Monday at 8 AM.

St. Patrick's, 12 Main St, Pelham on Monday and Thursday at 8 AM.

Mothers Day Flowers

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 that will adorn our alter for Mothers Day. Simply print the names of your loved ones clearly on the envelope and return it with the donation to the collection basket or Welcome Center. Cards are also available to send to all the special moms in your life! Thank you for your generosity.

First Communion Retreat

The First Eucharist Parent & Child retreat will be held on **Sunday, May 6, 2018, from 12:30 PM until 3:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. We kindly ask that you bring a dessert to share for the break.

Vacation Bible School 'Rescue Board'!!

We're getting excited for our maiden voyage of Vacation Bible School: Shipwrecked! We're transforming our Parish Hall and Religious Ed Center into a tropical island for our castaway crews! We would love to have you be on our team to help make this fantasy destination a reality! Stop by the 'Rescue Board' in the gathering space of the Church after Mass and see if there is something you could donate to help bring this wonderful summer camp for our youth come to life!

If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please call the Parish Office at 432-8711 or stop by the Welcome Center for more information. All are welcome!

Spend an Hour with Him

Nocturnal Adoration will be held on **Friday, May 4 beginning at 8 PM until midnight**. Please join us for prayer and adoration before the Blessed sacrament in the Chapel each hour. For information, please call Dennis at 437-6051.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Monday, April 30:

9:00 AM *No Morning Mass*

Tuesday, May 1:

6AM-11PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 103)

Friday, May 4:

6:00 PM Scout Meeting Pack 605

8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, May 5:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

10:00 AM Al Anon District Meeting (Lounge)

6:00 PM Marriage Ministry Pre-Summer Bash

Sunday, May 6:

12:30 PM First Communion Retreat (Parish Hall)

2018 Sacramental Preparation Registration

All eligible youth *enrolled in the 3rd through 9th grades in the 2018/2019 school year*, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, November 17 at St. Joseph Cathedral, 145 Lowell St., Manchester.** To accommodate all St. Mark's families, there are three sessions now open for enrollment to choose from.

Session 1: Mon July 9 - Fri July 13 (9AM - Noon)

Session 2: Mon Aug 6 - Fri Aug 10 (6PM - 8PM)

Session 3: Tue Evenings in Oct (6PM - 8PM)

Confirmation Day Details

The Most Reverend Peter Libasci, Tenth Bishop of Manchester will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Date - Saturday, November 17, 2018

Place - St Joseph Cathedral, 145 Lowell St, Manchester
The following three liturgical services will be celebrated: **11:00AM, 1:30PM and 7:00PM.**

ALL forms can be found at our website stmarksnh.org, the Welcome Center or the Parish Office for your convenience. They can also be dropped off at the Parish Office, the Welcome Center or mailed to 1 South Road, Londonderry, NH. 03053.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-432-8711 or email info@stmarksnh.org.

Welcome Fathers! Thank you!

Our St. Mark's family is pleased to welcome two visiting priests to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass this weekend. Thank you to Fr. Bartholomew Ogumelu and Fr. Norman Simoneau for joining us!

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

The annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive is scheduled for Friday evening, **May 11** and all day Saturday, **May 12**. Volunteers will be available at 6 different locations: Market Basket, Benson's Hardware, Shaw's and 3 Dunkin Donuts locations. All proceeds will benefit the Londonderry Early Education Program and NH Special Olympics. To volunteer, please visit www.kofc10488.org and click on **Sign Up Here** located under Tootsie Roll Drive. This link will bring you to the VolunteerSpot sign up site. Youth and school age children are encouraged to sign up as well in the "youth volunteer" spots.

Pizza and Prayer!!

All parishioners are welcome to join the St. Mark's High School Youth Group for our first Pizza & Prayer event! Join us in the lounge on **Tuesday, May 8th at 6 PM** for dinner followed by a brief teaching and praying of the Rosary to honor Mary as our Mother!

The Poor Box for May will be for *Our Place*

This organization, sponsored by Catholic Charities, helps parenting teens and young adults provide their children with a loving, caring and safe home. In addition to assistance through the Poor Box, we will also have a playpen set up at the church entrance to collect some of the items needed to support these young families. The following items have been requested by *Our Place*:

- Disposable Diapers - sizes 4, 5 and 6
- Outfits - 12 mos., 2T and 3T (must be new)
- Other items needed for babies and small children

When you're out shopping please consider dropping a package of diapers or other baby related item into your cart for these new, needy parents. Thank you for your support!

Respect Life

The NH Knights of Columbus will recognize 10 winners of the statewide Student Respect Life Essay Contest this weekend at an awards banquet at the Radisson, Nashua. St. Mark the Evangelist has two winners this year: Michelle Dominguez, age 17, daughter of Andreas and Claudia Dominguez; and Caroline Hayes, age 17, daughter of Jim and Johanna Hayes. They each receive a check for \$100, a plaque, an opportunity to record their essay for broadcast on NH Catholic Radio (WICX, 102.7), and two complimentary banquet dinners. Their essays are posted on the St. Mark web site, www.stmarksnh.org, Respect Life Ministry page. Check out the contest, and what they and the other winners had to say, and watch for next years' contest this coming October. You too could win!

Please call John (434-4098) with questions or to get on the respect life email list.

Sacrificial Giving (Apr. 21 & 22)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (148)	\$3,762.50
Loose Cash & Checks	\$2,016.00
Electronic Giving (4)	\$185.00
WeShare	\$1,646.66
Social	\$77.00
General Donations	\$1,060.00
Religious Education	\$1,485.00
Mass Donations	\$260.00
Donations	\$200.00
Total	\$10,692.16

Designated Funds

Capital Development (8)	\$335.00
Charitable (5)	\$85.00
Special/Holy Day	\$100.00
Diocesan	\$18.00
Total	\$538.00
Grand Total	\$11,230.16

Parish Contact Information

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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 April 28 - May 6

4/28 Saturday, 5 PM:

Ed Dziergowski

4/29 Sunday, 8 AM:

People of the Parish

4/29 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

John Conner by Ed & Rita Gorman

4/29 Sunday, 11 AM:

Barbara G. Leonard by the Leonard family

5/1 Tuesday, 9 AM

Intentions of Chris Gallagher

5/2 Wednesday, 9 AM

Intentions of Barbara Despres

5/3 Thursday, 9 AM:

Rita Lussier by Bob & Maureen St. Jean

5/5 Saturday, 5 PM:

Ed Dziergowski

5/6 Sunday, 8 AM:

Joseph & Mary Boldeia by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

5/6 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

People of the Parish

5/6 Sunday, 11 AM:

James Fallon by the Fallon family

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