



*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 Our Parish Evangelist...*

*When the captain of the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name?"  
But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men."*

Many of you reading this may remember a time when it was commonplace to hear a prayer in a public school classroom or in a team huddle before a youth sports event. A time when you would be lucky to know of a place that was open on Sunday to buy a gallon of gas or a loaf of bread. A time with less chocolate bunnies and more 'He is Risen!'. Less 'Season's Greetings' and more "Merry Christmas!" Certainly, the argument is made that we have moved away from these predominately Christian practices to be more inclusive and sensitive to the multi-cultural reality that composes our society. The Church teaches that respect for religious liberty is foundational to our understanding of human dignity and that we are "to treat with love, prudence, and patience those who are in error or ignorant of the faith" (CCC 2104). Yet even with the noble intention to be more inclusive to other philosophies and perspectives, what has resulted hasn't been an increased dialogue between competing worldviews and truth-claims. Rather, there has been an ever increasing effort to marginalize and remove our Judeo-Christian heritage all together - not to replace it with another of the world's great religious systems, but with a secular humanism that places primacy on individual human desires and our own subjective beliefs.

No matter our politics, or how each of us align with the various factions of our ongoing culture wars, I would like to think that we may all agree on one thing: it is the youngest among us that suffer the greatest consequence. Put aside for a moment the forbidden topic of Jesus Christ - what about the ethical and moral underpinnings of our faith tradition that benefit all mankind, no matter culture or creed? Are our children taught that there are objective truths that can be known and accepted by all, or are they brought up to believe that they themselves are the measure of all things? Are young people being trained to pursue virtue - to grow in temperance, justice, prudence, and fortitude? What about the vital role of families in society? The ethical avenues of our passions and desires? Modesty? Sacrifice?

To coin a phrase, perhaps we have thrown out the baby with bathwater. By purging our public discourse from anything resembling Christianity, we increasingly remove the tenants of morality and ethics that created and fostered western society to begin with. Are we then surprised when younger generations are increasingly indifferent?

But there is a solution. It's you and me. We shouldn't allow any government, corporation, or special interest group to shape the hearts and minds of our young people. That's our job. First and foremost as parents, and secondly as a community of Faith that echoes the words of St. Peter today: "We must obey God rather than men."

Believe it or not, I did not intend for this article to be an editorial on current affairs (although reading back over it, it certainly looks that way). Instead, I wanted to use today's First Reading as a petition to all of you. No matter what side of the aisle we stand on, as faithful Catholics we know that the only place our kids are going to get exposed to our Faith and our beliefs in this day and age is right here - at home and at church. It starts with you and me, no matter our talents or our troubles - all it takes is sharing the life and love of Christ that each of us has been gifted.

We continue to be blessed here at St. Mark's with amazing volunteers who are dedicated in assisting families and our whole community by leading our young people in Faith Formation and Religious Education. But we need more. We need you. You don't have to be a teacher or a theologian - you just have to be you - a believer with a desire to share the joy of the Gospel with the next generation. If we don't do it, who will?

In the coming weeks, we will be having an active drive to welcome new volunteers to our mission of forming young people in the Faith. It is arguably one of the most important and imperative missions that we have not only as a parish community, but as a whole Church. We ask that you pray about it. As you look around at the children in your family, our parish, your neighborhood - think about their future. Life leads us all in many directions - and there are many of us who have chosen, and will choose, paths different than the one proposed by our Faith. But if young people are never even presented with the proposition of the Gospel in a meaningful and relevant way, is it really even a choice?

We are asking the Holy Spirit to call on twenty members of our St. Mark's family to come forward and make a difference in the lives of our young people for the 2022/2023 school year. From Preschool and Kindergarten, to Grade School, to Middle and High School, we have wonderful opportunities for you to hand on the Faith to the next generation. If you feel called to the mission and you would like to explore it in more detail, please contact either Brandon or Mickayla at [brandon@stmarksnh.org](mailto:brandon@stmarksnh.org) or [mickayla@stmarksnh.org](mailto:mickayla@stmarksnh.org) - or just come find us before or after Mass. You can make a difference.

Peace be with you.  
Brandon Sargent

**CRS Rice Bowls - Thank YOU!**

Your gift turns into treasure! Did you know that \$50 pays for seeds to help farmers grow healthy crops? Did you know that \$80 buys a lamb to provide milk to a family? Thank you for your Rice Bowl Support!

**Mother's Day ~ Spiritual Bouquet**

Envelopes can be found at the church entrance or the Welcome Center for those who would like a special remembrance for loved ones, living or deceased at all our masses Mother's Day weekend. Cards are also available to send to all the special moms in your life!



**Knights of Columbus Council #10488  
News**

**Annual Tootsie Roll Drive**

**Friday, May 6 from 5PM - 8PM.**

**Saturday, May 7 from 8AM - 4PM.**

Volunteers are needed for the following locations: Benson's Hardware, Shaw's and Market Basket. All proceeds will go to benefit Londonderry Early Education Program and NH Special Olympics. Brother Knights will receive sign up notice through email. Anyone else who wished to volunteer can call or text Nick @ 603-490-0401.

**Blood Drive with the Red Cross**

**Saturday, May 7 from 10AM - 3PM.**

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: STMARK-LONDONDERRY to schedule an appointment.

