

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 Our Parish Evangelist,

How do we hear God? What do we hear when He speaks? Has He ever *really* spoken to you? What does any of that even mean? All excellent questions as we embark on our New Year!

This weekend we read the familiar story of the calling of Samuel. You will recall Samuel's rather important role in Salvation History: a miraculous child to his mother Hannah, he would grow to personify the transition between the era of the Judges and that of the Monarchy. He would anoint the first two kings of Israel: Saul and David. So preeminent is Samuel, that he got not only one, but two books in the Bible named after him!

This familiar story of the Lord summoning Samuel to be his earthly representative has many relevant lessons for our own lives. He is in the sacramental presence of God when he hears His voice. He responds with humility and eagerness to align his will with that of God the Father's. Submitting to God's Will for our lives is truly a challenge to our fallen human nature - the only real assistance to that formation comes from God's Grace - a privilege that we believe is given to us in the Sacraments of the Church - when His Presence is made manifest.

There are some other details that may allow you and I to enter deeper into the spiritual significance of this passage. Notice that God calls Samuel multiple times before Samuel realizes who is on the other end of the line! We are told that at that time Samuel was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet. Young Samuel continues to think that it is his mentor Eli who is calling him. It is true in many of our lives that there has been a teacher, a preacher, a resource that has brought us to greater understanding of the Truth. Sometimes so much so that the person becomes our 'go-to' for all matters spiritual and religious. This is where we can find 'cults of personality' - a subjective distinction that can either be positive or negative. But although Eli, the priest and judge of Shiloh, trained Samuel in the knowledge and mysteries of faith, his most significant contribution to the young man's learning was recognizing when the Lord Himself began to assume Samuel's formation. Eli recognizes that the intellectual and spiritual instruction that he has bestowed unto Samuel's mind, has prepared the way for his young heart to receive the fullness of instruction found only in the Divine Truth - the Word of God.

I have had, and continue to enjoy, the privilege of instructing people, young and experienced alike, in matters of the Faith. But as many of you have heard me say - I can talk to you about Scripture, Christianity, and philosophy until I'm blue in the face. But do I show you Christ? Do I recognize when my instruction has run its course, and the Lord has taken over? Do I realize that all of my own mentors and resources are merely just that... They are means to an end. That end is hearing the Word of God. That end is realization that He has revealed His True Presence to me. That end is my humble profession: *Speak, for your servant is listening*.

Peace be with you. Brandon

#### **New Year - New Call For Ministries!**

We are SO blessed to have a vibrant community here at St. Mark's - do YOU have an idea for an event you'd like to see at our parish? A group you'd like to start? Interested in joining an existing Ministry (Community Outreach, Knights of Columbus, FUNdraising)? Some of us have been around for a while, but all of our ministries are always looking for new ideas and people to plug in!

Do YOU have an idea for our next BIG THING?

Contact Diane Carter at dhcarter13@gmail.com.

#### VBS 2024 - Save the Date

We are excited to announce that Vacation Bible School will be **June 24 - June 28**!! The theme is SCUBA!! If you are interested in volunteering, believe it or not... the process starts 'now'!! More hands make light work. We are looking for station leaders, crew leaders, builders and MORE!! Email amanda@stmarksnh.org.

## Do you have FLOCKNOTE?

This is our way to communicate to YOU! How do I sign up? Go to stmarksnh.org, scroll down and enter your list and Last Name, Email Address and Phone, click 'Sign Me Up'!

#### 2023 Tax Statement

If you would like a printed tax statement for 2023, please call the Parish Office or email Lisa at info@stmarksnh.org. Please remember, if you want contributions recorded, you must use the envelope system or signup for WeShare. We will begin sending statements out the end of January to those who made a request.

# **Community Outreach Meeting - Jan 17**

It's the NEW YEAR and we need to start planning! Join us **Wednesday, January 17 at 9:30AM** in the Parish Hall. This group plans parish events including; the parish picnic, backpack project for children in DCYF, diaper drive for Our Place, food drives and SO MUCH MORE... Bring your ideas and be part of planning the year here at St. Mark's!! *You can't make it, but have ideas to share?? Send your ideas to Dianne at Dianne.zdankiewicz@gmail.com.* 

#### **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. Can 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

## Fish Fry - Can you help?

We are preparing for our amazing Fish Fry!! We do all the shopping and training is provided! Save the date(s): Feb 16, March 1 and March 15. We serve AWESOME fish, french fries and more...come be part of the FUN! Email Brandon at brandon@stmarksnh.org if you can help out.

