



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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From Your Parish Evangelist...

Hard to believe, but we are in the final months of the year, and indeed in the final weeks of our Liturgical Year. In these last days before the season of Advent, the Church in Her wisdom turns our attention to the true Last Days - the Second Coming; the Eschaton; the Final Judgement... hey, Happy Holidays!

These apocalyptic, 'end-of-days' readings can be a bit dark and foreboding - so rather than attempt a poetic interpretation and synthesis, perhaps addressing each reading individually and giving them some context may be useful. Apocalyptic literature in the Bible usually shares aspects of the 'now and not-yet': they speaks simultaneously of the coming of the Messiah in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ ('now'), as well as His Second Coming in glory to judge the living and the dead ('not-yet')...

The book of the prophet Malachi has two main themes: God isn't happy about the level of holiness displayed by the people at the Temple, and He is about to send a messenger who will gather and purify Israel prior to 'the day of the Lord'. The passage we hear today is from the final paragraph of Malachi - which, in the Protestant canon of Scripture is followed immediately by the Gospel of St. Matthew and the announcement of the birth of Jesus. Chapter Three of that same Gospel quotes the messenger, John the Baptist, and his allusion to this prophecy of Malachi: Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire (Mt 3:10-12). The prophet goes on declare that those who fear the Lord will experience the warmth of the 'sun of justice.' Here we can see the juxtaposition of Jesus Christ as the fiery arbiter of end times justice, as well as the dawn of light to the nations as Savior and Redeemer.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul is attempting to correct a problem in Thessalonica. Many in the community were obsessed with the idea that the Christ would return at any moment. This led to some un-Christian reactions and behaviors, such as those being idle (stopped working for a living), those being freeloaders (relying strictly on others to support themselves), and those being busybodies (meddling in the affairs of others). Needless to say, Paul is not impressed. The work of discipleship - spreading the Gospel, giving alms, getting our lives in order, etc. - is not to be an exclusive endeavor bereft of our social and familial responsibilities. To quote a bumpersticker I once saw years ago: 'Jesus is coming back - look busy!'

Finally, our Gospel is a selection from St. Luke's version of the so-called Olivet Discourse - a section of teachings where Jesus uses apocalyptic language to describe the destruction of the Temple and the coming tribulations and persecutions that must come to pass before the fullness of the Kingdom of God is made manifest. Listening to this Gospel is certainly enough to make us squirm uncomfortably in our seats: war, insurrection, famine, plagues... certainly realities that don't seem far from our modern circumstances. Not to mention the warnings of familial betrayal, hatred and martyrdom! Whether in reference to the First Century, or the Twenty-first, how are we to prepare for such mayhem? Jesus proposes the question, and He gives us the answer: prepare only to be faithful.

In the mystery of God's plan, persecution and tribulation are opportunities for us to give faithful testimony to Jesus Christ! Jesus demands an allegiance from us that may very well drive a wedge in personal and professional relationships - even within our own families. Many of us, if not most of us, can confess to this reality. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven" (Lk 6.22-23)

In the final analysis, disquieting readings such as these should not be an impetus for scandal or panic, but an inspiration to repentance, renewal, and hope. To 'fear the Lord' is not a call to walk on eggshells waiting for the lightning bolt to come and strike us down. It is, however, a call to humbly fear the actions, attitudes, and behaviors that distance us from loving others in the way that God loves us. God loves me so much that He sent His only Son to die for my sins. He also loves me enough to respect my decisions, whether they be virtuous or otherwise... Pray for me, and pray for each other, that on that fateful day we will all stand together in faith, hope, and love- basking in the warmth of the Sun of Justice.

Stockings for Soldiers - Thank YOU!

Thank you for filling stockings and donating money for shipping costs!! Your response is AMAZING!! Thank you to all military (currently serving and Veterans) for all that you do for our country!

Christmas Choirs - Mark your Calendars!

Join us on **Tuesday, November 15th @ 6:30PM** in the Choir Room for our first Adult Christmas Choir rehearsal. This group will sing at the 5:15PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Join us on **Sunday, November 20th @ 4PM** in the church for our first Youth Christmas Choir rehearsal. This group will sing at the 4:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Men of St. Joseph News

Calling all Men. If you're looking for a great way to start your weekend, here's the answer. It starts early, 7:00am. It's hard hitting, like going to the gym. It's breakfast and a cup of coffee you didn't have to make. It's fellowship with guys who support and challenge each other to stand up for their family, church, and community. Most important, it's guys helping each other become warriors who will take on the challenges of being a 21st century Catholic man. There are no sign-ups, no projects, no dues. Just show up here at **7AM next Saturday morning, November 19**, for fellowship, food, and prayer. We guarantee to have you headed out by 9:00am sharp so you can get to your weekend projects. Come and check us out - you won't be disappointed. For more information contact Bill at bdonroe@comcast.net.

Thanksgiving Mass Details

Our St. Mark's family will be celebrating a special mass for Thanksgiving on **Thursday, November 24 at 9AM**. Please join us as we praise the Lord for all the blessing in our lives!

Do you have pictures from the Gala?

If you have any pictures from the gala that you would like to share, please forward to info@stmarksnh.org by **Tuesday, November 15** as we are putting together a slideshow for all to see! Thank you!

2022 Men of St. Joseph Conference - Nov 19

The Annual Men of St. Joseph Conference will be held at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Windham, NH **on November 19**. This conference is open to all men desiring to grow in their interior lives and aim to emulate St. Joseph to become better husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. Registration is online at saintsmaryandjoseph.org/men-of-st-joseph. Fee: \$30 by Nov 12. (\$40 after Nov 12). If you have any questions about the conference or registrations, please contact Dick Kiernan at DickKiernanNH@gmail.com.

