



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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Website: www.stmarksnh.org

From Your Youth Minister...

Deacon Tom has been excitedly wishing everyone “Happy Easter!” for the last seven weeks, and as we say goodbye to the Easter season and move into Ordinary Time we can at least go out saying “Happy Birthday!” to each other. Today, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday - the birthday of the Catholic Church - as well as First Communion for seven of our Third Graders!

Continuing the theme of last week’s bulletin letter, when we break open the first reading from Acts (2:1-4) we find that the first Pentecost experience itself exemplifies for us the Four Marks of the Church that we profess to believe every time we attend Mass and say the Nicene Creed.

Mary and the disciples “...were all in one place together.” From the birth of our Church we learn that as a parish community we are called to come together as ONE in prayer and that our spiritual life is never done individually. As our Third Graders continue their initiation into the Church with the reception of the Eucharist, we must remember that we are all part of the Body of Christ, united even in our differences.

“And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind... there appeared to them tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...” The Church is HOLY by its very nature of being filled with the Holy Spirit. At the most fundamental level, the mission of the Church is to make people holy; i.e. bringing them into a relationship with God and love itself. At Confirmation, the Holy Spirit fills us with powerful gifts that allow us to better image that love of God to others. The Holy Spirit is not just an idea, it is a person who we have a relationship with and through sanctifying grace lives within us and the Church!

“... and began to speak in different tongues...” The disciples found that they were able to speak new languages, epitomizing the universality of the Church. CATHOLIC (with a lowercase “c”) means universal and Christ exhorts the disciples to, “Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...” (Mt 28:19) We must be willing to go beyond our comfort zones to meet those who we consider to be “other” and recognize that all are welcome and part of the Body of Christ.

“...as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim...” At the first Pentecost, the disciples truly became apostles (*apostolos* = messenger), they were empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the message of God’s love expressed through Christ’s sacrifice. In reality, every single one of us is called to be an apostle and a missionary; to witness Christ’s love to the rest of the world in each moment of our lives.

So, though we are entering “ordinary” time (which sounds pretty boring), in reality, we are called to enliven the everyday aspects of our faith; to be more intentional in our Christian discipleship! For starters, the next time we say the Creed at Mass, let’s take a moment to step away from the rote-ness of reciting something most of us memorized in childhood, slow down, and think about the words we are saying. Imagine we are at the first Pentecost in the room with the disciples and reflect upon what it really means to us to be part of a Church that is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Happy Birthday, all! And extra blessings on the second graders and their families!

In peace and gratitude,
Hollis Dunlop

Are You a Teen in Need of a Weekend Away?

Mark your calendars for the Steubenville East Conference this **July 13-15!** This weekend retreat at UMass Lowell is a great opportunity to meet other teens from around New England and to delve deeper into questions you may be having about your faith. If you are looking for an energizing and rejuvenating time this could be a great experience for you. For more information please talk to Hollis or email her at: hollis@stmarksnh.org

Breakfast Sunday!

Join us following the Sunday Masses this 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).

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!

For our Graduates...

Father, I have knowledge, so will You show me now how to use it wisely and find a way somehow to make the world I live in a little better place, and make life with its problems a little bit easier to face.

Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days, and show me how to serve You in effective ways, so my education, my knowledge and my skill may find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Your will.

May I ever be aware in everything I do, that knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from You. Amen.

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.

Wine Tasting - Update

Due to scheduling conflicts, the FUNdraising team has decided to move the wine tasting to the Fall. Refunds were issued this week to those who purchased tickets. If you have not received your refund, please contact Lisa at the Parish Office. More information will come soon once details have been finalized. Thank you.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, May 20:

6:00 PM Youth Group (Parish Lounge)

Monday, May 21:

6:30 PM Scouts Pack 605 Meeting

Tuesday, May 22:

6AM-11PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

7:00 PM St. Gianna's Meeting (Room 201)

Thursday, May 24:

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

Friday, May 25:

6:00 PM Scout Meeting

Saturday, May 26:

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

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

God Be Praised!

At the 11:00 Mass this 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 encounter Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament for the first time!

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!

Youth Group this Sunday!

Wondering about the role of the Holy Spirit in your life? Well, this **Sunday at 6 PM** is a great time to come to youth group! As we celebrate the birth of the Church on Pentecost we will look into Scripture to find out more about our relationship with the third person of the Trinity! If you've never thought about this before that's okay! And if you just want pizza that's okay too! For anyone who is interested we will also be praying the Rosary at 5:30 PM! See you there! Bring a friend!

Prayer Shawls...

Do you know someone in need of a spiritual lift? Someone who could benefit from the power of prayer? Perhaps someone in the hospital, homebound, or going through difficult challenges? We at St. Mark's are blessed to have a wonderful group of women who knit Prayer Shawls to accompany others on their journeys through life. If you know someone who could benefit from this gift of love and prayer, stop by the Welcome Center and pick one up.

Quiet Moments in His Presence...

Did you know that Eucharistic Adoration is a weekly practice here at St. Mark's? Every Tuesday, from 6 AM until 11 PM, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Chapel. Please come and spend an hour, or even just a few minutes. The Author of all Creation is truly here among us, and He patiently waits for you to 'Come and see' (John 1:39).

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!

Adult Faith Formation

Our AFF series continues tomorrow evening, **Monday May 21, at 7 PM!** Our journey through the Gospel of Mark will continue as we pick up where we left off at the beginning of Chapter 9. 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!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are looking for a few extra volunteers (18+) to help out with the Children's Liturgy of the Word, offered during the 9:30am Mass! The Children's Liturgy is a wonderful experience for our children ages 4-8 to come together, learn the rituals of the Mass, and hear the gospel at their own level! We'd love to have you join us! If you're interested, please contact Stephanie Wright at stephaniesigmund@yahoo.com or stop by the Welcome Center for more information.

Support for Separated & Divorced

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups. Do you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce? Please consider passing this information along to them.

Sacrificial Giving (May 12 & 13)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (149)	\$5,082.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$2,597.00
Electronic Giving (4)	\$105.00
WeShare	\$1,813.00
Social	\$51.00
Mass Donations	\$755.00
General Donations	\$3,398.00
Religious Education	\$3,780.00
Total	\$17,581.00

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$326.00
Charitable	\$110.00
Ascension	\$881.00
Diocesan	\$11.00
Total	\$1,328.00
Grand Total	\$18,909.00

Mass Intentions for May 19 - May 27

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

5/21 Monday, 9 AM:

Jacqueline Tatlis by Eileen Criscione

5/22 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Theresa Courtemanche by Andy & Pam Morneau

5/23 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Thomas A. Lynch by Renata Dryer

5/24 Thursday, 9 AM:

The Whitney, Desrosiers, & Morneau Families

By Andy & Pam Morneau

5/26 Saturday, 5 PM:

David Stuart by Nancy & Peter Kinney

5/27 Sunday, 8 AM:

People of the Parish

5/27 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Diane Savoie by Monique Savoie

5/27 Sunday, 11 AM:

Anna & Albert Goguen by Monique Savoie

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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