

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 Flocknote: flocknote.com/SMECNH Instagram: stmarkslondonderry

From Amanda's Desk,

Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

This passage has appeared a few times in our Gospel Acclimations lately... and as I've sung it, I can't help but think about how many of us struggle with "labors and burdens." There are times we don't have anything else to give... and yet, how often do those moments coincide with the appearance of yet another "something" that FURTHER occupies our already exhausted labors and heavy burdens?

Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Corinthians 12:9 - "My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak"

Isiah 40:29 - "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."

Got it. but, why does it still feel heavy?

Praying to God in faith with the intentions of our labors, using gifts He's given us and relying on the village He's blessed us with are all ways to lighten our burdens for sure - but for the .001 % that are STILL heavy, even AFTER all of that - what do we do? MAP it out.

MAP = M.A.P, an acronym I've turned to in times of the .001%. M = Message, A = Acceptance, P = Permission.

Message meaning: quieting ourselves and listening to God's message to us in all of the "stuff." We know all good things come from God, but even in our trials/tribulations God is lighting our path. Where's His light in our situations that seem so dark? Where are the subtle hints we need to get through the impossible maze we're facing?

Acceptance meaning: try as we might, we won't always understand God's will in our lives - and will WILL reign supreme. There can be a back and forth in our earthly understanding, but spoiler alert: God wins, and his plan always reigns supreme. Where is the tension in this situation? How is God showing us what He wants for us? What do we need to do to change our outlook to be more like God's in our lives?



Permission meaning: give ourselves permission to carry our cross. We are HUMAN. Jesus, fully God and fully man, did not have an easy road to calvary. It is OK to stumble and fall, In our darkest times, God gives us what we need to keep going. Where is our "Simon"? Where is our "Veronica"? We live in a world where everyone is ON and everything has to be PERFECT - but our journeys to the New Jerusalem are bumpy and often incomprehensibly laborious. Remembering that Jesus walked the walk of suffering for us all, and remains with us, gives us the courage we need to face "the stuff."

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be located in the Welcome Center **this weekend, 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 12th @ 4PM** in the church for our first <u>Youth Christmas Choir</u> 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 <u>Adult Christmas Choir</u> 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 or scan the QR code.



Outreach Services for Families

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.

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 THIS WEEKEND, 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!!

Vocation Awareness

We encourage you to pray for the Seminarians of our Diocese: Casey Burgess, Christian Collopy, Jacob Condi, Caleb Goff, Spencer Gregory, Christian Hurlburt, Peter Phong Quang Le, Andre Nadeau, Rev. Mr. Eric Ouellette, Horngam Razhamah, Guillaume Temkkit and Nicholas Wencis.

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! *Anyone who would like to volunteer, please call/text Nick Maffattone at 603-490-0401.*

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, November 12:

4:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 13:

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

Tuesday, November 14:

9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 16:

9:30 AM Weekday Witness

6:00 PM Widow & Widower Support Group

Friday, November 17:

10:00 AM FUNdraising Meeting 6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting

Saturday, November 18: 9:30 AM Al Anon



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. <u>Please return all gifts & gift cards no later than Sunday, December 3, 2023, thank you.</u>

Christmas Food Drive:

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

Macaroni and Cheese Stuffing
Rice Baked Beans
Hot or Cold Cereal Soup
Canned Vegetables Turkey gravy
Pasta/Pasta Sauce Cranberry Sauce
Peanut Butter Tuna

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(Please check the expiration dates prior to donating as we are not allowed to distribute expired food).

Other ways to help:

- <u>Gift Cards</u> there is always a need for Walmart, Amazon, or grocery gift cards to complete the family Christmas basket.
- <u>Cash donations</u> 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 11/01/2023 - 11/07/2023

 Regular Offertory:
 \$ 6,450.00

 WeShare:
 \$ 9,959.34

 Total:
 \$ 16,409.34

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for Nov 11 - Nov 19, 2023 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

11/13 Monday, 9 AM:

John McLaughlin by Jan McLaughlin

Dan Emerson by his wife, Anne

11/14 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Ronald Subler by Dianne Carey

11/15 Wednesday, 9 AM:

David Ketchum by Rebecca & Tom Howard

11/16 Thursday, 9 AM:

Harry & Gerry Duffy by Kathy Cooper

11/18 Saturday, 5 PM:

Mary Gleason by her daughter, Terri Brunelle

11/19 Sunday, 8 AM:

Intentions of the Residents of Blue Sky's

By Sam & MaryAnn Boldeia

11/19 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Carol McAllister by Barbara & Chuck Trudeau

11/19 Sunday, 11 AM:

Donna Quandt by the Quandt family

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Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 AM
Knights of Columbus	www.KofC.org/joinus
Birthright	(603) 434-3000
Pennacook Pregnancy C	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