



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 Pastoral Council Chairperson...

Brothers and Sisters of St. Mark's,

While preparing to lector this weekend, the theme of the readings was clear to me: our love and acceptance for one another as fellow believers in Christ. In the First Reading from Acts, we hear about how, through our Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, we are all brought into God's diverse community of believers without exclusivity and that anyone who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to GOD. In the Second Reading, John poetically proclaims that it's our love for God and his love for us in return that is the very foundation for why we should love one another in that same way. To really drive it into our hearts, John tells us in the Gospel that Jesus clearly commanded his followers twice within the same message to "love one another".

While love clearly abounds within the St. Mark's parish community, as it has continually since its founding, difficult and dramatic situations have escalated and resulted in some divisiveness. As heard at the beginning of the First Reading, the Roman centurion Cornelius says when Peter falls at his feet, "I myself am also a human being." Yes, we are all human beings and we lose sight of the deep love that we have for one another. Some of the situations that I refer to are matters of employment, which for legal reasons and for the privacy of the individuals involved, cannot and should not be disclosed. There are indeed two or more sides to every story; all sides can't necessarily be shared publicly. The absence of one side of the story or the lack of answers and reasons often leads us astray from Jesus' commandment to "love one another". It is through God's love for us, and our love for one another, that St. Mark's will continue to be the warm, accepting and loving community that it has always been and will be for many years to come.

I have served on St. Mark's Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) since Fr. Pennett asked me to four years ago, this past year as the Chairperson. "Parish Pastoral Councils" are not the "Parish Councils" of the past. The PPC's purpose is to set the mission of the parish by discerning the present and future parish direction as well as to advise the Pastor and parish staff on the mission. The Diocese directs PPCs to concentrate on the pastoral elements of parish life such as evangelization, worship, word, community, service and stewardship. The mission of St. Mark's has not changed...you can read it in its position of prominence on the cover of this bulletin. While the mission has not changed, we all continually strive to build upon the elements of that mission.

For two years before Fr. Mike arrived, the PPC prioritized the pastoral areas that most needed improvement in our parish. The top three priorities were Youth Involvement, Community Outreach and Social Media. Fr. Mike clearly understood these priorities immediately and set to work with the full support of the PPC. He, along with many others, have worked selflessly and diligently on these priorities and more. We should all be immensely proud of how much our parish has grown in these pastoral areas. At times, tough decisions had to be made. Some of these decisions were met with opposition and anger. Never, have these efforts or decisions been made by one person. Whether it was the PPC, the Parish Finance Council, or the Diocese, advice was always sought out and counsel always given. Our priorities for improvement will continue to evolve as they will in every aspect of parish life. We will all reap the spiritual reward of an ever-growing love within our parish community despite the changes or heartache.

One area of improvement that the parish staff has been advised on recently is the security and confidentiality of the personal contact and demographic information of our parishioners. Recent e-mail blasts have caused concern for parishioners about the privacy of their personal information. I sincerely apologize for the concern this has caused and I can assure you that any breach was limited to e-mail addresses only. The parish staff have been asked to implement revised procedures so that all personal contact and identifying data on file with the parish office will be held with the utmost confidentiality. This includes restrictions to the information by staff only and no further distribution of that information.

The word "love" isn't found in our longstanding parish mission statement, but the deep and thoughtful words within it clearly infer the love that the founders of our parish had for one another and for all of God's followers. May we all continue to grow in our love for one another as we all do in our love for God.

With much love for you and for our community,

Justin Paré

Sponsor a Scholarship to Steubenville

Each summer, Life Teen hosts Steubenville East at UMass Lowell with the hopes of strengthening and inspiring teens and youth groups in their collective journeys with Christ. This weekend conference is a great way for our teens to break open the Gospel, while offering deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship. We are looking for scholarships for 15 teens; and we ask that each sponsor also take on the role of “prayer partner” for the teens and keep them in prayer throughout their journey to Steubenville East. Each scholarship is \$250.00. We appreciate any and all support! If interested or would like more information please contact Hollis at: hollis@stmarksnh.org!

Breakfast Sunday Coming Up!

Join us following the Sunday Masses on *May 20* for Breakfast Sunday! Pancakes, sausage, eggs, homefries, and more! Breakfast Sunday’s are always filled with fun and fellowship - come on down! Admission is \$5 per person (children under 3 are free).

