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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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From the Parish Evangelist

It has been quite a while since I have had to contribute an article to the weekly bulletin. It's been a long, strange year-and-a-half, but I hope you would join me in rejoicing in a restoration of 'normalcy', of which the return of the bulletin is certainly a sign. And wouldn't you know it... my first article back and we get the Scripture passages concerning marriage and divorce. Just lucky, I guess...

Jesus's teachings on marriage and relationships are not infrequent in the Gospels. As we know, these teachings are prominent throughout the entirety of Sacred Scripture. Look no further than our First Reading, which literally appears on Page 2 of the Bible. There is much that can be pondered, evaluated, and discussed about marriage. It is certainly a 'hot topic' these days, but an overhead view of this Sunday's readings illustrates that it seems to always have been a topic at the forefront of the human experience... as much as things change, they seem to stay the same.

I am going to go out on a limb and make the assumption that if you are reading this, you are familiar with what the Catholic Church teaches about the role and sanctity of marriage. If you would like a review, I would recommend the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1601 - 1658. You can find it online, or if you would like a hardcopy, we have a few around here that you are welcome to borrow. But rather than attempt to summarize such thorough and complete teaching, there is a particular responsibility concerning Holy Matrimony that I would like to raise...

Two weeks ago, our Parish Staff received some wonderful news. A family in our St. Mark's community announced that one of their daughters got engaged. While we always greet such news with joy and excitement, there was something in particular that struck me... the bride to be is 21 years old. Her fiancé is 22.

For certain generations, this may not seem unusual. But for my generation and those younger than myself, this is not the common occurrence it once was. There has been an increasing societal shift in the past half-century that has witnessed the average age of 'settling down' get older and older (if it ever happens at all!). College, careers, 'speed dating', fear of commitment, aversion to starting a family... Marriage increasingly seems like an afterthought. Perhaps it may be considered for financial practicality. Maybe it's a long imbedded fantasy about 'My Big Day' and the luxury of an exotic get-away. Maybe it's an inner compulsion that 'we're supposed to do this... but I really don't know why.' What if he or she isn't 'the one'? What if it doesn't work out? What if a better offer comes along? Sounds nice, but now isn't the right time...

Don't get me wrong - none of those considerations are in themselves 'bad' - in fact, they are quite natural. My question is: what are WE doing about it? We, who believe that marriage is a Sacrament - an outpouring of God's grace that is both unitive and procreative. We, who profess that marriage is a true imitation of the union between Christ and His Church. We, who believe that marriage is a covenant in which spouses swear before the Creator that they will do everything in their power to assist the other in obtaining Eternal Life.

Do we encourage marriage? Do we discuss it with our children and young people with the same focus and intensity that we discuss other dreams for their future? It is more all-encompassing, intimate, and fulfilling than any other vocation they will discern. Do we discuss our experiences? The joys and the challenges? The successes and the failures? Do we encourage our young people to listen to God's plan? You don't have to look far - it's right there on Page 2.

We, men and women, are made by Love and for love. A love that imitates and seeks to conform with the Love by which we were created, redeemed, and destined. Love that is sacrificial. Life-giving. Eternal. True.

Let us proclaim it, foster it, and encourage it.

Peace be with you.

Brandon Sargent

The 9:30AM Worship (Music) Team

Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? This contemporary group will have their **FIRST** practice **after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, October 3 in Room 202**. If you have any questions, please contact Artie at artie@stmarksnh.org. If you love music, we would love to have you!!

Adult Choir - Next Rehearsal!

Our first rehearsal went great!! We are still looking for individuals who love to sing!! Consider joining us for our next rehearsal on **Tuesday, October 5 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM** in Room 202. Come check us out! If you have any questions or interested to be apart of this group, please contact Amanda at amanda@stmarksnh.org.

Welcome Team - This ministry welcomes parishioners, and assists in any way. This includes Mass cards, ministry information and much more. Training provided.

Please call the Parish Office at 432-8711 for more information or to sign up.

Retired Priest Collection - Thank You!

Thank you to all those who were able to contribute toward the Priests Retirement Trust Fund. Your gift goes toward helping currently retired priests as well as to make sure we can provide for those priests who will be retiring in the years to come.

Blessing of the Animals - TODAY (Sunday)!

In the spirit of St. Francis, we will have a Blessing of the Animals **TODAY (Sunday) at noon!** Bring any four legged and feathered friends who you would like to honor for their companionship in your life!

