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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**

***All Masses can be seen on our livestream at  
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*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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*Scripture Reflections for the Weekend*

*From the Desk of the Deacon*

I'm writing this column after the 'Great Social Media Outage of 2021'. I hope you all survived without Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp for a few hours this week. I was happy that I couldn't access Facebook. I waste way too much time scrolling through, just for entertainment of the various groups I belong to. Some of them are local postings and groups with many people seeking advice from others. I find that in most cases, when people seek advice, they really want someone to just agree with their opinion. Makes sense since asking random people we don't know for their input might not be the best source of information. I think if you ask 5 random people for advice, you'll get at least 6 opinions. On Facebook, it's orders of magnitude higher.

It wasn't often that my children came to me for advice when they were growing up, since they mostly got it unsolicited anyways. But as they grew older, and I gave them less unrequested input on their lives and decisions, my advice typically took a different approach. When they'd ask what they should do in a particularly tough situation, my answer was consistently: "You always know the right thing to do, because it's the thing you most don't want to do." We might call that seeking the easy way out, but maybe a more optimistic view can come from my electrical engineering background – we take the path of least resistance.

As an adult, I have developed a group of trusted people for when I need advice. I solicit input from lots of people but have a small group of trusted people to tell me what I need to hear, not just what I want to hear. That's what happens in today's Gospel. The man seeks advice from Jesus, knowing he's doing reasonably well in his life. So the first answer relieves him, since he's following the rules. Then, like always, Jesus ups the challenge. We're never done! This new challenge devastates the man. He leaves sad because the challenge Jesus gives him was unexpected and not what he wanted to hear.

But don't focus on the challenge that Jesus gives the man. We all have a challenge from Jesus. It's probably not the same one this man faced, but we all have them. And just when we meet that challenge, He'll issue us another. We're never done! Instead focus on what Jesus does, just before issuing the challenge to the man in the story. Jesus looked at him and loved him! If we remember that with each of the challenges Jesus gives us in our lives, it makes overcoming those challenges a little bit easier!

Deacon Tom

*From the Youth Minister*

Have you ever wanted something so bad that it became the only thing you thought about? That every choice, every action you made was orientated towards obtaining that goal? Maybe it was a promotion. Maybe it was a spot on the varsity football team. Maybe it was getting into your top choice for college. Picture it in your mind and remember how that desire burned deep within your heart. Now we have a glimpse of what the author of the book of Wisdom was speaking about in our first reading and what the rich young man felt in his conversation with Jesus in today's gospel.

The author of the book of Wisdom today speaks about how nothing compares to the gift of Godly wisdom; how it is worth losing everything for. He is willing to even give up his very life to obtain it. You can really hear the hunger of this individual. Then we look at the rich young man in the gospel who approaches Jesus with a similar hunger. He recognizes that Jesus is the wisdom of God and that what He promises those who follow Him, eternal life, is so much better than wisdom. From the deepest part of this young man's soul the question, "what must I do?" arises. Jesus sees his hunger and responds to it, "Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, '...follow me.'"

These two readings give us so much to reflect on this week. Do I hunger for the Lord as much as the author of the book of Wisdom? Am I willing to lose everything for the Lord? How about the rich young man? Do I seek to live out the Church's teachings in my daily life? Do I reach out to the people around me who are in most need?

But what will my friends/family think of me? **Follow me.**

What if someone makes fun of me? **Follow me.**

I don't know where to begin. **Follow me.**

The invitation that the Lord extended to the rich young man is extended to each one of us daily, "Follow me." Let us respond generously to Him. Be not afraid.

Mickayla

**The 9:30PM Worship (Music) Team**

What an GREAT response!! Keep coming!! We would love to have you if you enjoy singing or playing an instrument!! This contemporary group will continue to practice **after the 9:30 Mass every Sunday in Room 202**. If you have any questions, please contact Artie at [artie@stmarksnh.org](mailto:artie@stmarksnh.org). If you love music, we would love to have you!!

**Adult Choir - Growing Fast!**

Do you love to sing? We would love for you to join us! Join us for our next rehearsal on **Tuesday, October 12 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Room 202**. Come check us out! If you have any questions, please contact Amanda at [amanda@stmarksnh.org](mailto:amanda@stmarksnh.org).

**Join the Muffin Mission!**

We are looking to form a crew willing to prepare muffins for our Sunday Café! We would potentially meet prior to the Saturday Evening Mass to prepare and bake 5 - 6 dozen muffins. All ingredients are and materials are provided - we just need YOU! If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

**His Healing Touch Ministry**

A virtual session of hope, encouragement and support for those in our community who may be suffering from chronic pain, illness, isolation or hardship of any kind. Meetings are open and ongoing via Zoom at 11 AM on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. **Our next session is Wednesday, October 13**. All are welcome! Please email [healingtouch@stmarksnh.org](mailto:healingtouch@stmarksnh.org) to receive the meeting link or call the office at 437-8711.

**Wednesday Witness: New Day! New Name!**

Our popular faith formation series Wednesday Witness is moving to a new day! Wednesday Witness is now **Weekday Witness** and will be held on **Thursday mornings following the 9:00 Mass beginning on October 14**. Join us for faith and fellowship after Daily Mass on Thursdays in the Parish Hall, as our Parish Evangelist Brandon Sargent presents a historical and spiritual analysis of the Scripture passages from the Weekday Lectionary.

