

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

SAINT MARK

THE EVANGELIST

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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-

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.
And this will be a sign for you:
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."
And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

In the next few days, we will hear over and over again, "What did you get for Christmas?!!" Children are always excited to share the news of their newest Switch game, or their brand new drone, or flashy wildly expensive sneakers... The kids light up because they have received such 'special' and 'important' gifts in their life...but we all know what happens: in days/weeks/years, some of these very important gifts will end up collecting dust in some closet, or completely forgotten all together!

For us adults, we surely love giving gifts; as it shows our loved ones our absolute care and affection for them. It shows that we care for and love people outside of ourselves....and truly want to bring cheer and joy into the lives of others.

I hope during this Christmas Season, however, we truly know that the STUFF is not what brings the feeling of love and affection. Christ entered the world and was truly 'present'— so much so that by His Life, Death, and Resurrection, taught us what LOVE is. By his words...by his teachings...by His 'selfless' ways taught His disciples, and US, how to love and what the greatest 'gift' is. The most special thing we can give throughout our lives to each other is being 'present'; being Christ for others, and for the whole world...Making Christ present in all situations and aspects of our lives; not just on this Christmas Day!

We celebrate receiving the greatest, most important, and most life giving 'gift' of all...a 'gift' never grows stale, or could ever just sit there and collect dust...the very GIFT of Christ Himself.

On behalf of myself, Deacon Tom, and the whole staff here at St. Mark's, we wish you and your family a joyous and beautiful Christmas Season!

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Fr Mike

Merry Christmas!!

Our heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped decorate and adorn our worship space! Thank you all the Lectors and Altar Servers. Thank you to the Welcome Team who greet and assist all those who enter the doors! A special not of gratitude to Amanda, Marie, Steve and everyone involved in Music Ministry plus our Children's and Adult Choir here at St. Mark's! In this most blessed season, we praise Almighty God with joy for all the talented and generous members of our parish family who contribute to what makes St. Mark's such a special place. THANK YOU!

A Special Note from the Parish Staff

Thank you so much to everyone who delivered special gifts and treats for us! We are truly thankful for your kindness and support and look forward to what the New Year will bring to St. Mark's!

K of C Blood Drive - Save the Date

Our Knights of Columbus #10488 and the Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on **Saturday**, **February 3**, **2024**. Details will be coming soon.

New Year - New YOU!

We have some AMAZING ministries here!! Are you involved? Think about how you can share your talents here at St. Mark's and may 'plug in' to a ministry!! We have some really cool ideas floating around, but need YOU to make it happen! There will be 'NEW' ministry information detailed in the New Year and we hope to bring MORE to our community for ALL AGES! Think about it and stay tuned...

VBS 2024 - Save the Date

We are excited to announce that Vacation Bible School will be **June 24 - June 28**!! The theme is SCUBA!!

Winter Advisory

The New England winter is right around the corner. Please remember to check our website and/or WMUR for updates, which include the celebration of Holy Mass and Faith Formation classes.

*The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 26 through Monday, January 2, 2024. We will still be answering emails and voice mails.

Reconciliation Families - Save the Date

Our celebration of First Reconciliation will be on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 12:30PM.

All First Reconciliation Recipients will remain at the church after the conclusion of classes (March 10) until First Reconciliation **begins at 12:30 in the church**. We hope to conclude by 2:00 PM. Who is this for? This is for all of our current 2nd graders and any child/young adult who has 'not' received their First Reconciliation. iCan Families Attend? Of course! It is ENCOURAGED as we'll be doing a group activity/reflection in the church before the reception of First Reconciliation!