**The 2022-2023 Faith Formation Registration**

Faith Formation 2022-23 Registration is OPEN!! Faith Formation is a lifelong process. The hope is that every child be enrolled in a program and that the parents take an active role in the faith life of their children. The most important thing is to be sure that ALL our children be connected to Church. In order to be fully prepared to receive Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist, the sacramental preparation is a two year process. Registration forms are available online at stmarksnh.org, the Welcome Center and Parish Office.

**Spend an Hour with Him**

Nocturnal Adoration will be held on **Friday, May 6 from 8PM to 9PM.** Please join us for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Adoration - Tuesday @ 9:30AM**

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, May 3 from 9:30 - 3:30 PM.**

**This Week @ St. Mark's!!**

**Sunday, May 1:**

7:00 PM Pack 605 Committee Mtg

**Tuesday, May 3:**

9:00 AM *No Morning Mass*

9:30 AM Adoration

6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Mtg

6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, May 4:**

9:00 AM *No Morning Mass*

**Thursday, May 5:**

9:30 AM Weekday Witness

6:00 PM Widow & Widower Support

Group Gathering

**Friday, May 6:**

6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting

8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration

**Saturday, May 7:**

7:00 AM K of C Blood Drive (Parish Hall)

9:30 AM Al Anon

*Fr. Mike will be at the Priest Convocation (retreat) from Tuesday May 3 - Wednesday May 4, therefore there will be no morning Mass on those days.*

### **Priest Ordination - Save the Date**

Do you remember Rory Traynor who was our summer seminarian in 2020? We are excited to share that Roarke “Rory” Traynor will be ordained a priest on **June 2, 2022 at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester NH**. His First Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on **June 5, 2022 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH**. Details coming soon.

### **VBS 2022 - Registrations are rolling in!!**

God’s love is MONUMENTAL! Register NOW for an off-road adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the Southwest! We are SO EXCITED that Vacation Bible School will be **July 11 - July 15 from 9AM to NOON!**

**What is Vacation Bible School?** Vacation Bible School is a camp-like atmosphere where kids can explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

**A Typical Day at VBS:** Each day at VBS, kids will travel through various stations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures! The stations include different themed sports and games, dynamic crafts and great snacks and don’t forget the Bible buddies!

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

**How can I volunteer?** Just select ‘Teen/Adult Volunteer’ on the registration form and we will contact you. Thank you for considering. All volunteers will need to complete Safe Environment.

*Come explore God’s awesomeness where campers will form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead!*

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### **Prayer Shawl Ministry - May 3 @ 6PM**

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? We are blessed to have a wonderful group of women who make prayer shawls for others!! These prayer shawls are prayed over, blessed and available for those in need of one in our Welcome Center. Join us **Tuesday, May 3 @ 6PM**. All are welcome!

### **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal:**

#### **Future of our Faith II, Many Parts, One Body**

A new initiative by our Diocese to grow and expand ministries in the Church in New Hampshire. It will also consolidate several of our annual collections under one Appeal. The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal will fund essential services and ministries like the care for our retired priests, vocations ministry and the education and formation of seminarians, Catholic education, *Parable* magazine and more. Everyone in our parish will receive a copy of the Appeal materials so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate. Together, we are. Many parts of the Church in New Hampshire, but one body of Christ and we can make a difference in the lives of many people.

The second collections being eliminated are; Seminarian Fund, Catholic Education, Catholic Charities NH Appeal, Parish to Parish Support Fund, NH Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH, Catholic University of America and USCCB and NH Priest Retirement Fund.

#### **How to donate:**

1. The NH Catholic Appeal envelope. Checks should be made out to **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal** or credit card can also be used.
2. Visit [catholicnh.org/nhca](http://catholicnh.org/nhca). Scroll down and select Parish = **Saint Mark the Evangelist Londonderry**, enter your donation amount, billing address and payment method.

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### **Widow & Widower Support Ministry**

The journey of the loss of a spouse is a painful process. This support ministry is **held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6PM**. This is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. All are welcome on **May 5 @ 6PM**.

### **Mass Intention Book for 2023**

Our Mass Intention Book for 2023 is now OPEN. If you would like to book a Mass for a loved one (living or deceased), please stop by the Welcome Center on Sundays or call the Parish Office at 432-8711.

**Sacrificial Giving**  
**Week of 4/20/2021 - 4/26/2022**

Regular Offertory:	\$ 3,323.00
WeShare:	\$ 5,909.91
Easter:	\$ <u>230.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 9,462.91</b>

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

**Mass Intentions for Apr 30 - May 1, 2022**

**4/30 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Dorothy Maxwell by her family

**5/1 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Genanaro A. Ruocco by George & Shirley McCallan

**5/1 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Jennie Leonowitz by The Maffatone family

**5/1 Sunday, 11 AM:**

James Cox by K of C 10488

**5/2 Monday, 9 AM:**

John A. & Rita E. McIsaac

**5/3 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

*No Morning Mass*

**5/4 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

*No Morning Mass*

**5/5 Thursday, 9 AM:**

John Coliano by Linda & Lou Azzalina

**5/7 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Thomas Samalis by Charles & Francis Samalis

**5/8 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Ralph Ketchum by Rebecca Howard

**5/8 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Maria & Luigi Violanti by the Violanti Family

**5/8 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Grace Schaefer

**Parish Contact Information**

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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