



*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](http://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*



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Facebook: [stmarkslondonderry](https://www.facebook.com/stmarkslondonderry)  
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***From Our Parish Evangelist...***

Turn to your neighbor and ask, “Tell me something that Jesus said.” After a blank expression of being caught off guard, you may hear the response, “*Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*” (Mt 7:12) or “*Judge not, lest you be judged*” (Mt 7:1). Maybe “Let he who is without sin cast the first stone” (Jn 8:7), or my favorite “Have you anything here to eat?” (Lk 24:41). Of course, a popular answer may be one that we encounter this weekend in St. John’s Gospel, “*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*”

Jesus Christ is the Way because through Him humanity has access to the Father. He is the Truth because He is the Incarnate Word come down from Heaven. He is the Life because *only He* has come down from Heaven and *only He* can elevate humanity to share in divine communion. St. Paul wrote: “*For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Jesus Christ*” (1Tm 2:5). St. Peter proclaimed: “*There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12)

You may at some point have thought about this and asked yourself, “Well... what about everybody else? Are they just up the creek”? In fact, this may be one of the most common questions I’ve been asked in my years of teaching the Faith. What about someone who couldn’t tell you anything Jesus ever said? What if they never even heard of Jesus? How about other religions, or those with no faith at all?

The answer lies in this same proclamation of our Lord that seems so apparently exclusive. It is a fact that no one has access to God except through Christ - but pay close attention to how Jesus identifies Himself: I am the *Truth*. He is the embodiment of *all* that is true and good - He *is* God, after all. So in a certain way, whenever we as human beings come to the realization and understanding of what is true, that truth necessarily participates in the ultimate Truth, which is Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way: *Man tends by nature toward the truth. He is obliged to honor and bear witness to it: “It is in accordance with their dignity that all men... are both impelled by their nature and bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth. They are also bound to adhere to the truth once they come to know it and direct their whole lives in accordance with the demands of truth”* (CCC 2467).

*The Catholic Church recognizes in other religions that search, among shadows and images, for the God who is unknown yet near since he gives life and breath and all things and wants all men to be saved. Thus, the Church considers all goodness and truth found in these religions as “a preparation for the Gospel and given by him who enlightens all men that they may at length have life”* (CCC 843).

*Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience—those too may achieve eternal salvation* (CCC 847).

None of this is to say that all religious beliefs (or lack thereof) are “equal” - otherwise what difference would it make to be Catholic, or even Christian? Rather, we who have heard the Gospel proclaimed and have been graced with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments have received the *fullness of the means of salvation* (CCC 830). *The social duty of Christians is to respect and awaken in each man the love of the true and the good. It requires them to make known the worship of the one true religion which subsists in the Catholic and apostolic Church.* (CCC 2105)

St. John begins his Gospel with the declaration that *in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people* (Jn 1:4). The light of the world is Truth. Truth can be known - it is Love, Goodness, Virtue. Wherever in the world mankind finds Truth, we find Christ. As Christians we are privileged with the grace and responsibility of the fullness of the Truth, but it is also our duty to recognize and build upon the glimmers of that Truth wherever we encounter it. After all, *in my Father’s house there are many mansions... Where I am going you know the way.*

Peace Be With You,  
Brandon

**VBS - STELLAR Donation Board**

Help us transform the Parish Center into OUTER SPACE!! Visit the STELLAR donation board TODAY!! You don't have time to shop? That's ok... there are donation envelopes available and we can do the shopping for you!! Thank you in advance for your VBS support!!

**Knights of Columbus - Tootsie Roll Drive**

The annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive will be held **Friday, May 12 from 5PM - 8PM and Saturday, May 13 from 8AM - 4PM**. Volunteers are needed for the following locations: Dunkin Donuts Nutfield, Mohawk and Home Depot, Benson's Hardware, Shaw's and Market Basket. All proceeds will go to benefit Londonderry Early Education Program and NH Special Olympics. If you wish to volunteer, please call or text Nick at 603-490-0401.

**New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**

We thank all who made their gift to the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II* this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, seminarians, retired clergy, Catholic schools and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca) or scan the QR code below. ***We thank you on behalf of all who will come to know the loving hand of Christ and our Church through your generosity.***



**Holy Day of Obligation - Thursday, May 18**

Join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on **Thursday, May 18**. This Holy day of Obligation will be celebrated at 9AM or 7PM. This day commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven and occurs ten days before Pentecost. Come join us!

**St. Mark's Community Outreach Team  
DIAPER DRIVE**



**What: Diapers size 2T - 5T**

**When: May 7 - May 28**

This diaper drive is for "Our Place", a growing organization that helps parenting teens and young adults provide their children with a loving, caring and safe home.

Please place all diapers in the pack n play located in the entrance. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place in the pack n play as well. ***All money will be used to purchase diapers.***

Thank you for your support!  
The Community Outreach Team

**Men of St. Joseph**

Join us **Saturday, May 20 at 7:00 AM** for prayer, food and fellowship with guys who support each other. There are no sign-ups or dues. Just show up and we guarantee a great cup of coffee that you didn't have to make. Come and check us out!

**This Week @ St. Mark's!!**

**Sunday, May 7:**

10:30 AM St. Mark's KIDS/EDGE/Life Teen

**Tuesday, May 9:**

9:30 - 3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting

**Thursday, May 11:**

9:30 AM Weekday Witness

7:00 PM K of C Officers Meeting

**Friday, May 12:**

6:00 PM Pack 605 Meeting

**Saturday, May 13:**

9:30 AM Al Anon



**WHEN: June 26 - 30**

**TIME: 9AM - NOON**

**COST: \$40 PER CAMPER**

**(\$100 max per family)**

**REGISTRATION OPEN**

**TSHIRT INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION**





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Al-Anon Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 AM  
Knights of Columbus www.KofC.org/joinus  
Birthright (603) 434-3000  
Pennacook Pregnancy Center (603) 206-5306  
NH Catholic Charities, Nashua (603) 889-9431

**Mass Intentions for May 6 - May 14, 2023**

**5/6 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Intentions of NH Seminarians  
by Dennis & Barbara Pedley

**5/7 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Ralph Ketchum by Rebecca & Tom Howard

**5/7 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Vinny Ardizzoni by William Lajoie

**5/7 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Herman Max by Alice & family

**5/8 Monday, 9 AM:**

Intentions of Bridie Dundon  
by Bernadette, Frank, Michael Hegarty

**5/9 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

Intentions of Bernadette Lynch  
by Bernadette, Frank, Michael Hegarty

**5/10 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Intentions of Gemma & Michael Roddy  
by Bernadette, Frank, Michael Hegarty

**5/11 Thursday, 9 AM:**

Yvette Patenaude  
By John & Suzanne Patenaude

**5/13 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Mary Gleason by her daughter, Terri Brunelle

**5/14 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Geri Cox by Knights of Columbus 10488

**5/14 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Candida Mello by Sam & MaryAnn Boldeia

**5/14 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Phyllis Gloria McNeil by The Hume family

**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