



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,

Our First Reading from the Book of Proverbs this weekend is another classic “seat squirmer.” I’ve expressed my mischievous delight concerning these types of passages in the past. Our modern sensibilities can sometimes be easily jarred by ancient perspectives and understandings. But as always, it is important to read and hear Scripture on its own terms, not ours. Context is critical, as is considering the spiritual senses of the text: What is this passage saying about Jesus Christ? What is it saying about how to live my life? What is it saying about the life to come?

The passage in question is the infamous “Poem on the Woman of Worth.” Our female subject is described as ‘worthy’... a ‘prize’ with ‘fleeting beauty’ who is deserving of a ‘reward for her labors’. It is important to note at the beginning of this chapter that *‘these are the words of the king... the instruction his mother taught’* (Proverbs 31:1). These words of wisdom seem to carry a different tone when we hear them as a woman advising her son on whom he should seek to make a family with (mothers never do that sort of thing these days... sure...).

Literal context aside, each one of us should recognize the significance of the wife described in the passage: she is you. She is me, too. She is the Church, the Bride of Christ!

The theme of Christ as Bridegroom of the Church was prepared for by the prophets and announced by John the Baptist. The Lord referred to himself as the “bridegroom.” The Apostle (St. Paul) speaks of the whole Church and of each of the faithful, members of his Body, as a bride ‘betrothed’ to Christ the Lord so as to become one spirit with him. The Church is the spotless bride of the spotless Lamb. (CCC 796)

Reading the passage with this fact in mind enriches its spiritual meaning and implication for each of us. When we are worthy of our role as disciples, our value to God and neighbor is of incredible value. Our Lord entrusts his Sacred Heart to the Church, and she is the unfailing prize of his victory over sin and death. We should return his grace with a lifelong commitment to goodness - our hands never ceasing to do the work of the Gospel - weaving our lives together as a living garment, excluding not a single human thread. The Church has not always been charming. She has not always been pretty. But when we stand in awe of the Lord and seek his ways - we shall receive a reward for our labors, when we are welcomed at the city gates. The gates leading to the Eternal Wedding Feast...the Church Triumphant.

Peace be with you.

Brandon

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!

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.

In Remembrance...

Please join us in praying for the repose of the soul of Carol Potter.

Eternal rest grant unto her. O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Stockings for Soldiers - Thank YOU!

Thank you for your outpouring support!! All the stockings were taken and filled!! Whether you filled stockings or donated to shipping costs... THANK YOU!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Thank you in advance.

TURKEY UPDATE!!

THANK YOU for your quick and **generous** response!! We are SOOO excited to share that between all the money donated and a generous company... we have ALL the turkeys needed for our Christmas Basket Program!!!

Christmas Basket Program - BEGINS!

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. **There are 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!! #community #supportourneighbor

Christmas Trees - Hours of Operation

The Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Tree sale **begins on Black Friday, November 24 from 12PM - 6PM!!!** 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!

Hours: Monday / Thursday/ Friday: 6pm - 8pm
Saturday/Sunday: 9am - 6pm
Tuesdays/Wednesday: CLOSED

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

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, November 19:

10:30 AM St. Mark's KIDS/EDGE/Life Teen
4:00 PM Surviving the Holidays (Parish Hall)

Monday, November 20:

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

Tuesday, November 21:

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

Thursday, November 23:

9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday, November 25:

9:30 AM Al Anon

*The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, November 23.** We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! #blessed*

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**

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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:

- ≡ **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 11/08/2023 - 11/14/2023

Regular Offertory:	\$ 4,621.00
WeShare:	\$ <u>6,549.92</u>
Total:	\$ 11,170.92

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for Nov 18 - Nov 26, 2023

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

11/20 Monday, 9 AM:

Deceased Members of the Brown family
by the Brown family

11/21 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Alvin Rodgers by Bill Brown & family

11/22 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Josephine Lavoie by Larry & Pam Casey

11/23 Thursday, 9 AM:

Catherine & Paul Merlino by the family

11/25 Saturday, 5 PM:

Marie Therese by the Cantave family

11/26 Sunday, 8 AM:

Robert Kelley by the Kelley family

11/26 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Intentions of Deacon Lee Abbott

by Sam & MaryAnn Boldeia

11/26 Sunday, 11 AM:

Msgr. Alan Conlan by the Morgan family

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Prayer Line	Nancy Conner (603) 566-2357
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Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 AM
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