

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 Your Parish Evangelist...

This weekend's Gospel presents us with the beginning of the longest extended prayer spoken by Jesus. Known as the "High Priestly Prayer", the entirety of John Chapter 17 is the finale of Jesus' Farewell Discourse, spoken to His disciples at the Last Supper. The prayer focuses on Christ's role as intercessor and mediator for fallen humanity - the perfect Priest, offering perfect sacrifice to the source of all perfection - the Father Almighty. Like many of Jesus' monologues in John's Gospel, it can be challenging to follow, and much can be said with reference to context and nuance. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church has an entire section on this very prayer (CCC 2746-51), declaring that it "sums up the whole economy of creation and salvation. It fulfills the great petitions of the Our Father." (CCC 2758)

Jesus prays: *Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ...* In other words, to truly possess life is to **know** the living God in His glory as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To know something suggests a certain cognitive, intellectual dimension - but to truly know a *person* requires a relational bond of friendship, communion, and love. Not only that, but these bonds continue to grow and to strengthen, until they meet the ultimate object of their desire - fulfillment by union with Love itself.

As we know, no loving relationship is an individual endeavor. God wants us to know Him as He knows us. He desires the same union of love with you and I that He has with His only Son. Jesus prays to the Father: I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. Jesus is praying for this mutual glorification so that his disciples may witness the eternal exchange of life and love that exist within God. A short time later, they indeed witnessed it - on Calvary.

The Cross revealed the love of the Father. He gave His all, His only begotten Son, for the salvation of the world. The Cross revealed the love of the Son. He gave His all - His very life - in an act of perfect love and obedience to the Father. This how they **know** each other. Perfect, self-giving, unhindered, eternal Love.

This is the mystery - and the reality: Eternal life is to know God and know His Son whom He sent. To know God is to love as He loves - with no strings attached. Where love abides, Heaven and Earth touch. Love is beyond time and space. It is the height of all human desire and endeavor. It is truly the way to God.

"You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mark 12:32-34

Peace Be With You, Brandon

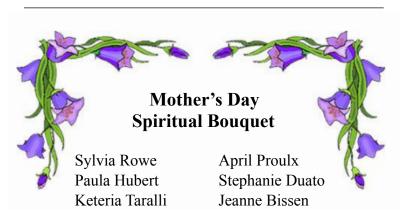
Vacation Bible School - Donation Board

We still have meteors on our donation boards and really need YOUR help!! If you can grab one today and help us transform the Parish Center into OUTER SPACE!! Visit the STELLAR donation board TODAY!! You don't have time to shop? Thats ok... there are donation envelopes available and we can do the shopping for you!! Thank you in advance for your VBS support!!

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, we have raised \$4,940.00 towards our parish goal of \$61,223.00. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or you can make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available in the Welcome Center. We need the support of all of our parish families in order to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.





Outreach Services for Victims

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. Help is available.

St. Mark's 2023 Wine Tasting FUNdraiser!!

We are excited to bring back the wine tasting, dinner and auction on **Friday**, **September 29**, **2023!!** SAVE THE DATE!! If you are interested in being a sponsor for this event or would like to get involved, please email FUN.stmarks@gmail.com!

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

Mass Intention Book for 2024!

Our Mass Intention Book for 2024 is now OPEN. If you would like to book a Mass for a loved one (living or deceased), please visit our Welcome Center, call the Parish Office or send an email to info@stmarksnh.org.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Tuesday, May 23:

9:30 - 3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting

Thursday, May 25:

9:30 AM Weekday Witness

Friday, May 26:

6:00 PM Pack 605 Meeting

Saturday, May 27:

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

Sacrificial Giving Week of 05/03/2022 - 05/09/2023

 Regular Offertory:
 \$ 4,970.00

 WeShare:
 \$ 10,338.17

Total: \$ 15,308.17

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

The Financial Report for 05/10/2023-05/16/2023 will appear in next week's bulletin, due to early publishing deadlines. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for May 20 - May 28, 2023

5/20 Saturday, 5 PM:

Intentions of All Married Couples by Roger & Paula Hubert 5/21 Sunday, 8 AM:

Paul & Carole Doyon and John Kelly By their children

5/21 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Vinny Ardizzoni by William Lajoie

5/21 Sunday, 11 AM:

Michael Smith by John & Suzanne Patenaude

5/22 Monday, 9 AM:

Geri Cox by Knights of Columbus 10488

5/23 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Rev. Larry Patenaude by John & Suzanne Patenaude

5/24 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Geri Cox by Knights of Columbus 10488

5/25 Thursday, 9 AM:

Frank Sr. & Elizabeth Saglime by the family

5/27 Saturday, 5 PM:

Brenda Colameta by Diane Hoppe

5/28 Sunday, 8 AM:

Geri Cox by Knights of Columbus 10488

5/28 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Dorothy Maxwell by her family

5/28 Sunday, 11 AM:

Clara Jablonski by the Schou family

Parish Contact Information

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Prayer Line	Nancy Conner (603) 566-2357
Safe Environment	Lisa Olsen (603) 432-8711
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

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