



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



Website: www.stmarksnh.org
Facebook: [stmarkslondonderry](https://www.facebook.com/stmarkslondonderry)
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From Our Parish Evangelist...

Lent is upon us once again, and the perennial Catholic tradition of ‘giving something up’ has returned to our collective and individual disciplines. For some in our community, and indeed our world, this practice may seem a bit redundant in our emerging ‘post-pandemic’ world. So many people have sacrificed much in these past couple years - too many even sacrificing the unspeakable. Yet, we are still called to devote this season to prayerful and penitent solidarity with the One who sacrificed all for our salvation. Many of us adopt personal practices in this endeavor, with the focus being on our own individual spiritual growth. A fine and noble goal, to be sure! But perhaps we may overlook practices of conversion that can have enduring and far-reaching effects beyond our individual spheres.

The call to making individual changes that shine forth to impact the world around us is foundational to Catholic Social Teaching. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has made this teaching a hallmark of his papacy. A member of our St. Mark’s family, Mr. Mike Speltz, is a passionate advocate of Pope Francis’ message to the world, and recently shared with me some reflections he had about our Lenten experience in light of the Pope’s encouragement for impactful conversion. I’d like to share Mike’s thoughts with all of you this weekend:

Have you ever wondered what happened to the pagan Ninevites in the Book of Jonah? They must have had a fearsome reputation, especially among Jews, because, when God asked Jonah to go to Nineveh to call them out for their wickedness, Jonah ran away. After a three-day time-out in the belly of a large fish, Jonah plucked up his courage, entered Nineveh, and told them that in 40 days (does the timeframe sound familiar?) the city would be overthrown. Amazingly, the Ninevites immediately began to fast and the king ordered everyone to “*turn* from his evil ways and from the violence which is in his hands” (Jonah 3:8). Even today’s televangelists don’t get those kinds of results!

And that’s the last we hear of the Ninevites, until Jesus mentions them, when, in a bitter debate with the scribes and pharisees, they asked Jesus for a sign. Jesus tells them “The men of Nineveh will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah...” (Mathew 12:41). In our translation of the Bible Jesus uses the word “repent” to describe the King’s order to “turn” from evil ways and violence, but the idea is the same: to repent is to turn from the path you are on, to make a change, to *be converted* from one way to another.

Jesus was trying to show the scribes and pharisees that they too, like the Ninevites, must “turn” from evil ways and from violence. I can imagine the Pharisees protesting that they do not do evil—in fact that they strictly adhere to the law—and that they are not violent. In truth the Pharisees were proud, selfish and plotting Jesus’ violent death, but they could not see, or would not admit, that they were on the wrong path, that they needed to make a “turn,” that they needed a *conversion*.

Lent is a time to examine ourselves to see whether we are on the right path, whether we need a conversion. Have we become so comfortable in what we do or fail to do that we don’t see the evil or violence we cause? Pope Frances, in his encyclical “Care for Creation” writes of the need for an “ecological *conversion*.” He asks us to notice the effects that our lifestyle, our consumer choices, and our behavior have on our weakest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters, on animals and plants, and on the atmosphere and oceans, all of which we share. He asks us to be open to a conversion, to following a different path in how we live our lives.

The Church gives us three means for achieving a Lenten conversion: prayer, alms, and fasting. These practices, habits really, can lead us to an ecological conversion. Pope Francis has written a beautiful prayer, “A Christian Prayer for Creation,” that can lead to further meditation as we use our five senses to find God in His creation. The alms we give for creation can take the form of our time, talent, or treasure, as we make our homes, our parish church, and our lives more respectful of creation. And we can “fast” from activities and purchases that add carbon to the atmosphere, plastics to the land, and pollution to our waters. The Saint Mark web page includes Pope Francis’ prayer and suggestions for a “carbon fast” under the Parish Ministry / Creation Care tab.

May our parish experience a conversion this Lent that turns us onto a new path of caring for all people and all parts of creation!

Peace be with you.

Brandon Sargent and Mike Speltz

Lenten Schedule 2022

All services will be available via Livestream at stmarksnh.org

Ash Wednesday

The celebration of the Eucharist with the Blessing and Impositions of Ashes will take place **Wednesday, March 2 at 9AM & 7PM.**

Holy Hour

We hope you can join us for a time of live music meditation and Eucharistic Adoration **from 3PM - 4PM.** What a beautiful way to kick off Lent!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us every **Tuesday** for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **from 9:30AM - 3:30PM** in the Church.

