



Welcome to the Catholic Community of

SAINT MARK

THE EVANGELIST

*A Catholic Community of Caring Since 1981
Serving Londonderry, Hudson & Windham - New Hampshire*

**Church and Parish Center (603) 432-8711
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Pastor
Permanent Deacon
Director of Evangelization
Youth Minister (Middle/High School)
PreK-5 Coordinator/Adult Choir Director
Business Manager / Notary
Music Director

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



Website: www.stmarksnh.org
Facebook: [stmarkslondonderry](https://www.facebook.com/stmarkslondonderry)
Flocknote: flocknote.com/SMECNH
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From the Desk of Deacon Tom...

“Why can’t we all just get along?” Ever hear that phrase? Well, when I hear it, or use it, I think “we could all get along, if everyone would just behave as I expect them to, and do what I expect of them.”

One of the most overused adjectives at work that I hear these days is “frustrated”. It’s become one of those “safe words” in the business world that lets you vent your feelings without risk of repercussion. Some of the jobs I’ve had in my past taught me well about “wordsmithing”. Wordsmithing is using the correct word or phrase in a situation so as not to overly excite others. I’ve gotten so good at it, our VP sends me most of his emails for wordsmithing before we send them to others.

St Paul is no wordsmith (if that’s a word). He speaks his mind in many of his letters and we get a full range of emotions from him – joy, anger and admonishment are the first ones that come to mind for me. We don’t always get a taste of these in the readings from St Paul at Mass. They usually speak of some type of harmony or hope, just like this weekend. Almost like it’s always kumbaya in his communities. It’s far from it. If you’ve never read one of his letters, just go online to USCCB.org and pick a short one, read the intro for some background and then enjoy the rant he might give a community.

I think sometimes we romanticize the early Christian community. And maybe rightly so, because they attracted people to the community in many cases simply because people witnessed the joy within the community and wanted a piece of that joy. It’s one of the things that I think excites me about the RCIA process of people wanting to become Catholic. Even in this day and age, there continue to be people among us who want to share in what we have in our faith. But there are also plenty of disagreements that happen along the way in the early Christian Church, just like today. After all, they need to wrestle with, and figure out, what all of Jesus’ words and deeds meant and how they were supposed to live out his command to “teach them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:20)

So even though we might think everything went swimmingly in the early Church, there was plenty of frustration! Today’s letter from St Paul is one of those “why can’t we all get along” letters. So how are we supposed to do that? Well, it won’t be how I opened – by everyone behaving and doing what I expect of them. St Paul says it will be by endurance (“let it go”) and encouragement of the Scriptures (faith). If we remember those two instructions, we’ll have a lot less frustration in our lives. Since it’s Advent, everyone typically is a little nicer to each other during this season. May that behavior endure beyond Advent. And if you find yourself frustrated, look for encouragement in the Scriptures!

Deacon Tom

Fr. Mike ~ What a Blessing!!

Thank you Fr. Mike for the past 7 years of service and dedication to our St. Mark's community!! Happy Anniversary to you (December 9th)!! Cheers to many more years of carrying out the Lord's work!

K of C #10488 - Need Christmas Trees ??

The Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Tree sale is happening!!! 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!!

Café Trivia Challenge!!

What are the first five books of the Bible called? Who replaced Judas as the 12th Apostle? In which city was the first diocese in the United States founded? Think you know the answers? Then come join us in the Parish Hall on **December 4 following the 9:30 Mass** for our Café Trivia Challenge! We had a lot of fun and positive feedback at our first Challenge last month, so we're looking forward to doing it again! We begin the game when the students head off to class, and we play for about an hour. There is a lot of laughs, some great discussions, and even prizes for the winners! Come be a part of it!

Christmas Choirs - Let Us Sing!!

Join us on **Tuesday evenings @ 6:30PM** in the Choir Room for Adult Christmas Choir rehearsals. This group will sing at the 5:15PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Join us **Sunday evenings from 4PM - 5PM** in the church for Youth Christmas Choir rehearsals. This group will sing at the 4:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Winter Advisory

The New England winter is right around the corner. Please remember to check our website and/or WMUR for updates, which include the celebration of Holy Mass and Faith Formation classes. If Londonderry schools are closed, all parish activities are cancelled.

2022 - Faith Formation

The remaining dates for St. Mark's KIDS, Edge & Life Teen are: December 4, 11 & 18.

Christmas Baskets - Items Due TODAY

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! **Still Needed: Gift cards (Walmart, Amazon, Target or Market Basket) and cash donations.** *These cards/cash will be used to purchase items that have not been donated and needed to complete a family's basket.* Thank you in advance for helping these families!! **All items should be returned (not wrapped) no later than December 4.**

Holy Day of Obligation - December 8

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

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. *Please print your loved ones names.* Thank you!!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, December 4:

10:30 AM	St. Marks KIDS/EDGE/Life Teen
10:30 AM	Café Trivia Challenge (Hall)

Monday, December 5:

6:00PM	Genesis to Jesus - Parish Hall
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Tuesday, December 6:

9:30 - 3:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
9:30 AM	Genesis to Jesus - Parish Hall
6:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 7:

6:00 PM	Advent Series (Church)
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Thursday, December 8:

9:00 AM	Immaculate Conception Mass
9:30 AM	Weekday Witness
7:00 PM	K of C Officers Meeting
7:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Mass

Friday, December 9:

6:00 PM	Pack 605 Den Meeting
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Happy Anniversary Fr. Mike ~ 7 years!!!

Saturday, December 10:

9:30 AM	Al Anon
12:00 PM	Christmas Basket Distribution

Advent at St. Mark the Evangelist

Wednesday Evenings
November 30
December 7, 14 & 21

6:00 PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 PM
Evening Prayer & Benediction
Followed by a brief Advent
presentation by our
Parish Evangelist



Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve:

- 4:00 PM *with Children's Choir*
- 5:15 PM *with Adult Choir*
- 6:15 PM
- Midnight (12:00 AM)

Christmas Day:

- 10:00 AM

Sacrificial Giving

Week of 11/16/2022 - 11/22/2022

Regular Offertory:	\$ 4,943.00
WeShare:	\$ 8,430.52
Improvement:	\$ <u>100.00</u>

Total: \$ 13,473.52

Week of 11/23/2022 - 11/29/2022

Regular Offertory:	\$ 4,986.00
WeShare:	\$ 4,057.26
Improvement:	\$ <u>50.00</u>

Total: \$ 9,093.26

Fuel Collection

Collected: \$15,079.00 / Goal: \$18,000

Mass Intentions for Dec 3 - Dec 11, 2022

12/3 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pat Trongo by his wife & family

12/4 Sunday, 8 AM:

Frank Griffin by the family

12/4 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Marie Therese Cantave by her children

12/4 Sunday, 11 AM:

Intentions for Residents of Blue Sky's

by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

12/5 Monday, 9 AM:

Rev. Larry Patenaude

by John & Suzanne Patenaude

12/6 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Joan Bompastore by her family

12/7 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Bob Wilkie by his family

12/8 Thursday, 9 AM:

Harry & Gerry Duffy by Kathy Cooper

12/8 Thursday, 7 PM:

Grace Schaefer

12/10 Saturday, 5 PM:

Mary Gleason by her daughter

12/11 Sunday, 8 AM:

Dorothy Maxwell by her family

12/11 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Ronald J. Subler by Dianne Carey

12/11 Sunday, 11 AM:

Thomas & Grace Yang by Mary Y. Lynch

Parish Contact Information

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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