



*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***

“You can choose your friends, but you can't choose your family”: A familiar cliché most of us have heard or repeated at some point in our lives, usually when a family member is working on our last nerve. Family is one of the most fascinating dichotomies in the human experience. On the one hand, our families can be the source of the most profound love, compassion, and fulfillment. On the other, our families could bring us the most profound sorrow, betrayal, and disappointment. It's just the nature of being related by such intimate biological and emotional bonds. So with that in mind, this weekend's Gospel is likely to touch each of our minds and hearts in a wide variety of ways: *Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

This passage, and its parallel teachings in other Gospels, are what I call 'squirmy verses.' When they are proclaimed, one can observe a bit of uneasy squirming in the seats. Luke's version is even more squirm-worthy: *Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple* (Lk 14:26).

This is bold and demanding language. It seems unnatural. And that's the point. Christian discipleship is bold and demanding - it can only be achieved with supernatural assistance. Jesus is not contradicting the Fourth Commandment of loving one's father and mother. In fact, he isn't asking us to think or do anything different from His own example: *My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it* (Lk 8:19). We are commanded to love our families, our friends, neighbors, even our enemies! But those commands are dependent on the foundation: “*Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?*” He said to him, “ ‘*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*’ *This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’*” Jesus continually teaches that we need to have our priorities straight.

The hallmark of true discipleship is loyalty to Christ even before one's own family. Beyond that, we need to love Him more than our very own lives - or we aren't even *worthy* of Him! To take up our cross is to follow Jesus even to His humiliation and death. It can be easy for all of us to find some hyperbole in this - can we really be expected to love an invisible, supernatural God-man from 2000 years ago over our own children? Our spouses? Our parents? Our own well-being?

Yes. That *is* what He expects. Because He is not our imaginary friend. He is the *Truth*. He is *Goodness*. He is *Life*. If we don't love Truth, Goodness, and Life as first priority, than how can we love anything else? Are we willing to compromise on what is right and wrong with those closest to us? Perhaps sometimes we are. And that is what our Lord means when He says we must love Him more than we love father or mother or son or daughter - because if we turn away from Truth for their sake (because they don't want to hear it) - or if we compromise on what's right and wrong (because we 'don't want the drama') - if we are held back from full reception of the Gospel (because it is rejected by those closest to us) - then Jesus is very clear: we're not worthy.

Let not our hearts be troubled. The Father of Mercies knows well the struggles we may have with our closest relations, and He knows all our own failures and challenges (even better than we know them ourselves!). But He still expects us to be intentional in our boldness for what's right - even when it may cause arguments, rifts, and challenges within our families. If we keep our priorities in order - with the Eternal Truth as the unshakeable foundation of our lives - then *Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.*

Peace Be With You,  
Brandon

**Vacation Bible School - SUCCESS!!**

A HUGE Thank you to the MANY campers and volunteers who participated in VBS this year! Whether you donated an item from our Stellar Board, led a group as a Crew Leader, Station Leader, Kitchen Crew, Decorating, Setup/Cleanup Crew... THANK YOU!! Thank you to all the parents who shared their children with us, we hope they had a STELLAR time! We hope to see you all next year!!

**Wine Tasting - Can you volunteer?**

We are in the planning stages of this AMAZING evening and want YOU!! If you enjoy having fun, please consider volunteering in some capacity. We need help with setup/cleanup, food servers, decorating, setup (the week of Sept 25th), live/silent auction volunteers, pourers and more! **Sign up sheet is located in the Welcome Center!!**

**New Hampshire Catholic Appeal - Update**

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, we have raised **\$42,500.00** towards our parish goal of \$61,223.00. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

**St. Mark the Evangelist, Pray for Us!**

We have eleven students preparing to attend WorkcampNE the **week of July 30**. Please keep these students in prayer as they go forward to serve the people of Belmont, N.H. Thank you!

**Independence Day**

*God of justice and Lord of all, you guide all creation with fatherly care. On this Independence Day, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations. You reveal that those who work for peace will be called your sons and daughters. Continue to send your Spirits to touch the hearts and minds of all who cherish the rights to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Amen.*

**Week of July 4**

There will be **no daily Mass on July 3 or 4**, and the parish office will be **closed July 3 - July 6**. Thank you for understanding. We hope you have a fun and safe holiday week!

**Widow & Widower Ministry**

The journey of the loss of a spouse is a painful process and you do not need to walk it alone. St. Mark's has a Grief Share Ministry who meets the **1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6PM in the Parish Hall**. The next meeting is July 6. All are welcome!

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

**Monday, July 3:**

*No Morning Mass*

**Tuesday, July 4:**

*No Morning Mass - No Adoration*

**Wednesday, July 5:**

9:00 AM Morning Mass

**Thursday, July 6:**

9:00 AM Morning Mass

6:00 PM Widow & Widower Ministry

**Friday, July 7:**

6:00 PM Pack 605 Meeting

**Saturday, July 8:**

9:30 AM Al Anon







SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 / 6-10PM

AT ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH HALL

## 4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER WINE TASTING, DINNER & AUCTION (AGE 21+ ONLY)

Raising funds to repair the front steps and curb area of the church

Tickets on sale! \$50pp/\$350 table of 8  
Purchase online at [stmarksnh.org](http://stmarksnh.org) or call the  
Parish Office at 603-432-8711.



This beautiful evening is possible with the help of MANY. Would you consider volunteering your time? We have specific areas such as; food servers, decorating, setup (the week of Sept 25th), clean up, live/silent auction volunteers, pourers and more... why volunteer? A great way to support St. Mark's, meet new people, enjoy great food.. and SO much more! We look forward to hearing from you!

*For more information or questions, please contact Lisa at the Parish Office: [info@stmarksnh.org](mailto:info@stmarksnh.org) or 603-432-8711.*

**Sacrificial Giving**  
**Week of 06/21/2022 - 06/27/2023**

Regular Offertory:	\$ 4,517.00
WeShare:	\$ <u>7,544.61</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 12,061.61</b>

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

**Mass Intentions for July 1 - July 9, 2023**

**7/1 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Dr. Jerremy Ramp by Ed & Rita Gorman

**7/2 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Frank Swinarski by Bill & Brenda Donroe

**7/2 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Dorothy Maxwell by her family

**7/2 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Bonnie Welter by the Schou family

**7/3 Monday, 9 AM:**

Michael Netishen by Sam & MaryAnn Boldeia

**7/4 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

Daniel Emerson Sr. by Dan & Anne Emerson

**7/5 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Cathy Raymond by Kevin & Helen McArdle

**7/6 Thursday, 9 AM:**

Mr. & Mrs. Zoric by the family

**7/8 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Robert Fonteyn by Barbara Scott

**7/9 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Patricia Bassett by Ed & Rita Gorman

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

Tammy Smith by Brenda Donroe

**7/9 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Glenn Giles by John & Suzanne Patenaude

**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 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