



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 the Desk of Deacon Tom,

If there are two things that bother me more than anything else, it's lying and hypocrisy. Lying is probably near the top of everyone's list of troubling personality traits. After all, you can't put any trust into someone who lies, particularly on a recurring basis. Sure, we may all tell an untruth here and there, I'm referring to more general untrustworthiness because of intentional deceit. But hypocrisy is also tops on my list of things that bother me, mostly because it seems to me to be so prevalent in our world and so blatantly in the news on a regular basis.

Politics and politicians are probably where I see hypocrisy the most. It seems almost daily in the news that someone is espousing some sort of action or behavior and then almost immediately exhibits the opposite in their own lives. Facebook exacerbates this behavior, since there's never a shortage of people arguing via comments expecting that they can somehow "win" with the right amount of characters typed. And I spend too much time scrolling through this for some level of amusement.

I like to think that I don't exhibit this behavior, since it's such a pet peeve of mine. I suppose I do in some ways, since none of us are immune to it. But I try to be objective about myself that, especially if I take the time to write all this, I am at least cognizant of these things in myself.

You might have figured out where this is leading. In today's Gospel, as over the last few weeks, Jesus is speaking to the crowds about the scribes and Pharisees being hypocrites. "For they preach but do not practice." If there's one area in our lives that is at highest risk of being hypocritical, it's in our faith. None of us can measure up to what we preach we believe, and many times our shortcomings can be quite visible to anyone watching, even though we say and firmly believe what the Church teaches. I'm no different. I have found that any area of Church teaching that is a struggle for me has been well reasoned and thought out by the Church. The Church doesn't teach things just to make it harder for us. All of what the Church teaches is meant to liberate us from the world and bring us closer to God. In all my specific areas of challenge, it's something about me that resists those teachings, usually because of selfish wants, needs and desires. Therein lies the danger – rationalizing the behavior in some way. In today's Gospel, Jesus' advice is to not let the scribes and Pharisees behavior compromise your behavior. That challenge is still with us today. It might be easy to look around the world and say "why bother?" but what we can rely on is that God is consistent, never hypocritical and full of mercy. He knows our struggles, our challenges and our background, and each one of those areas is unique for each one of us. So while we may not measure up on occasion, He's also full of mercy if we follow Jesus' instruction at the end of today's Gospel: "...whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Deacon Tom

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be located in the Welcome Center **the weekends of Nov 4/5 and Nov 11/12** selling Christmas cards, car magnets, ornaments and more... be sure to stop by and show your support. If you have questions or would like to pre-order your religious Christmas cards, contact Dennis Pedley at (603) 437-6051 or email him at pedley@comcast.net. #keepCHRISTinChristmas

Thanksgiving Mass Details

Join us for Thanksgiving Mass on **Thursday, November 24 at 9AM** as we praise the Lord for all the blessings in our lives!

Christmas Choirs - Mark your Calendars!

Join us on **Sunday, November 5th @ 4PM** in the church for our first Youth Christmas Choir rehearsal. This group will sing at the 4PM Mass on Christmas Mass.

Join us on **Tuesday, November 14th @ 6PM** in the Choir Room for our first Adult Christmas Choir rehearsal. This group will sing at the 5:15PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Surviving the Holidays - Are you registered?

Have you experienced a loss of someone you love and find the Holidays difficult? Whether this is your first or twenty-first holiday without your loved one, emotions can surface and your days ahead may not seem so bright. Surviving the Holidays guides you through this season. We hope you join us **Sunday, November 19 at 4PM**. This group seminar will support, comfort and encourage you through the upcoming Holiday Season. Small fee to cover materials: \$7.00. *Reserve your seat today, visit stmarksnh.org to register.*

Winter Advisory

The New England winter is right around the corner. Please remember to check our website and/or WMUR for updates. If Londonderry schools are closed, all parish activities are cancelled.

Christmas Basket Program - 2023

St. Mark's will once again be involved in a community outreach effort to assist local families in need with food and gifts for Christmas. **This will begin on Saturday, November 11.** There will be Angels in the church hall for gifts for girls, boys, moms and dads... also food drive items and more! Other ways to help are gift cards (Walmart, Amazon or Target to name a few) and cash donations to be used to purchase whatever items have not been donated to complete a basket. Thank you in advance for helping these families!!