K of C Christmas Tree Sale

The Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Tree sale **begins November 25!!!!** You can find these awesome trees at Chuck's BP gas station at the corner of Rte 102 and Mammoth Road in Londonderry. Support the Knights!! Visit them early for the best selections!!

Christmas Basket Program - 2022

St. Mark's will again be involved in a community effort to assist families who are in need by food and gifts. **This will begin on Saturday, November 12**. There will be Angels in the Church Hall, online options, Food Drive and Turkey sign ups! Other ways to help are gift cards (Walmart, Amazon or Target) and cash donations to be used to purchase whatever items have not been donated and needed to complete a family's basket. Thank you in advance for helping these families.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Monday, November 14:

6:00PM Genesis to Jesus - Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 15:

9:30 - 3:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 AM Genesis to Jesus - Parish Hall

6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 16:

1:00 PM Notecards with Michele

Thursday, November 17:

9:30 AM Weekday Witness

6:00 PM Grief Share for Widow&Widower

Friday, November 18:

6:00 PM Pack 605 Meeting

Saturday, November 19:

7:00 AM Men of St. Joseph

9:30 AM Al Anon



CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM 2022

St. Mark's will be involved in a community effort to assist families who are in need by sharing our abundance of food and gifts with them. Last year the program assisted a total of 90 families. The donations from the St. Mark's community helped 45 of those families. Once again, we call upon your generosity to help those in need.

Ways to participate in the program:

- **Angels in the Church Hall:**
Starting on **Saturday, November 12, 2022**, angels will be available in the church hall. There will be four sections: Pink for Girls, Blue for Boys, Purple for Moms and Green for Dads.
- **Online options:**
There will be a link on the website that will take you to Sign-up Genius where you will be able to select an item by providing your name and email address.

Returning Gifts/Gift Cards:

1. When returning a gift or gift card, please tape the angel on the **unwrapped** gift or gift card. If you select an item online, please put a label on the gift reflecting the family #, person type (girl, boy, mom, dad), age and item. **Please be sure to put a label on all gifts, including gift cards, so the item is accounted for correctly. (Please DO NOT wrap gifts and/or gift cards.)**
2. You will be able to return all gifts/gift cards to the designated area in the front of the church Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at the weekend masses. All gifts/gift cards need to be returned **no later than Sunday, December 4, 2022**

Food Drive:

Please see the list of items we are requesting below. **Please check the expiration dates prior to donating as we cannot accept expired food.**

These items should be returned to the designated area in the front of the church no later than Sunday, December 4, 2022.

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| <i>Peanut Butter</i> | <i>Tuna</i> |
| <i>Macaroni and Cheese</i> | <i>Stuffing</i> |
| <i>Rice</i> | <i>Baked Beans</i> |
| <i>Hot or Cold Cereal</i> | <i>Soup</i> |
| <i>Canned Vegetables</i> | <i>Bottled Juice</i> |
| <i>Pasta/Pasta Sauce</i> | <i>Cranberry Sauce</i> |

Other ways to help:

- ≡ **Gift Cards** – We can always use extra Walmart, Amazon, or Target gift cards to complete the family's basket.
- ≡ **Cash donations** - may be dropped in the poor box in an envelope marked "Christmas Baskets" and put in the offertory collection. This money will be used to purchase whatever items have not been donated and needed to complete a family's basket.
- ≡ **Turkey donations** - If you would like to donate a **frozen turkey**, please email or call Tara Inglese at tjinglese@aol.com or (617) 717-4013. The frozen turkey would need to be dropped off the morning of December 10, 2022, no later 11 a.m.

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me." – Matthew 25: 45



Sacrificial Giving

Week of 11/02/2022 - 11/08/2022

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| Regular Offertory: | \$ 5,676.36 |
| WeShare: | \$ 6,491.11 |
| All Saints Day | \$ <u>357.00</u> |

Total: \$ 12,524.47

(Parish Budget: \$12,000 per week)

Fuel Collection

Collected: \$9,419.00 / Goal: \$18,000

Mass Intentions for Nov 12 - Nov 20, 2022

11/12 Saturday, 5 PM:

Dorothy Maxwell by her family

11/13 Sunday, 8 AM:

Donna Warner by the Kelley family

11/13 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Tim Nolan

by the McMullen & Nolan families

11/13 Sunday, 11 AM:

Donna Quandt by Al & Barbara Quandt

11/14 Monday, 9 AM:

Vera Ketchum by the Thomas Howard family

11/15 Tuesday, 9 AM:

John Pallone by his family

11/16 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Gaston Roy by John & Suzanne Patenaude

11/17 Thursday, 9 AM:

Marge Ignelzi by Angeline LeMere

11/19 Saturday, 5 PM:

Mary Gleason by her daughter

11/20 Sunday, 8 AM:

Robert Kelley by the Kelley family

11/20 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Donna Quandt by Al & Barbara Quandt

11/20 Sunday, 11 AM:

Penny Hager by Al & Barbara Quandt

Parish Contact Information

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| Parish Email | info@stmarksnh.org |
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| Office Hours | Mon-Thurs 9:30AM- 4 PM |

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| Pastoral Council | Justin Paré |
| Finance Council | Andy MacWilliam |
| Prayer Line | Nancy Conner (603) 566-2357 |
| Safe Environment | Lisa Olsen (603) 432-8711 |
| Al-Anon | Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 AM |
| Knights of Columbus | www.KofC.org/joinus |
| Birthright | (603) 434-3000 |
| Pennacook Pregnancy Center | (603) 206-5306 |
| 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