

From your Pastor...

Brothers and Sisters-

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi!! During the liturgical year we remember and venerate the Passion of Christ and the blood that He poured out for us...but today we specifically venerate that great GIFT he left us in the Eucharist!! This is a tremendous gift., not a symbol...

Our tradition is so rich... so many parts of our liturgy which we celebrate each and every week comes directly from Scripture... At the consecration, the Priest has the tremendous honor of saying the exact words of Jesus at the Last Supper. In the Gospel of Mark we hear,

*“While they were eating,
he took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said,
“Take it; this is my body.”
Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them,
and they all drank from it.
He said to them,
“This is my blood of the covenant,
which will be shed for many.”*

This great gift is available to each of us week after week... our challenge is that it “renews and refreshes” us each time... and that it doesn’t just become routine. The Eucharist is the “Source and Summit” of everything we do as Catholic Christians. Christ emptied Himself completely for us... aren’t we called to do the same in charity and love for each other?? St Paul writes,

*“For if the blood of goats and bulls
and the sprinkling of a heifer’s ashes
can sanctify those who are defiled
so that their flesh is cleansed,
how much more will the blood of Christ,
who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God,
cleanse our consciences from dead works
to worship the living God.”*

There indeed is a refreshing and renewing going on each time we receive Him. Jesus chose to come to us in this way, even though every one of us are sinners! The Eucharist His his way of communicating His “Mercy and Forgiveness” for us by actually coming to dwell within us!! His True Presence is Love and Mercy itself!!

May our reception of His Body and Blood give us the strength and courage to be joyful and authentic witnesses of His Mercy and Forgiveness...and by our presence, refresh and renew all those around us!!

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

STEUBENVILLE SIGNUPS

Sign up *NOW* 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 contact Hollis. A signup sheet will be available in the Gathering Space after all the Masses.

Youth Group Movie Night!

Next Sunday, June 10th at 6PM -- come learn about the difficulties of homelessness and the struggles of the homeless to retain their human dignity. This will be a great conversation and preparation for us to start serving once a month at Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter! As always, invite your friends and be ready to eat lots of pizza! Contact Hollis if you have any questions.

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 the 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 St. Mark 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.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Monday, June 4:

7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, June 5:

6AM-11PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, June 6:

6:30 PM Pizza & Prayer (Lounge)

Thursday, June 7:

2:00 PM K of C Blood Drive (Parish Hall)

Friday, June 8:

6:00 PM Scout Meeting

Saturday, June 9:

9:30 AM Al Anon (Room 209)

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.

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).

WORD UP - Pizza & Prayer June 6th

Take some time to digest some delicious pizza and digest the Word of God! On June 6th at **6:30PM** we will explore the traditional Benedictine practice of *Lectio Divina* or Divine Reading and learn how it can be an important part of your prayer life! Contact Hollis with any questions.

The Poor Box for June, July & August

Donations to the Poor Box for the summer months will benefit our local food pantries. The hungry in our community, especially those with children, have an increased need for food during the summer months when the schools (providing subsidized lunch programs) are not in session. This is often the time when the food supplies at the Food Pantries are the lowest. Please consider helping those in need by donating to the Poor Box this summer!! Thank you for your generosity.

Adult Faith Formation

Please join us, **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 excited that Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue during the summer. Please join us at the 9:30 AM mass where children ages 4-8 years of age will be dismissed to hear the inspiring Gospel message at an age appropriate level.

Is there an ECHO in here?

Our staff has been working hard for the last few months to plan an engaging and dynamic Sacramental Prep Program for this Summer and Fall. Even with all of the time and the effort that we have put into planning this program, it will not be successful without a strong team of catechists working with us. Which is why we are creating ECHO, Evangelizing Catechists for Heroic Opportunities! We want to offer catechists time for spiritual renewal and chances to deepen their faith and relationship with Christ. Time commitments vary. For example, if you are only available to help with one session of Sacramental Prep that's perfect. If you are available for all three, that's perfect too! If you are at all considering being a witness to our kids please reach out to Hollis or Brandon ASAP.

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.

How Do You Give!

Your giving makes a difference! It's a joy to receive the blessings God has placed in our hands. The joy only grows when we give and receive together. Our online giving service, ParishPay, has now become WeShare! To administer your account, visit our website stmarksnh.org and click on the WeShare icon! All existing information has migrated to this new service. If you have questions, please call the office at 432-8711.

Sacrificial Giving (May 26 & 27)

Operating Funds

Offertory Envelopes (145)	\$3,412.50
Loose Cash & Checks	\$1,729.00
Electronic Giving (4)	\$485.00
WeShare	\$1,798.00
Mass Donations	\$50.00
General Donations	\$340.00
Religious Education	\$620.00
Total	\$8,434.50

Designated Funds

Capital Development	\$53.00
Ascension	\$15.00
Diocesan	\$10.00
Poor Box	\$117.00
Total	\$195.00
Grand Total	\$8,629.50

Parish Contact Information

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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 June 2 - June 10

6/2 Saturday, 5 PM:

Joseph DeCarolis by the Fallon family

6/3 Sunday, 8 AM:

Jo-Anne & Stephen Green

by Joseph Green, Kari Blunt & Nicole Burke

6/3 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

People of the Parish

6/3 Sunday, 11 AM:

Gloria Ciccolo by Ed & Rita Gorman

6/4 Monday, 9 AM:

Dorothy Maxwell by her husband & family

6/5 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Adrian Pallone by his family

6/6 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Raymond Keenan by Allan & Terry Fernald

6/7 Thursday, 9 AM:

Leo Roy by John & Suzanne Patenaude

6/9 Saturday, 5 PM:

Ed Dziergowski by Dianne Hoppe

6/10 Sunday, 8 AM:

Kerry Hildreth by the Kelley family

6/10 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

David & Elodie Savoie by Monique Savoie

6/10 Sunday, 11 AM:

Jackson Isenberg

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