## Winter Advisory

The New England winter is here! Please check our website and/or WMUR for updates, which include the celebration of Holy Mass and Faith Formation classes.

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

Monday, January 15, 2024:

9:00 AM Daily Mass

**Tuesday, January 16:** 

9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, January 17:

9:30 AM Community Outreach Meeting

Thursday, January 18:

6:00 PM Widow & Widower Support Group

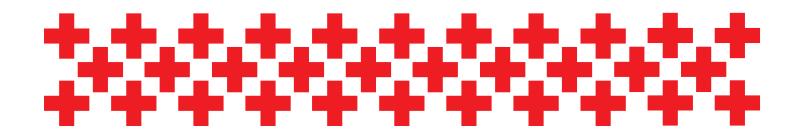
Saturday, January 20:

9:30 AM Al Anon

Parish Office Closed ~ January 15, 2024 In observance of Martin Luther King Jr., Day

# **American Red Cross**

Give blood. Help save lives.



# **Blood Drive St. Mark the Evangelist**

Church Hall 1 South Road Londonderry, NH 03053

Saturday, February 3, 2024 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council #10488

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: STMARKLONDONDERRY to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.

If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.

Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Share your heart! Come give in Feb. for a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/heart



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# Sacrificial Giving

## Week of 12/20/2023 - 12/26/2023

Regular Offertory:	\$ 10,107.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,026.46
Development:	\$ 200.00
Christmas:	\$ 5,309.00
Fuel:	<u>\$ 1,620.00</u>
Total:	\$ 20,262.46

#### Week of 12/27/2023 - 1/2/2024

Total:	\$	13,082.05
Fuel:	<u>\$</u>	565.00
Christmas:	\$	250.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	544.00
WeShare:	\$	5,187.05
Regular Offertory:	\$	6,536.00

#### Week of 1/3/2024 - 1/9/2024

Regular Offertory:	\$ 2,864.36
WeShare:	\$ 16,170.08
Fuel:	\$ 300.00
Total:	\$ 19,334.44

Fuel: \$ 14,196.00

(Parish Budget: \$12,000 per week / Fuel Goal: \$18,000) Thank you for your continued generosity!

## 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

## Mass Intentions for Jan 13 - Jan 21, 2024 1/13 Saturday, 5PM

Gerry Cooper by Kathy Cooper Matthew Pedley by mom and dad

## 1/14 Sunday, 8AM

Intentions of People of the Parish Jeannette Arsenault by Larry & Lois LeBlanc family

## 1/14 Sunday, 9:30AM

Ann Hoag by Chris & Eileen Beliveau Fr. Bernie McDonald by Pat & Mike Speltz

## 1/14 Sunday, 11AM

Bernabe Jaramillo by the family Joseph Valentovic by Jackie Valentovic

## 1/15 Monday, 9AM:

Ernest Beatrice by Kim Taralli Dan Emerson by Men of St. Joseph

## 1/16 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Mary Falvey by Joan Chmielorz Ronald J. Pomerleau by Larry & Lois LeBlanc & family

## 1/17 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Wilfred Bernier by Chris & Eileen Beliveau
Ann Doherty by Bernadette, Frank & Michael Hegarty
1/18 Thursday, 9 AM:

Intentions for a Favor Obtained by Claudette Mutt Burnford by Bill & Brenda Donroe

### 1/20 Saturday, 5PM

Ann Marie D'Anjou by the Welcome Ministry Rev. Bernard MacDonald by Ed & Rita Gorman

## 1/21 **Sunday**, 8AM

A. Austin Albert by Bill & Brenda Donroe Robert Webster by Monica & Ken Rahilly

## 1/21 Sunday, 9:30AM

Intentions of People of the Parish Elaine Joncas by Marie Lescarbeau

### 1/21 Sunday, 11AM

Dan Emerson by Mary Y. Lynch Susan Valliere Palmer by the Jackson family

\*\*Parish Contact Information can be found at stmarksnh.org