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. Please email healingtouch@stmarksnh.org to receive the meeting link or call the office at 437-8711.

Faith Formation 2021-2022

We are off to a great start!! It's SO great seeing the packed halls of smiling children, parents and our amazing catechists!

Our goal is to have EVERY child enrolled in a Faith Formation Program. We have programs for PreK - 12th grade!

If your child is in a Sacramental year

- Grade 2 - Reconciliation
- Grade 3 - Confirmation & First Eucharist

they are required to participate to receive their Sacraments.

Registration is still OPEN! We are still looking for Catechists or Catechist Assistants. We are blessed with an abundance of children of all ages and could use some 'extra' hands everywhere! Please consider lending a hand. Training provided.

Class Dates for October: 3, 17 & 24

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, October 3:

- 9:30 AM - Noon St. Mark's KIDS, Edge, Life Teen
- 10:30 AM Worship Team Rehearsal(Rm102)

Tuesday, October 5:

- 9:30 - 3:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting

Wednesday, October 6:

- 9:30 AM Wednesday Witness
- 7:00 PM Community Outreach (Hall)

Thursday, October 7:

- 6:00 PM Widow & Widower Mtg (Hall)

Friday, October 8:

- 6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting (Hall)

Saturday, October 9:

- 9:30 AM Al Anon
- 10AM - 3PM K of C Blood Drive

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

Prayer Shawl Meeting

We are blessed to have a wonderful group of women who knit Prayer Shawls. Once they are completed, they are blessed by Fr. Mike and placed in our Shawl basket in the Welcome Center for anyone who may be going through a difficult time. We are working on a few different items now and would love for you to be apart of our team! Consider joining us **Tuesday, October 5 at 6 PM!** All are welcome! For further information contact Dianne dianne.zdankiewicz@gmail.com.

Community Outreach

Our first Community Outreach meeting since Spring 2020 will be held in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday, October 6 at 7PM.** It feels wonderful to get back together and plan and execute projects to support those in our community who need assistance. We will be discussing this year's Christmas Basket program, Stockings for Soldiers as well as some new ideas for Outreach. Please join us on Wednesday evening. All are welcome and your input and help are appreciated. For further information or questions, please contact Dianne dianne.zdankiewicz@gmail.com.

Blood Drive - Saturday, October 9 @ 10AM

The Knights of Columbus Council 10488 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Saturday, October 9, from 10 AM - 3:00 PM** in the Parish Hall! To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: STMARK-LONDONDERRY.

St. Mark's Café is OPEN!!

St. Mark's Café is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and community building!! We have egg and cheese on an english muffin available - either plain, or with bacon or sausage, for a flat price of \$3.00. We also offer donuts from Klemm's Bakery in Windham!

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 26 @ 7 AM

All men are invited to join us for our regular monthly get together on **Saturday, October 26 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.

St. Mark's 40th Anniversary!

November 1, 2021 marks 40 years of worship here at St. Mark's! 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 and apple cider!! **Please consider bringing a side dish to share or dessert.** *Thank you to our Knights of Columbus #10488 who will be cooking for us!!* There will be pumpkin decorating, corn hole, kids costume contest, music and a pie eating with Fr. Mike!!!

For planning purposes, please SIGN UP on the website, stop by our Welcome Center or call the Parish Office at 432-8711!!

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.

In Remembrance...

Please join us in praying for the repose of the soul of Olga Desrosiers, Dario Violanti & Most Reverend John B. McCormack, DD who we laid to rest this week.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Sacrificial Giving

Week of 9/22/2021 - 9/28/2021

Regular Offertory:	\$ 6,176.00
WeShare:	\$ 4,563.42
Total:	\$ 10,739.42

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

Mass Intentions for Oct 2 - Oct 10, 2021

10/2 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pat Trongo by his wife & family

10/3 Sunday, 8 AM:

Catherine Kelley by the Kelley family

10/3 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Ruth Picarello by the Picarello family

10/3 Sunday, 11 AM:

Dennis Murphy by the Gandia family

10/4 Monday, 9 AM:

Bernard Subler by Dianne Carey

10/5 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Harry & Gerry Duffy by Kathy Cooper

10/6 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Zora Strauss by her daughter

10/7 Thursday, 9 AM:

William Patenaude by John & Suzanne Patenaude

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

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Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 AM
Birthingright	(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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