If you have any questions, please contact:

PreK - Grade 5 - amanda@stmarksnh.org

Grade 6 - Grade 12 - youthministry@stmarksnh.org

Faith Formation

Classes will resume on **Sunday, January 7, 2024**. The remaining dates for St. Mark's KIDS, EDGE & Life Teen are:

January 7, 21, 28 February 4, 11, 18 March 10, 17, 24 April 7, 14 May 5

This Week @ St. Mark's!!
Fourth Sunday of Advent (Saturday), December 23:
5PM Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24:

8 AM, 9:30AM & 11AM Mass

Christmas Eve, December 24:

4PM, 5:15PM, 6:15PM & Midnight

Monday, December 25:

10:00 AM Mass

~ Merry Christmas ~

Tuesday, December 26 - Thursday December 28:

9:00 AM Daily Mass

~ No Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday ~

Saturday, December 30:

9:30 AM Al Anon



Dorothy Goodrich Bill, Lea & Blanche Poitras **David Cappiello** Harry & Gerry Duffy **Gerald Cooper** Camille L. Lynch Matthew D. Pedley Members of he Kruse family Members of the Pedley family Members of the Drabina family Members of the Lott family Al Draven **Mary Draven Members of the Raymond family** Members of the Mathieu family Virginia Butchard **Catherine Granese Margaret & Eugene Fleming Members of Henry family** Mem bers of Ruffini family Richard & Louisa Gendron Frederick & Lillian LaCerda Ed & Linda Willwerth

Christmas Flowers In Memory Of...

Leo Guilfovle Vincent D. Palumbo **Ann D'Anjou Paul & Shirley Vasington** Henry D'Anjou Francis J. Horohoe Marion & Lee Allen William Orr **John Swymer Deacon Ken Swymer Christos & Irene Harbilas** Members of the Curran family Susan Ventura Members of the Ventura family **Bob Fawcett loe Decarolis** Peter, Dianne & Mary Joy Spies Thomas & Joan Maher Members of the Clark family Members of the Lavallee family **Heather Tufts** John H Strasburger **Ernest & Elizabeth Beatrice** Henry & Stephanie Duato **Wayne Moran**

Frances & William Carbonneau

Judith Pincince
Josephine & Tony Varone
Jessie & Jim Shearer

Deceased Members of Men of St. Joseph

Roger & Helen Robert Chuck Breard

Noah Stonestreet
Dan Emerson
Renata Dryer
Gail Taralli
Dennis Lescarbeau
Loretta Flanagan
Kerryn Low Perez
Peggy Daniels
Luciano Querel
Karen Dill
Karen Wilder
AnnMarie Gagnon

Rosemary & Vincent Colonna

The intentions of these special individuals will be remembered this Christmas Season.

If your family requested a remembrance that was not yet received at the time of publication, please be assured that their intentions will be included in this holy memorial.

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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

The Financial Report for 12/12/2023 - 12/19/2023 will appear in next week's bulletin, due to early publishing deadlines. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for Dec 24 - Dec 31, 2023 12/24 Sunday, 8AM

Mary Falvey by friends 12/24 Sunday, 9:30AM

Intentions of People of St. Mark's Parish

12/24 Sunday, 11AM

Leo Guilfoyle by friends

12/24 Sunday, 4:00 PM:

Frank Griffin by the family

12/24 Sunday, 5:15 PM:

Mary Mandara by the Morgan family Noah Stonestreet by his parents

12/24 Sunday, 6:16 PM:

John & Jodi Harper by Roger & Paula Hubert

12/24 Sunday, Midnight:

Matthew Pedley by Larry & Pam Casey 12/25 Monday, 10AM ~ Christmas Day:

Ed & Martha Yantch by Larry & Pam Casey

12/26 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Alicia MacDonald by Tuesday Prayer Friends

12/27 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Tony Saglime by the family Dan Emerson by his wife Anne

12/28 Thursday, 9 AM:

Mary Salerno and her son, Paul by the family

12/30 Saturday, 5PM

Mini Kurr by Sam & MaryAnn Boldeia

12/31 Sunday, 8AM

Jane Blasczak by Stan & Sheila Swiderek

12/31 Sunday, 9:30AM

Judith Whalen by the Whalen family

12/31 Sunday, 11AM

Claire Hooley, mother of Marie Van Ryen By Mary Y. Lynch