Turkeys Needed!!

We are sad to report that our 'turkey resources' for our Christmas Basket program has dissolved. So we need your help! If you are able to donate funds towards this effort, so we can purchase turkeys for families this Christmas, that would be great!! ***There are envelopes at the Welcome Center for turkey donations***

Christmas Trees are on the way...

The Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Tree sale **begins Friday, November 24!!!** These AMAZING trees can be found at Londonderry BP, 2 Mohawk Drive (across from Dunkin Donuts). **SAVE THE DATE!** Visit them early for the best selections!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, November 5:

10:30 AM St. Mark's KIDS/EDGE/Life Teen
4:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 6:

6:00 PM Bible Study - *The Bible and the Mass*
6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 7:

9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting
6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, November 9:

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

Friday, November 10:

6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting

Saturday, November 11:

9:30 AM Al Anon

CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM 2023

St. Mark's will once again be involved in a community outreach effort to assist local families in need with food and gifts for Christmas. In your generosity, will you consider helping us make the 2023 Christmas Basket program a success?

Christmas Gift Program:

Gift Angels in the Church Hall:

Saturday, November 11, 2023, gift request angels will be available downstairs in the church hall. There are four angel selections: Pink for Girls, Blue for Boys, Purple for Moms and Green for Dads.

Returning Gifts & Gift Cards:

1. When returning a gift or gift card, **please tape the angel to the unwrapped gift or gift card.** This is really important as we want to be sure that your special gift is assigned properly!
2. Gifts & gift cards can be returned to the designated area in the front of the church Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and at all weekend masses. **Please return all gifts & gift cards no later than Sunday, December 3, 2023, thank you.**

Christmas Food Drive:

We are looking for donations of the following items to include in the family food basket;

**Macaroni and Cheese
Rice
Hot or Cold Cereal
Canned Vegetables
Pasta/Pasta Sauce
Peanut Butter**

**Stuffing
Baked Beans
Soup
Turkey gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Tuna**

Food items can be returned to the designated area in the front of the church Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and at all weekend masses. **All food items need to be returned no later than Sunday, December 3, 2023, thank you.**
(Please check the expiration dates prior to donating as we are not allowed to distribute expired food).

Other ways to help:

- ≡ **Gift Cards** – there is always a need for Walmart, Amazon, or grocery gift cards to complete the family Christmas basket.
- ≡ **Cash donations** – cash donations are used to purchase remaining items that have not been donated and are needed to complete the Christmas basket. Donations may be dropped in the collection box in an envelope marked "Christmas Baskets".
- ≡ **Turkey donations** – this year we will be purchasing all of our turkeys through Hannaford's in Londonderry. If you wish to help defray the cost of buying the turkeys, donations may be dropped in the collection box in an envelope marked "Turkey Donation".

Thank you for your generosity!

(Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" Mt 25:40)

Sacrificial Giving

Week of 10/25/2022 - 10/31/2023

Regular Offertory:	\$ 5,393.36
WeShare:	\$ 4,323.37
Total:	\$ 9,716.73

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for Nov 4 - Nov 12, 2023

11/4 Saturday, 5 PM:

Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Dennis & Barbara Pedley

11/5 Sunday, 8 AM:

Deceased Members of Blue Sky's
by Sam & MaryAnn Boldeia

11/5 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Dorothy Maxwell by her family

11/5 Sunday, 11 AM:

Madeleine & Thomas Lynch
by Mary Y. Lynch

11/6 Monday, 9 AM:

Gilford Jandreau by his wife, Jeannette

11/7 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Gaston Roy by John & Suzanne Patenaude

11/8 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Loretta Mele by Ed & Rita Gorman

11/9 Thursday, 9 AM:

Vera Ketchum by Rebecca & Tom Howard

11/11 Saturday, 5 PM:

Elza Kersaint by the Cantave family

11/12 Sunday, 8 AM:

Donna Warner by the Kelley family

11/12 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Vinny Ardizzoni by William Lajoie

11/12 Sunday, 11 AM:

Jodi Harper by Roger & Paula Hubert

Parish Contact Information

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Knights of Columbus	www.KofC.org/joinus
Birtheright	(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