



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](https://www.facebook.com/stmarkslondonderry)
Flocknote: flocknote.com/SMECNH
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From Our Parish Evangelist,

As some of you may know, I have a particular fascination with what are referred to as the 'Prehistorical Narratives' of the Book of Genesis. These contain the familiar stories from Creation to the Tower of Babel in Chapters 1-11. The remaining chapters of the book shift to more focused and detailed profiles of the Biblical Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. As we embark on our annual Lenten pilgrimage this week, we are reminded of a famous sequence from the prehistoric record - the covenant with Noah and his sons.

It is useful to recall that these stories exist in an epoch prior to the formal establishment of what would become Judaism under the proliferation of Abraham and his descendants. The covenant with Noah is one bound to all nations - a gentile covenant that remains in place until the universal proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, you may notice that the covenant promise extends beyond merely a commitment to humanity, but to all of Creation. The flood story mirrors much of the language of the Creation stories of Genesis 1 and 2 - presenting a pseudo-creation story in itself. God promises Noah and his sons that he will never again flood the Earth, a reflection of His original work of bringing Creation out of the waters of the abyss described in the opening lines of the Bible.

The universality of the Noahic covenant is further demonstrated in the progeny of Noah's sons. The so-called 'Table of Nations' of Genesis Chapter 10 describes how Noah's family extended out from the ark to repopulate the Earth. Famously, the Jewish people attribute their lineage to Shem, from which we inherit the designations Semite and Semitic. While the actual genealogical lineage of various peoples and races to the three sons of Noah is difficult to affirm at best, it is not devoid of spiritual truth.

The truth lies in the nature of the covenant itself. From the very beginning God wills to enter into relationship with all of His creation, no matter their ethnic, religious, or racial identity. Of course we Catholics believe that we have received the fullness of Revelation in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and each of us are under obligation to embrace the Truth. Not only are we called to embrace it, but like the family of Noah, we are called to 'populate the earth' with that very Truth - to proclaim the Good News to all peoples that salvation has been won for them through the Blood of the Cross. That being said, we are once again reminded of the Natural Law, which is truly the essence of the covenant with Noah. *All* peoples are obliged to recognize the call of our Creator - a call to seek goodness and truth in all things. To recognize God and His unique imprint on every individual is at the heart of what it means to be human. To respect and protect what God has created is truly the universal call of mankind, whether Jew, Christian, Muslim, - even the agnostic. The covenant with Noah remains valid for all of us, and is verified and perfected in the universal promise of the New Covenant of Jesus Christ.

Peace be with you.

Brandon

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.

What is a CRS Rice Bowl

This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms. It also comes with a Lenten calendar filled with activities and stories that guides families through the 40 days of Lent. Let's prepare to put our faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. *Rice Bowls will be available in the gathering space. Please return by March 27th.*

Lenten Guidelines

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (two small meals and one regular meal, no eating in between) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING is to be observed by all, 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted (CCL, Nos. 1251-1252).

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

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) **from February 14 - March 18**. Please keep these families in prayer who are affected by these difficult circumstances. Thank you!

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.

Keep Kids Safe - NH Reporting

Did you know? In NH, it is the responsibility of all adults to report suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the Division for Children, Youth & Families (800-894-5533).

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, February 18, 2024:

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

Monday, February 19:

6:00 PM No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion

Tuesday, February 20:

9:30-3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration

5:30-6:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:30 PM Lenten Prayer Service & Meditation

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Scouts 521

Friday, February 23:

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24:

9:30 AM Al Anon

Lent at St. Mark's 2024

All services will be available via Livestream at stmarksnh.org

Lenten Prayer Service & Meditation

Join us on Tuesday,
February 20, 27 and March 5

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

Also on Tuesdays ~ Eucharistic Adoration / 9:30 - 3:30PM

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

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 Brandon (Parish Evangelist) on Monday evenings **beginning Feb 19 at 6PM**. (5 weeks) Cost: \$30 (to cover materials)

Register online at stmarksnh.org, email info@stmarksnh.org or call the Parish Office.

Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday in Lent at **6PM**, as we will be commemorating our Lord's Passion by meditating on the Stations of the Cross.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is **from 3:30PM - 4:30PM** every Saturday.
and during Lenten Prayer Service.

Friday Night Fish Fry

Join us at **6:30PM** on February 16, March 1, 15 in the St. Mark's Parish Hall for FISH, FRIENDS and FELLOWSHIP! Fish & Chips (aka: French fries).
Cost: \$10 per person (\$40 max per household).

Mother's Way of the Cross

Join us on Tuesday, March 12 @ 6PM as we journey with Jesus and Mary, through a Mother's perspective, praying a special Stations of the Cross.

Sacrificial Giving

Week of 2/7/2024 - 2/13/2024

Regular Offertory:	\$ 5,566.00
WeShare:	\$ 6,615.50
Total:	\$ 12,181.50

Fuel: \$ 15,546.00 out of \$18,000.00 goal

Mass Intentions for Feb 17 - Feb 25, 2024

2/17 Saturday, 5PM

Catherine Naughton by the Maaz family
Matthew Pedley by Monica & Ken Rahilly

2/18 Sunday, 8AM

Robert Webster by Chris & Eileen Beliveau

2/18 Sunday, 9:30AM

Dennis Lescarbeau by Marie Lescarbeau
Raymond Belec by his wife Francoise

2/18 Sunday, 11AM

People of the Parish

2/19 Monday, 9AM:

Dan Emerso by Joan Chmielorz

2/20 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Adrian, John & Joan Bompastore
by the Casey family

2/21 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Aldea Patenaude
by John & Suzanne Patenaude

2/22 Thursday, 9 AM:

Rev. Maurice Levine

2/24 Saturday, 5PM

Richard Emerson by Anne Emerson

2/25 Sunday, 8AM

Gilford Jandreau
by his wife, Jeannette

2/25 Sunday, 9:30AM

People of the Parish

2/25 Sunday, 11AM

Donna Quandt by Al & Barbara Quandt
Brenda Warren by the Bowen family

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Finance Council	Andy MacWilliam
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