Women’s Ministry

We will be meeting for our last book discussion of the season on *Thursday, May 17th at 7 PM* in the lounge. All women of the parish are invited to come discuss “The Robe” by Lloyd C. Douglas. If you’ve ever read the book or have yet to come to one of our events, come on down and join our discussion. We’ll be glad to have your insight! If you have any questions, please contact Susanne at Live4Him@myfairpoint.net.

Mothers Day Spiritual Bouquet

Envelopes can be found at the church entrance for those who would like a special remembrance for loved ones by contributing to the beautiful flower bouquet. 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 *TODAY, May 6th, 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!

This Week @ St. Mark’s!!

Monday, May 7:

- 9:00 AM *No Morning Mass*
- 7:00 PM Community Outreach (Room 104)
- 7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, May 8:

- 6AM-11PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 9:00 AM *No Morning Mass*
- 6:00 PM Youth Group Pizza & Prayer
- 7:00 PM St. Gianna’s Place Meeting (Room 203)

Wednesday, May 9:

- 9:00 AM *No Morning Mass* / Office Closed

Thursday, May 10:

Solemnity of the Ascension

- 9:00 AM Ascension Mass
- 7:00 PM Ascension Mass

Friday, May 11:

- 6:00 PM Scout Meeting

Saturday, May 12:

- 9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)
- 6:00 PM Pre-Summer Beach Bash

Fr. Mike will be at the Priest Convocation (retreat) from Monday May 7th - Wednesday May 9th, therefore there will be no morning Mass on those days.

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.

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.

Adult Faith Formation

Our AFF series continues tomorrow evening, **Monday May 7, at 7 PM!** Our journey through the Gospel of Mark will continue as we pick up where we left off at the end of Chapter 7. If you haven't joined us yet, or if you've missed a few, have no fear! You'll be able to pick right up where we are. See you there!

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 **THIS Tuesday, May 8th at 6 PM** for dinner followed by a brief teaching and praying of the Rosary to honor Mary as our Mother!

Community Outreach

Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 7th at 7PM** in Room 104. We will discuss our upcoming collection of baby items for *Our Place* in May and our Poor Box Charity for June - A parish serving Navajo reservations in Arizona and New Mexico. New members and ideas are always welcome. See you Monday night!

St. Mark's 2nd Annual Wine Tasting

Reserve your seat or table TODAY! Please join us **Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 6 to 10 PM** for dinner and delicious wine samples! In addition, there will be a Silent Auction and many raffle prizes PLUS the new dessert frenzy!! Its sure to be a GREAT evening of fun! Seats are \$40 each, or you may purchase a table of 8 for \$280 (\$35 per person). We are currently looking for sponsors...could this be you? Contact Diana LaMothe at FUN.stmarks@gmail.com.

Car Raffle Fundraiser

Do you have your car raffle ticket? It only takes ONE to win!! **Tickets are ONLY \$20 each!** This 2006 Nissan Sentra with only 55,000 miles is ready to be in your driveway!! Stop by the Welcome Center after mass or the Parish Office during business hours to get your ticket!

2018 Catholic Charities Appeal

Catholic Charities New Hampshire responds to those in need with programs that heal, comfort and empower. Please welcome Ernesto Burden who is a volunteer on the Resource & Development Committee for Catholic Charities. Please use the forms in the pews or Welcome Center to make your pledge today for this cause.

Sacrificial Giving (Apr. 28 & 29)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (145)	\$3,850.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$1,931.00
Electronic Giving (1)	\$20.00
WeShare	\$2,453.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Social	\$60.00
General Donations	\$580.00
Religious Education	\$1,930.00
Mass Donations	\$130.00
Total	\$10,974.00

Designated Funds

Capital Development (6)	\$110.00
Charitable (5)	\$59.00
Poor Box	\$63.00
Total	\$232.00
Grand Total	\$11,206.00

Mass Intentions for May 5 - May 13

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

5/7 Monday, 9 AM:

No Morning Mass

5/8 Tuesday, 9 AM:

No Morning Mass

5/9 Wednesday, 9 AM:

No Morning Mass

5/10 Thursday, 9 AM:

Phyllis Fernald by Allan & Terry Fernald

5/12 Saturday, 5 PM:

Eileen Market by Connie Trongo

5/13 Sunday, 8 AM:

Benjamin & Bunny Andrusaitis by
Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

5/13 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Jordan Lewis by Cynthia Nichols

5/13 Sunday, 11 AM:

People of the Parish

Parish Contact Information

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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