

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 Amanda's Desk,

A reading from the Book of Job - "I shall never know happiness again."

- Spoiler Alert - Job actually has a HAPPY ENDING!

For those in their "Early Job Era," it can feel like a progressively intensifying, dystopian reality from which you can't escape. The kind of bad dream where you can only run in slow motion and the struggle is vividly real. We feel helplessly powerless.

How often have we asked ourselves: What Next? When Will It Stop? How often have we asked God: Are you there God? It's me, and I could really use a break.

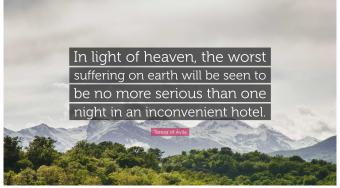
I know some people who try to anticipate / mitigate these "Job" moments by living in Murphy's Laws. For those unfamiliar, there are THREE laws associated with the Murphy ideology:

- 1) Anything that can go wrong WILL go wrong
- 2) NOTHING is as easy as it looks
- 3) Everything takes LONGER than you think it will.

Edward A. Murphy (1918-1990) was an aerospace engineer, who was measuring the impact of g-force on humans when he discovered an error made by one of his assistants. The origin of Law #1 is Murphy throwing that assistant under the bus, "anything that he can do wrong, he will." This mindset later gave birth to Law #2 and Law #3 - extensions of the "if you're told there's a glass, assume it's half empty and you'll be prepared to deal with it."

Now, I imagine it was the assistant's continued behavior that prompted Murphy's statement above. After all, Edward was an engineer - he analyzed his surroundings and adapted to his lived experiences. This way of thinking also utilizes 4 of the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding and Fortitude. There are definitely merits to being perceptive and responsive - so maybe this "Murphy" thing checks out?

I would argue that God didn't create any of "this" - the universe - for us to stagnantly fester in Murphy's mindset. God's plan for us isn't an "Early Job Era." After all, He created Adam and Eve and freely gave them ALL the JOYS of the garden. He sent His only Son, to experience GREAT suffering as a means to unlock the gates of Heaven for us all. Suffering isn't the end. It is through the suffering, through the struggles that we realize the glory of God. Job saw this at the end of his struggles and Jesus paved a way for all of us to experience the ULTIMATE joy at the end of ours. The "Joyful Era" that God intended from the start.



Community Outreach - Lenten Project

The Outreach Committee has recently met with the Director of Community Outreach and Special Events of the Boys and Girls Club. This agency services Nashua, Derry, Windham and Londonderry too! There are low income housing developments being built within our great towns and items are needed... not only to furnish these apartments, but personal items too. This project is a way for St. Mark's to give back to others... lets help our community together!! You can donate the specific items (list below and in the Welcome Center) from February 14 - March 18. Please keep these families in prayer who are affected by these difficult circumstances. Thank you for supporting this Lenten Project!!

Any household items, baby hats, baby blankets, baby mittens, crib sheets, body wash soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, baby wipes, tear free shampoo, ziploc bags, feminine products, deodorant, duffle bag/ diaper bag, throw blankets/ infant blankets, body towels - bath set towels, shower curtains, pillows, kid fun pillows, mops - brooms, silverware, dishes, pots/pans, glasses, bed sheets (twin/full), vacuums, toaster, microwaves, kitchen towels, laundry baskets/hampers dining table **couch **

**please contact Nicole directly at 603-661-6859

St. Mark's Irish Night ~ Saturday, March 2

Join us **Saturday**, **March 2 at 6PM** for Music, Irish Step Dancing Exhibition and a boiled dinner!! Limited Tickets available!! Do you have the best Irish Soda Bread recipe?? There will be an Irish Soda Bread contest! If you'd like to enter, please email the office at info@stmarksnh.org. Cost: \$20 per person.



Outreach Services for Families

If you or a loved one has experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, we urge you to contact the diocesan Office at (603) 669-3100.

Super Bowl Sunday - Food Collection

Our Community Outreach team is collecting: canned chicken, canned tuna, spam & ramen noodles. Please return all items ON Sunday, February 10 & 11 ONLY! Thank you!!

LENT 2024

Ash Wednesday

The celebration the Eucharist with the Blessing and Impositions of ashes will take place Wednesday, February 14 at 9AM and 7PM.

No Greater Love

A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion Thousands sought Jesus during His life. Only a few followed Him to Calvary. What will you do?



Join us Monday evenings beginning February 19 at 6PM for this series with Brandon, our Parish Evangelist. Register online at stmarksnh.org or call the Parish Office.

Lenten Prayer Service & Meditation Join us on Tuesdays, February 20, 27 & March 5

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / 5:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation / 5:30 - 6:30PM Prayer Service & Meditation / 6:30

Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday in Lent at 6PM.

Friday Night Fish Fry

Joins us at 6:30PM on February 16, March 1, 15 in the Parish Hall for an amazing fish and chips dinner!

Mother's Way of the Cross

Join us **Tuesday, March 12 at 6PM** as we walk the stations through a mother's perspective.

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, February 4, 2024:

10:30 AM St. Marks KIDS/EDGE/Life Teen

Tuesday, February 6:

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

6:30 PM Scouts 521

Thursday, February 8:

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting

Saturday, February 10:

9:30 AM Al Anon



Thousands sought Jesus during His life.
Only a few followed Him to Calvary.
What will you do?

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. Walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

Join us for this five week Lenten series on Monday evenings at 6:00 beginning February 19

Registration and material fee is \$30
Register online at stmarksnh.org, email info@stmarksnh.org or call the Parish Office at (603) 432 -8711

Sacrificial Giving Week of 1/24/2024 - 1/30/2024

 Regular Offertory:
 \$ 6,220.00

 WeShare:
 \$ 4,321.02

 Total:
 \$ 10,541.02

Fuel: \$ 14,496.00 out of \$18,000.00 goal

Mass Intentions for Feb 3 - Feb 11, 2024 2/3 Saturday, 5PM

Bob Wilkie by his family John & Jodi Harper by the family

2/4 Sunday, 8AM

Burt Sell by the Schou family People of the Parish

2/4 Sunday, 9:30AM

Salvatore DiSchino by the Fallon family

2/4 Sunday, 11AM

Judy Pincince by the family

Suzanne Johnson by John & Suzanne Patenaude

2/5 Monday, 9AM:

Dan Emerson by Dennis & Barbara Pedley

2/6 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Adrian Pallone by Teresa Pallone

2/7 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Noah Stonestreet by his parents

2/8 Thursday, 9 AM:

Rev. Mark Rundzio

2/10 Saturday, 5PM

Harry & Gerry Duffy by Kathy Cooper Catherine Kelley by the Kelley family

2/11 Sunday, 8AM

Robert Webster by St. Gianna's Place

2/11 Sunday, 9:30AM

People of the Parish

2/11 Sunday, 11AM

Intentions of Mandy & Jake Cassidy by Peter & Kathy Mahoney Dan Sharkley by Mary Y. Lynch

Parish Contact Information

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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