



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 Deacon...

This weekend our Gospel reading is my personal favorite passage in all of scripture. It's also the Gospel reading I choose to use at Baptisms, my favorite thing I get to do as a Deacon. So if you are having your child Baptized at St Mark's and you are reading this column you might either want to have Fr Mike do the baptism, or plan to nod off during the Homily I give at Baptisms, because this column will cover most of it!

I like to ask the families at Baptisms if they are having a party after the Baptism. They always seem reluctant to answer. I suspect it's because they aren't sure what to tell the clergy guy - may be they think having a party is the wrong answer and they'll get some kind of scrutiny? Of course it's something to be celebrated! So a party is necessary! Heaven is having a party after each baptism - the parents have claimed another heir to the Kingdom of God by having their child baptized!

Then I ask them if they know why they are having their child baptized. Most of the time it's more hesitation. If I was asked by Fr Tom Bresnahan, way back in 1993 why I was having my first child baptized, I would have had the same blank stare I see on many faces. Of course, I probably would have also hesitated on the question about the party too! Well, this Gospel passage answers the question. It also tells us a few other things.

We Baptize because JESUS TOLD US TO! It's right there in the gospel! In fact, everything we need to do is in this short Gospel passage. Many of us read Self-Help books, and any good self-help book has a summary of take-aways, or what you really need to focus on, at the end of the book. Well, if the Gospel is the ultimate self-help book (faith, leading to eternity with God in Heaven seems a pretty good goal to me!), then Matthew's Gospel ends with the summary we need.

Go! Jesus instructs the disciples that they must go tell people about what they have seen and heard. They can't sit around and keep it to themselves. We can't either. We are here today because they did just that. We need to continue their work. Make disciples! Share what following Jesus means and how it's done (by example) and maybe they will become followers also. Baptize them! If they become followers, welcome them into the Christian community by Baptism, followed by the other Sacraments as the new followers become ready (it doesn't end with Baptism!) Then the hardest part - Teach them! We have to know our faith, what we believe and why we believe it if we are to teach others, especially our children. But Jesus ends with the best line in all of scripture (to me!)

I am with you always, until the end of the age!

Deacon Tom

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

Mass Intention Book for 2019

Our Mass Intention Book for 2019 is now OPEN. Please call the Parish Office at 432-8711 or stop by our Welcome Center to schedule your masses today.

Vacation Bible School *Rescue Board!*

Our *June 25th* voyage is fast approaching!! We're getting excited! The Parish Hall and Religious Ed Center is slowly becoming a tropical island for our castaway crews! Is there something you could donate to help bring this summer camp to life for our youth? Check out our 'Rescue Board' in the gathering space of the Church after Mass. 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!

Fathers 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 spiritual 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 fathers in your life! Thank you for your generosity

Parish Picnic ~ SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars...the Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, July 29th!** Please join us for hot dogs, Hamburgers and all the fixings...plus a lot of FUN! If you would like to be on the Picnic Planning Committee, please call the office at 432-8711.

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.

Spend an Hour with Him

Nocturnal Adoration will be held on Friday, June 1 beginning at 8:00 PM until midnight. Please join us for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel each hour. For information, call Dennis at 437-6051.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Monday, May 28:

Parish Office Closed

6:30 PM Scouts Pack 605 Meeting

Tuesday, May 29:

6AM-11PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

Friday, June 1:

8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration

6:00 PM Scout Meeting

Saturday, June 2:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

3:00 PM Holy Hour for Vocations

The Parish Office will be closed Monday May 28 to observe Memorial Day.

Car Raffle Fundraiser

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!! GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKET TODAY! **Tickets are ONLY \$20 each!** This 2006 Nissan Sentra has only 55,000 miles and 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! *Drawing will be held on June 2nd after the 5:00 PM mass on the front steps.*

Red Cross Blood Drive - June 7th

Please join us on **Thursday, June 7 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code STMARK-LONDONDERRY into the Red Cross website.

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).

St. Gianna's Closet

Please consider donating your used-but-still-wearable Children's clothing to St. Gianna's Closet. All clothing is given out for free to anyone in need. If your family needs children's clothing, call Liz at 437-6678. Donations of sizes birth to teen are accepted and can be brought to the Parish Office. (Bin is located between the double doors) In addition, any baby equipment and used toys will also be accepted. Thank you!!

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

Looking ahead, our AFF series continues on **Monday June 4, at 7 PM!** 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.

Holy Hour for Vocations!!

In the Diocese of Manchester, Ordinations to the Priesthood are usually held on the *first* Saturday of June. However, this year, our Diocese does NOT have any priestly ordinations due to our small number of Seminarians... Come join us on Saturday, June 2 (the day the ordinations were scheduled for) to pray for an INCREASE in vocations to the Priesthood! The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 3:00 PM and will conclude with Benediction at 4:30 PM. Let us join with the rest of the Diocese on that day in prayer!!

Sacrificial Giving (May 19 & 20)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (149)	\$4,311.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$1,977.00
Electronic Giving (4)	\$120.00
WeShare	\$1,926.66
Mass Donations	\$55.00
General Donations	\$3,503.00
Religious Education	\$585.00
Total	\$12,477.66

Designated Funds

Charitable	\$300.00
Ascension	\$10.00
Diocesan	\$440.00
Total	\$750.00
Grand Total	\$13,227.66

Mass Intentions for May 26 - June 3

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

5/28 Monday, 9 AM:

Rev. Raymond Demers by John & Suzanne Patenaude

5/29 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Lisa Guillemette by Bill & Brenda Donroe

5/30 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Raymond Noyes by Mike & Pat Speltz

5/31 Thursday, 9 AM:

Pauline McCormick by Lois & Larry LeBlanc
and family

6/2 Saturday, 5 PM:

Joseph DeCarolus by the Fallon family

6/3 Sunday, 8 AM:

Jo-Anne & Stephen Green by Joseph Green,
Kari Blunt and Nicole Burke

6/3 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

People of the Parish

6/3 Sunday, 11 AM:

Gloria Ciccolo by Ed & Rita Gorman

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