



Welcome to the Catholic Community of

SAINT MARK

THE EVANGELIST

*A Catholic Community of Caring Since 1981
Serving Londonderry, Hudson & Windham - New Hampshire*

**Church and Parish Center (603) 432-8711
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Fr. Mike Zgonc
Deacon Tom Lavallee
Brandon Sargent
Amanda Morgan
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Lisa Olsen
Brian Lindsay

Pastor
Permanent Deacon
Director of Evangelization
PreK-5 Coordinator/Adult Choir Director
Youth Ministers (Middle / High School)
Business Manager / Notary
Facilities

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](https://www.facebook.com/stmarkslondonderry)
Flocknote: flocknote.com/SMECNH
Instagram: [stmarkslondonderry](https://www.instagram.com/stmarkslondonderry)

From Amanda's Desk

I LOVE the readings this week because they both challenge us and give opportunity to talk about what forgiveness truly is. Despite loving the readings, this week they are HARD - talking about forgiveness isn't comfortable, especially when the readings lay it out as bluntly as they do this week.

"Remember your last days and set enmity aside."

"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

"So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Forgive or be handed over to the torturers... Eek.

While true, forgiveness is required of us as Catholic Christians, our definition of forgiveness is often cross-pollinated with reconciliation and restoration. Don't get me wrong, forgiveness is still REALLY HARD, but becomes more manageable when we can define these three words independently and contextually.

Let's start with what forgiveness DOESN'T mean. Forgiving isn't forgetting. It isn't giving justification or excuses for the one who hurt us. We don't need to resolve to passively turn every cheek as we allow ourselves to reenter emotionally, physically or spiritually compromising situations. God loves us and wants us to love ourselves, live healthy lives and love one another. How then do we approach forgiveness with those who have DEEPLY crossed a line?

The Gospel today deals with debt, and the repayment of debt. The "debt" or "offense" is a HUGE amount that the servant had no way of paying back and the master released him. The releasing of the servant from what was "owed" is the model of forgiveness we are to follow. The master didn't wish ill-will on the servant. He didn't require the servant to pay a "minimum payment" or money or service for the rest of his life. The master released him out of compassion - the same way Jesus released us of our sins when he died on the cross. This is forgiveness and what we are called to do, to release one another and not seek repayment, revenge or ill-happenings against our human brothers and sisters.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



While being crucified, Jesus prays to God the Father.. these amazing PERFECT words of love and compassion. **Luke 23:34**

Reconciliation = Relationship. Restoration = Return of trust / what was lost when we were wronged. Neither one of these is necessarily required of what we are called to do when we observe our Christian duty of forgiveness. What IS required is that we ACTIVELY release those who have wronged us. Forgiveness isn't a "one and done" event. We will grieve and process situations/wrong-doings in a variety of ways. We need to CONTINUALLY remind ourselves to RELEASE "those who have trespassed against us."

Along with a cartoon, I've included a QR code to a video which does a pretty good job of tackling forgiveness in about 8 minutes. Open your phone's camera, point it at the square picture, click on the link that comes up and give it a listen!



We aren't emotional magicians that can instantly turn back the clock of other people's actions towards us, but we can keep trying to follow today's Gospel and release (without conditions) the one who has taken from us.

Catechetical Sunday - September 17

Prayer for our catechists

Loving Father, We pray today of our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry here at St. Mark's. Grant them the wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Amen.

Faith Formation - Registration still open!!

WELCOME BACK!! We were so excited to see everyone last weekend!! We look forward to another amazing year growing in faith TOGETHER! All registration forms can be found on our website (stmarksnh.org) under FORMS if you still need to register! You can also find them at the Welcome Center and in the Parish Office.

Wine Tasting - Do you have your ticket??

The St. Mark's FUNdraising committee would like you and your friends and family (over 21) to join us **Friday, September 29 from 6PM - 10PM** for a FUN night!! All proceeds will support the STEPup project! If you are unable to join us, but would like to make a donation to a gift basket or the event itself, please call the Parish Office at 603-432-8711. Thank you for your support!

