

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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Youth Ministers (Middle / High School)
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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 Our Pastor,

Brothers and Sisters-

This weekend, we celebrate the end of the Liturgical Year with the Solemnity of Christ, the King of the Universe!!! During the Mass, we will hear a reading from the Gospel of Matthew...and in my opinion one of the scariest Gospel passages that we read:

"For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
naked and you gave me no clothing,
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me."
Then they will answer and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?'"

Each one of us have the tendency to live our lives with a bit of 'tunnel vision'. Especially as we get closer to the holiday season, we will be rushing around with all the things that we have to get done. The days and weeks will seem like they are flying by, and we will have our minds focused on the errands, the Thanksgiving meal preparation, and Christmas shopping on top of all the usual things we are responsible for...this season can feel like a marathon!

This Gospel challenges us even in the midst of the frenzy of this part of the year be vigilant. I think this Gospel can be so 'scary' because we would never 'intentionally' ignore Christ around us...but with us being so busy, we can live life and not even notice Him! I fear that at the end of my life, I could very easily hear these words...you gave me no food....you gave me no welcome...

Christ is desiring that we minister to him each and every day of our lives. He is there in your own family, in the Supermarket, on the street....He is waiting patiently for us to notice him and minister to His needs....

May we strive to see Christ in everyone this season...and Serve and Love Him with all of our hearts and minds.

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

# The Solemnity of Christ the King

# Advent at St. Mark's

Join us Wednesday evenings this Advent Season for prayer and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Lord. **Beginning Wednesday, December 6 at 6PM**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. Evening prayer and Benediction will begin at 6:30, followed by a brief Advent presentation/reflection. Come share some 'silent night' in the Presence of our Lord with our St. Mark's family on December 6, 13, and 20 at 6:00 PM.

#### **Christmas Mass Details**

This year, the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve (December 24). We will be celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent at our normal mass times (5 PM on Saturday, and 8 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11 AM on Sunday).

In the afternoon on Christmas Eve (December 24), we will then begin our Christmas Mass schedule. The Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

# Christmas Eve (December 24):

4 PM Mass with the Children's choir 5:15 PM Mass with the Adult choir 6:15 PM Mass Midnight (12 AM) Mass with Solemn music

# Christmas Day (December 25) 10 AM Mass

Please plan to join us to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent and again for our Christmas celebrations!

# Holy Day of Obligation - December 8 Please join us on Friday, December 8 at 9AM or 7PM for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

# **Christmas Flower Envelopes**

Christmas flower envelopes will be available in the gathering space as you enter the church. These flowers will adorn our worship space for the Christmas Season. Please *print* your loved ones names. Thank you!!!

# 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!

# **Christmas Basket Program**

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!!

Monday, November 27:

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

**Tuesday, November 28:** 

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

**Saturday, December 2:** 9:30 AM Al Anon



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#### 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 Stuffing Rice Baked Beans Hot or Cold Cereal Soup Canned Vegetables Turkey gravy Pasta/Pasta Sauce **Cranberry Sauce** Peanut Butter 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)

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# The Solemnity of Christ the King

# **Sacrificial Giving**

Due to early publication deadline, the Giving report will appear in next weeks bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

# Mass Intentions for Nov 25 - Dec 3, 2023 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

11/27 Monday, 9 AM:

Michael Klein by Jim and Eileen Spies

11/28 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Adrian, John, Joan (Bompastore) Pallone

By Tuesday Prayer Friends

11/29 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Dan Emerson by Larry & Pam Casey

11/30 Thursday, 9 AM:

Josephine Barone by Nancy and Jim Shearer

Dan Emerson by his wife Anne

12/2 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pat Trongo by his wife and family

Dan Emerson by his wife Anne

12/3 Sunday, 8 AM:

Ed Dziergowski by the Schou family

12/3 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Dorothy Maxwell by her family

12/3 Sunday, 11 AM:

Grace & Thomas Yang by Mary Y. Lynch

# **Parish Contact Information**

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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