Lenten Holy Hour & Reflection

Join us every **Tuesday from 6:30PM - 7:30PM** for Eucharistic Adoration and reflection. Each week, we will prepare our hearts for the resurrection of our Lord on Easter through music and spiritual reflections. Come for an hour of peace in the presence of our God.

Stations of the Cross

Join us every **Friday** in Lent at **6PM**, as we will be commemorating our Lord's Passion by meditating on the Stations of the Cross.
This will begin Friday, March 4th.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is **from 3:30PM - 4:30PM** every Saturday.

Friday Night Fish Fry

Join us at **6:30PM** on **March 11, 25 and April 8** in the St. Mark's Parish Hall for **FISH, FRIENDS and FELLOWSHIP!** Fish & Chips (aka: French fries).
The cost is **\$7 per person (\$28 per family).**

CRS Rice Bowl

This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms, comes with a Lenten calendar filled with activities and stories that guides families through the 40 days of Lent. Let's prepare to put our faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Magnificat - Complimentary

We hope you enjoy a complimentary copy of the Magnificat for Lent. This book will help guide you and your family during lent with daily prayers and devotions.

Foster Care Backpack - Lenten Project

The Outreach Committee presented the Foster Care Backpack Project at all the Masses. The goal is to raise enough money to make 180 backpacks each year. *Where do you come in?* You can help with this Lenten project by donating specific items that are needed and return the items from **February 26 - April 3** or make a monetary donation. You can make a donation by using the Foster Care Backpack envelopes or visit our website. There is a sample backpack located at the Welcome Center and the Parish Hall. We hope to build a solid program within the community as a partner with DCYF. If you are unable to donate at this time, please pray for these children who are affected by these difficult circumstances.

Easter Choir - Please Join Us!

If you'd like to join the Easter choir, we are meeting on **Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM.**

Vacation Bible School - Registration OPEN!!

We are SO EXCITED for a *Monumental* adventure through the colorful canyons and trails of the southwest!! Registration is OPEN!!

Where: St. Mark the Evangelist

When: July 11 - July 15 from 9AM to NOON

Cost: \$40 per camper (\$100 max per family)

Receive half off for your child if you are a VOLUNTEER!

Registrations can be found at the Welcome Center, online or by calling the Parish Office at 432-8711.

Thanks for the "Souper" donations!!

Members of our Outreach Committee were able to donate over 100 cans of non-perishable items (mostly soup) to St. Jude's Food Pantry. Thank you for your amazing response!

First Communion and Confirmation Prayer Request

We are so excited to announce that 30 of our children will receive the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation on **Wednesday, March 16.** Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey.

2022 K of C Scholarship

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, Council 10488, intends to award one, possibly two, \$500 scholarships to a 2022 high school senior from this parish pursuing higher education following graduation. All seniors associated with St. Mark's Parish will receive a letter during early April advising them of this scholarship opportunity along with the general guidelines to apply for this scholarship.

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

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, March 6:

7:00 PM Pack 605 Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 8:

9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 PM Lenten Holy Hour

7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 10:

9:30 AM Weekday Witness

7:00 PM K of C Officers Meeting

Friday, March 11:

6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

6:30PM Friday Night Fish Fry

Saturday, March 12:

9:30 AM Al Anon

Sacrificial Giving
Week of 2/23/2021 - 3/1/2022

Regular Offertory: \$ 4,460.00
WeShare: \$ 5,982.56
Boiler: \$ 125.00

Total: \$10,567.56

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

Boiler Project Goal: \$40,000.00

Collected: \$50,468.76

GOAL REACHED!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

Mass Intentions for March 5 - Mar 13, 2022

3/5 Saturday, 5 PM:

James Joseph Strauss by his daughter

3/6 Sunday, 8 AM:

John McLaughlin by the McIntire family

3/6 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Rene Robergeau by his wife & children

3/6 Sunday, 11 AM:

Harold Jones by George and Shirley McCallan

3/7 Monday, 9 AM:

Grace Schaefer

3/8 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Jerry Ruocco by the Welcome Ministry

3/9 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Josephine Lavoie by Mary Y. Lynch

3/10 Thursday, 9 AM:

John McLaughlin by the LaCerde family

3/12 Saturday, 5 PM:

Gar Wood by Holly Henson & family

3/13 Sunday, 8 AM:

Daniel Cox by K of C 10488

3/13 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Dennis Lescarbeau by Marie & family

3/13 Sunday, 11 AM:

Olga Desrosiers by K of C 10488

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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