



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...

As this Easter Season draws near to a close, we prepare to celebrate another glorious anniversary: Pentecost Sunday - the birthday of the Church! The argument could be made that the Church was more or less established during our Lord's earthly ministry, yet the definitive moment that ministerial torch was passed from Christ to His followers is found in the holy tongues of fire that came to rest on them on the 50th day following the Resurrection (*Pentekoste* is Greek for 'fiftieth'). But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves!

Our readings today continue the overarching theme of unconditional love that we have been reflecting on in recent weeks. Alongside that message, we witness the preparation of Christ's disciples to carry on the Master's mission of unbridled charity. As Christ followers unwittingly approach their endowment of the Holy Spirit, we witness the formulation referred to as the Four Marks of the Church. These are four cardinal truths that each one of us profess even today, some two thousand years later... that the Church is *one, holy, catholic, and apostolic*.

In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the infant Church conduct its first ordination. Through prayer and divination, the disciples select Matthias to replace Judas. This restoration of the Twelve not only ensures continuity with the apostolic collation to the Twelve Tribes of Israel, but demonstrates the necessity of unity; of *oneness*. While on Earth, our Lord chose the Twelve to be his 'inner circle,' the privileged few who, despite their failings, were explained the mysteries of the Kingdom not in parables, but 'plainly' (Mk 8:32). In this way, the Apostles were set aside for the specific task of carrying on the message and mission of Christ here on Earth following Jesus' ascent to the Father. As Catholics, we continue to see this unity through the *Apostolic* Succession of popes and bishops, as they continue the Divine Commission to preach and sanctify. In the Gospel, our Lord prays, 'that they may be one as we are one.' Christ Himself desires that the unity of the Apostles (and therefore, the Church) reflect the unity of the Most Holy Trinity...

The foundation of the Apostles, with Christ as the Cornerstone, to this day strives toward one love of God and neighbor, as St. John reminds us today. 'If we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us.' This is the mission of the Church, to love without limits - without prejudice or favoritism. Universal love. The Greek word for 'universal' is *katholikos*. Universal love is *catholic* love.

At the end of the Gospel, our Lord continues to petition the Father: 'Consecrate them in the truth.' The Apostles are sanctified for a *holy* purpose - to spread and preserve the Divine Truth. One, holy, catholic, and apostolic. The Mystical Body of Christ: founded on the Apostles, universal in its desire for unity and sanctity in the Truth of Love. This our Faith. This is our Church. As we approach the solemn anniversary of our institution, let us praise God for his Wisdom and generosity, and let us enflame our Baptismal obligation to continue His Son's mission as members of His One Holy Catholic Church.

Peace be with you,

Brandon Sargent

Mother's Day Flower Sale!

Birthright will be holding it's annual Mother's Day Flower Sale this weekend, May 12th and 13th. Carnations will be available at all masses for \$1. All proceeds go to Birthright of Southern New Hampshire.

Sponsor a Scholarship to Steubenville

Each summer, Life Teen hosts the Steubenville East Conference 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!

Join us following the Sunday Masses next week 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.

CPR, AED & First Aid Training

If you are a frequent volunteer at the parish or considering to increase 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. **Deadline to register is May 14th**. Contact the Parish Office to register. 603-432-8711.

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!

Wine Tasting - Update

Due to scheduling conflicts, the FUNdraising team has decided to move the wine tasting to the Fall. If you have already purchased tickets, you will be contacted regarding a refund. More information will come soon once details have been finalized. Thank you.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Monday, May 14:

6:30 PM Scouts Pack 605 Meeting

Tuesday, May 15:

6AM-11PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

Wednesday, May 16:

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, May 17:

6:30 PM Women's Ministry Book (Lounge)

7:00 PM K of C Officers Meeting (Room 209)

Friday, May 18:

6:00 PM Scout Meeting

Saturday, May 19:

7:00 AM Men of St. Joseph (Church/Hall)

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

Sunday, May 20:

6:00 PM Youth Group (Parish Lounge)

*The Parish Office will be closed, Wednesday May 16.
The staff will be attending CPR/First Aid training.*

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.

Men of St. Joseph News

Calling all men! If you're looking for a great way to start your weekend, here's the answer. It starts early, 7:00 AM. It's hard hitting, like going to the gym. It's breakfast and a cup of coffee you didn't have to make. It's fellowship with guys who support and challenge each other to stand up for their family, church and community. Most important, it's guys helping each other become warriors who will take on the challenges of being a 21st century Catholic man. There are no sign-ups, no project, no dues. Just show up here at **7:00 AM next Saturday morning, May 19** for fellowship, food and prayer. We guarantee to have your headed out by 9:00 am sharp so you can get to your weekend projects. Come and check us out - you won't be disappointed. For more information, call Bill Donroe at 432-6066.

God Be Praised!

At the 11:00 Mass next Sunday, seven children of our St. Mark's family will be receiving First Holy Communion! Please pray for Brooke Eacrett, Roselyn Guertin, Addison Martinez, Caelum O'Loughlin, Ryan Pasternak, Grace Rich, and Shelby Ryan as they prepare to encounter Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

Get Excited for Youth Group Next Week!

All high school students are welcome to hang out in the lounge on **Sunday, May 20th at 6 PM.** It's Pentecost Sunday so we'll break open the Bible and find out what that means! And of course there will be pizza & games too!!

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!

Happy Mother's Day!

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for all mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, conflict, or difficult circumstances; May they feel the loving embrace of You, our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Sacrificial Giving (May 5 & 6)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (140)	\$4,018.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$1,923.00
Electronic Giving (5)	\$438.52
WeShare	\$5,040.99
Social	\$72.00
Mass Donations	\$30.00
Total	\$11,522.51

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$582.00
Charitable	\$70.00
Ascension/Mother's Day	\$429.00
Total	\$1,081.00
Grand Total	\$12,603.51

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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 May 12 - May 20

5/12 Saturday, 5 PM:

Eileen Markey 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

5/14 Monday, 9 AM:

Edward Dudlick by Ann & Marc D'Anjou

5/15 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Joan Bompastore by her family

5/16 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Annette Patturelli by Lois & Larry LeBlanc & family

5/17 Thursday, 9 AM:

Marie Abbene by Monica, Ron & Louis Turcotte

5/19 Saturday, 5 PM:

People of the Parish

5/20 Sunday, 8 AM:

Paul & Carol Doyon by their children

5/20 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

John Conner by K of C 10488

5/20 Sunday, 11 AM:

Richard Roth by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

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