**Faith Formation - Information**

As we move in to cold and flu season, we ask that you refrain from coming to Faith Formation if your child isn't feeling well. This includes, but not limited to:

- a. Have a fever or feel feverish in the last 72 hours, including chills, or shaking.
- b. Experiencing any new muscle aches or pains, headache, nausea, severe fatigue without apparent cause
- c. Changes in sense of taste or smell
- d. Temperature over 100 degrees
- e. Cough, or shortness of breath. If they suffer annually from allergies (e.g. sneezing, red eyes, runny nose & cough), have them let us know.

We thank you for your cooperation as we try to keep everyone safe.

**Next class dates: October 17 & 24**

**November 7 & 21**

**December 5, 12 & 19**

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**This Week @ St. Mark's!!**

**Sunday, October 10:**

10:30 AM                      Worship Team Rehearsal(Rm202)

**Monday, October 11:**

9:00 AM                      Mass

*Parish Office Closed*

**Tuesday, October 12:**

9:30 - 3:30 PM              Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 - 8:00 PM              Adult Choir Rehearsal (Rm 202)

**Wednesday, October 13:**

11:00 AM                      His Healing Touch (Zoom)

6:30 PM                      St. Gianna's Place Meeting

**Thursday, October 14:**

9:30 AM                      Weekday Witness

7:00 PM                      K of C Officers Meeting

**Friday, October 15:**

6:00 PM                      Pack 605 Den Meeting (Parish Center)

**Saturday, October 16:**

7:00 AM                      Men of St. Joseph

9:30 AM                      Al Anon

*The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 11 to observe Columbus Day.*

### **Community Outreach**

Get involved! The Community Outreach team is heavily involved with helping our community and others! They are currently discussing Christmas Basket Program, Stocking for Soldiers along with all the NEW ideas that have become available. Would you like to be a part of this amazing team? It takes many hands to execute all these amazing ideas! For further information or questions, please contact Dianne at [dianne.zdankiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:dianne.zdankiewicz@gmail.com).

### **Stockings for Soldiers - Coming SOON!**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... St. Mark's will once again be filling Holiday stockings for our troops overseas and for veterans in need. The program is sponsored by operation Care for Troops and the St. Mark's Outreach Committee. Stockings will be available after all Masses October 16 & 17. Stay tuned... more information to come.

### **Men of St. Joseph - October 16 @ 7 AM**

All men are invited to join us for our regular monthly get together on **Saturday, October 16 at 7 AM!** There will be food and fellowship until 9 AM. Come check us out! For more information or questions, please contact Bill Donroe at [bdonroe@comcast.net](mailto:bdonroe@comcast.net).

### **October is Respect Life Month**

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

St. Joseph,

At the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen

### **St. Mark's 40th Anniversary!**

We will kick off this year long celebration with a Fall Parish BBQ on **October 24 from NOON to 3PM!** Plan on an afternoon of fun and entertainment.... don't worry the Patriots game will be on!!! Grab your picnic blankets (or chairs) and plan on joining us!! We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, steak tips and apple cider!! **Please consider bringing a side dish or dessert to share...** along with your own cooler of spirits if you wish. **For planning purposes, please RSVP by October 19th.** You can sign up on the website, stop by our Welcome Center or call the Parish Office at 432-8711!! A HUGE THANK YOU to our Knights of Columbus #10488 who have been benefactors of this event! We look forward to seeing everyone!!

#### **Fun Things @ the BBQ**

(\*Prize Awarded)

Best children's costume\*

LIVE Band

Guessing the weight of a pumpkin \*

50/50 Raffle

Pie Eating Contest \*

Corn Hole

Guessing the number of candy corn in a jar \*

Ice Cream Truck will be coming!!

Inflatable Slide

### **Surviving the Holidays - Save the Date!**

Have you experienced a loss of someone you love and planning for the Holidays are difficult? Are the Holidays difficult for you? Do you need help with surviving the "alone" time? We invite you to join us **Sunday, November 7 at 5:30 PM.** The group seminar will support, comfort and encourage you through the upcoming Holiday Season. This will be facilitated by Vicky Wood. Materials will be provided. *Reserve your seat today!* Call the Parish Office at 432-8711.

### **Outreach Services for Victims**

If you or a loved one has experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, we urge you to contact the diocesan Office for Healing and Pastoral Care at (603) 669-3100. Help is available.

**Sacrificial Giving**  
**Week of 9/29/2021 - 10/5/2021**

Regular Offertory:	\$ 7,013.00
WeShare:	\$ 5,118.38
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 12,131.38</b>

(Parish Budget is \$10,000 per week)

**Mass Intentions for Oct 9 - Oct 17, 2021**

**10/9 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Edwin & Mary Kruse by Dennis & Barbara Pedley

**10/10 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Rod Granese by the family

**10/10 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Marvin Hanson by the Wood family

**10/10 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Intentions for Deacon Lee Abbott  
By Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

**10/11 Monday, 9 AM:**

Diane Spahn by Norm & Diane Ducas

**10/12 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

Frankie Potter by Arleen Potter

**10/13 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

John T. McCarthy by K of C

**10/14 Thursday, 9 AM:**

Bernard Marineau by the Spies family

**10/16 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Catherine Zora by their daughters

**10/17 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Robert Meier by the Olsen family

**10/17 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Anna Marie & Joe Kovac by the family

**10/17 Sunday, 11 AM:**

John Conner by Nancy Conner

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Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 AM
Birthright	(603) 434-3000
NH Catholic Charities, Nashua	(603) 889-9431

**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, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM / First Fridays 8 - 9 PM

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