



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

***All Masses can be seen on our livestream at
stmarksnh.org***

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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How To Advent:

‘TIS THE SEASON OF ADVENT! It’s November, it’s cold outside, and you’ve got your cozy sweater on. If you’re like me, the Christmas tree is up, the lights are on, the cocoa is hot, the church is decked out and the Advent wreath is by the altar. There is even a nativity scene set up with one noticeable figure missing. But in order to get the most out of Advent, we have to do a little bit more than decking the halls and putting the good silver out. Here’s a few simple ways to get started:

Celebrate the Season

A good way to focus on Advent is to start up some traditions! I remember as a child, my family setting up a small Advent wreath on our table. After dinner each night, we would read an Advent reflection and light the appropriate candle for that week. It was a little bumpy at first as we adjusted to this new tradition but by the end of Advent each year, we always found ourselves looking forward to the day’s reflection.

Dive into Daily Prayer

Spending time every day in prayer is the most important part of any spiritual journey, and while I’ll spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration each week (Tuesdays from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM; 8:50 - 9:20 AM on Sundays when there is class), my favorite way to make time to pray is to simply play some Christian music while I am driving. You could also dive into scripture and get into the habit of reading the Sunday readings in preparation for mass.

Confession

To truly allow Jesus to enter into our hearts this Christmas, we’ve gotta make some room. In Confession, we are given an opportunity to make room for Him. Maybe all you can offer Him is a shabby stable with a dirt floor and a wooden trough filled with hay. That’s okay, He will take whatever you can give Him. We all need to take time to sit quietly with our Lord and think of the ways we have distanced ourselves from Him through sin; to recognize the ways we have fallen in our journey to holiness. Empty yourself out in vulnerability during Confession, share with Him all the things that hold you back, and invite Him into your heart like never before. Take confidence in the knowledge that Jesus is present in the confessional and is speaking through Father. Christ did not come to us when we had it all together or when we were ready. He came in the midst of all our mess. He entered into the literal pig sties of our lives!

Journey Along with Mary

No one does Advent better than our Blessed Mother. After all, she prepared her heart for the coming of Jesus for 9 months! No one knows how to receive Christ like she did – fearlessly, boldly, gently, freely, purely and completely. Ask our Lady to lend you her “yes”; to form your heart into a vessel. She is the perfect example of obedience and receptivity.

Advent is a time set apart. The weeks leading up to Christmas eve are meant to be a time of prayer and joyful anticipation! It’s a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus into this world as an infant, and He asks that we receive Him. Let’s make this the best Advent yet!

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Youth Choir - Join us for Christmas Eve!

The St. Mark's Youth Choir will sing upstairs at the **4PM Mass on Christmas Eve** and is open to all in our parish ages 8-18. If you, or anyone in your family, wants to sing or play an instrument we'd love to have you! See Amanda with any questions - there will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. **Our next rehearsal will be Sunday, December 5.** Ages 8-12 is from 5:00 - 5:45PM, Ages 12 and up is 5:30 - 6:15PM and instruments are 6:00 - 6:30PM. See you there!

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, November 30 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Room 202.** Come check us out!

Holy Half Hour

There will be a Holy Half Hour for teens each **Sunday that there are classes from 8:50AM - 9:20 AM.** This will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration, guided prayer, music, moments of silence and peace. Although the music and meditations will be tailored towards teens, everyone is welcome! Come prepare your hearts for receiving Jesus in the Eucharist by spending 30 minutes adoring Him. We hope to see you there! **Next Holy Half Hour will be Sunday, December 5.**

K of C #10488 - Christmas Tree Sale

The St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Tree sale is underway!!!! You can find these awesome trees at Chuck's BP gas station at the corner of Rte 102 and Mammoth Road in Londonderry. The trees are top quality New England grown Balsam firs. The proceeds from the sale of these trees are used to fund the many charitable activities supported by St. Mark's council. Please support the Knights by buying one of their trees. **Hours: Monday, Thursday & Fridays from 6 - 8PM and Saturday and Sundays from 9AM - 6PM.**

Welcome Center - Did you know?

Welcome New Parishioners!! Did you know that we have a Welcome Center here at St. Mark's? As you walk in to church, it is located to your right. You can book a Mass Intention, get a Mass card, ask questions, leave a message for the Parish Office, register for Faith Formation and other seasonal events, pick up a Prayer Shawl and more... Stop by and say "hello"!