Adult Choir - Next Rehearsal is Sept 19!!

Our Adult Choir is resuming weekly rehearsals! We will rehearse **every Tuesday evening from 6:30PM - 8:00PM** upstairs in the music room. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda. All are welcome!

Red Cross Blood Drive - Save the Date!

The Knights of Columbus #10488 will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Saturday, October 7** in the Parish Hall. *Watch the bulletin for details.*

Creation Corner

This weekend Jesus tells the story of the ungrateful servant. During this Season of Creation, may we, unlike the servant who spurned his master's generosity, be grateful for the natural world that surrounds and supports us.

St. Mark's Café - We are OPEN!

We are SO excited that the St. Mark's Cafe will be opening at full capacity!! There will be coffee, muffins, bagels and breakfast sandwiches!! We hope you stop by for a bite to eat and some community social!! Thank you to Doug Tancreti, Brian Lindsay and Brandon Sargent who run the café! Contact Brandon at brandon@stmarksnh.org if you would like to volunteer!

Weekday Witness continues...

Join us in the Parish Hall **following the 9AM Mass on Thursdays!** We enjoy a cup of coffee and have conversation. All are welcome!

Can you share an hour with our youth?

We are so blessed with a vibrant program and looking for faith formation volunteers at all levels. No experience necessary. Volunteer as often or as little as you would like. Once a month or more... What are the qualifications? Just a willingness to share your faith and help our children grow in theirs! If you're interested contact;

St. Mark's KIDS (Grade PreK - Grade 5)

Amanda at amanda@stmarksnh.org

EDGE / Life Teen (Grade 6 - Grade 12)

Tom and Heather at youthministry@stmarksnh.org

We look forward to hearing from you!

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, September 17:

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

Tuesday, September 19:

9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting

6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 21:

9:30 AM Weekday Witness

6:00 PM Widow & Widower Support Group

Friday, September 22:

6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting

Saturday, September 23:

9:30 AM Al Anon

Certificate of Achievement

given with sincere appreciation to:

Reverend Michael S. Zgonc

and the parishioners of:

Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish

For achieving the parish goal of the 2023 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal Future of our Faith II.



Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester



From the Office of the Bishop

Dear Father Zgonc, Congratulations and God reward you!! As I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you and your parishioners for exceeding your goal for the 2023 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II! You and the parishioners of Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish have responded generously to this call to action to serve the needs of the people of our diocese and reminded us that although we are Many Parts, we are One Body in Christ. Thank you living out the gospel values and breathing life into this Appeal in its first full year. May God bless you and all who will come to see the loving hand of God through the NHCA. I will continue to pray for you and your parish family at my daily Mass.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

Sacrificial Giving

Week of 09/06/2022 - 09/12/2023

Regular Offertory:	\$ 6,852.00
WeShare:	\$ 12,175.20
Total:	\$ 19,027.20

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for Sept 16 - Sept 24, 2023

9/16 Saturday, 5 PM:

Harold & Pauline Hubert by Roger & Paula Hubert
Daniel Emerson Sr. by Anne Emerson

9/17 Sunday, 8 AM:

Captain Brian M. Smith
by his parents, Mike & Joanne

9/17 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Vinny Ardizzoni by William Lajoie

9/17 Sunday, 11 AM:

Thomas Young by John & Suzanne Patenaude

9/18 Monday, 9 AM:

John Rossi by the Spies family

9/19 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Ronald Subler by Dianne Carey

9/20 Wednesday, 9 AM:

James and Noreen Caverly by Pam Morneau

9/21 Thursday, 9 AM:

Connie Abodeely by Bill & Brenda Donroe

9/23 Saturday, 5 PM:

Pat Trongo by his wife & family

9/24 Sunday, 8 AM:

Johnny Boy Flemings by Sam & MaryAnn Boldeia

9/24 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Leo Lambert by the Schou family

9/24 Sunday, 11 AM:

Matthew Pedley

Parish Contact Information

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Prayer Line	Nancy Conner (603) 566-2357
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Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 AM
Knights of Columbus	www.KofC.org/joinus
Birtheright	(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