Advent Evensong

Join us on Mondays Evenings
November 29, December 6, 13 & 20

6:00 PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 PM
Evensong & Benediction
with reflection by Fr. Mike

All are welcome!

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus will be offering Christmas car magnets and ornaments for sale. If anyone wants cards in a foreign language those can be ordered. There will be new magnets in Red, Blue and Green, plus the traditional white ones. Sales will be in the Welcome Center!!

Nocturnal Adoration

This will be held on **Friday, December 3, 2021** beginning at 8 PM until 9 PM. Join us for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel each hour.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, November 28:

10:30 AM Worship Team Rehearsal

Monday, November 29:

6:00 PM Advent Evensong with reflection

Tuesday, November 30:

9:30 - 3:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

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

Wednesday, December 1:

9:00 AM Foster Care Bag Meeting

Thursday, December 2:

9:30 AM Weekday Witness

Friday, December 3:

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

Saturday, December 4:

9:30 AM Al Anon

Christmas Basket Program 2021

This Outreach Program has been helping local Londonderry families for years!! We work together with St. Jude's and it is such a great opportunity for all of us to give back during the Christmas season!

Please see below for the many ways you can still participate.

Online Options: Visit stmarksnh.org and select 'Christmas Angels' to find a gift for someone or call the Parish Office.

Food Drive: There will be no ornaments for specific food items or grocery cards as in past years. Please see the list of items we are requesting below. We are also requesting grocery gift cards from Market Basket, Shaw's and Hannaford's.

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| Peanut Butter | Tuna | Mac n Cheese |
| Baked Beans | Rice | Bottled Juice |
| Hot or Cold Cereal | Pasta | Pasta Sauce |
| Canned Vegetables | Stuffing | Soup |

Gift Cards: If you cannot shop this year or would like to purchase a gift card... suggested places: Walmart, Amazon or Target gift cards. These will be used in place of items to complete the families basket or any 'last minute' items needed.

Cash Donations: May be dropped in the offertory box in an envelope marked '**CHRISTMAS BASKETS**'. This money will be used to purchase items needed to complete any baskets.

ALL items should be returned to the designated area in the front of the church no later than December 5, 2021.

Questions? Please contact Tara at tjinglese@aol.com or 617-717-4013.

Christmas Flower Envelopes

Christmas flower envelopes will be available in the gathering space as you enter church. These flowers will adorn our worship space this Christmas Season. Thank you!!

Holy Day of Obligation - December 8 - 2021

Please join us at **9:00 AM** or **7:00 PM** for the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00PM, 5:15PM, 6:15PM & Midnight

Christmas Day

10:00AM

**All Masses will be in the Church. The Children's Choir sings at the 4:00PM Mass.*

Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program!

St. Mark's has been selected for the month of November!! St. Mark's will receive \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford store located at 6 Hampton Drive, Londonderry! Hannaford's is supporting local non-profits more than ever and this program makes it easy for shoppers to give back!! Every month, Hannaford contributes money to approximately 184 non-profits local to the communities. Recipient organizations change monthly based on the selections made by store leadership. We hope you'll support us this month by purchasing one or two - Fight Hunger Bags!! All money received goes into our charitable fund that is used to help others! Thank you for all your support.



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.

Parish Contact Information

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

The Financial Report will appear in next week's bulletin, due to the early publishing deadline.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity!!! Without your continued gifts of time, talent and treasure, St. Mark's could not be the vibrant and welcoming community that it is!! We never take it for granted!

Mass Intentions for Nov 27 - Dec 4, 2021

11/27 Saturday, 5 PM:

Maria Luisa Castro by her daughter

11/28 Sunday, 8 AM:

Dorothy Maxwell by the family

11/28 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Joseph & Mary Boldeia
by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

11/28 Sunday, 11 AM:

Benjamin & Bunny Andrusaitis
by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

11/29 Monday, 9 AM:

Harry & Gerry Duffy by Kathy Cooper

11/30 Tuesday, 9 AM:

William Callahan by the Spies family

12/1 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Harry & Gerry Duffy by Kathy Cooper

12/2 Thursday, 9 AM:

Francisca Dantas

12/3 Saturday, 5 PM:

People of the Parish

12/4 Sunday, 8 AM:

Dorothy Maxwell by the family

12/4 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

John Flemings Sr. by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

12/4 Sunday, 11 AM:

Thomas Josef by John & Suzanne Patenaude

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