



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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Director of Evangelization
PreK-5 Coordinator/Adult Choir Director
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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 the Desk of Deacon Tom,

Our first reading today is one of those that makes us scratch our heads. Would God really “test” someone’s faith and loyalty by asking them to sacrifice their child? A few weeks ago I talked about the God of the Old Testament versus the God of the New Testament. They may seem different, but God is God. He never changes. It’s us that changes, in our understanding of who he is throughout history. Being an engineer, I always equate this to math. You can’t introduce someone to Calculus until they understand basic math, then algebra, then higher math. Humanity’s understanding of God also matures as our understanding of the world and our human condition changes and matures. This is the unfolding of the divine plan throughout scripture. And the same is true for each of us individually.

So if God knows everything, then He knows Abraham’s faithfulness and he knows Abraham would do whatever God asks. So why put him through this “test?” Maybe the story of this “test” is for us. Would any of us trust God so completely that we’d do as Abraham does in this story? I don’t think so. Yet God demonstrates His faithfulness to us at all times, regardless of how we view God throughout our lives. Our faith can go through many trials just by the nature of life here on earth. It’s our response to life’s trials that can help us grow in our faith. Sure, there can be times we question or doubt, but the hard part is to look for God’s presence in those times of pain and suffering. I experienced it in the loss of each of my parents. I was fortunate that in both instances, which were very different, I was able to find God in the midst of those challenging losses. For many it’s not easy, and may even make us turn away from God.

It’s in these times I’m reminded of the passage about God’s unwavering loyalty and fidelity to each of us as his creations. From 2Timothy 13: 11-13 –

“This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him, he will deny us. If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.”

God will always welcome us back, but it’s us that needs to reach out, regardless of our past. He can and will always forgive us and welcome us back, regardless of our past. Many times it is us that can’t forgive ourselves, or question if God can ever forgive us. But that passage from Timothy sums it up. He cannot be inconsistent to who he is. God in the Old Testament, God of the New Testament and God today are all the same God. With the same love for each of us that he has had since our time began, even before we were formed. It’s in this season of Lent that we can reflect and return to him as we relive what he did for us leading up to the resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ, in atonement for all our sins, that we can “...live with him...” and also “...reign with him.” as we see in that passage from Timothy, by the nature of our baptism.

Deacon Tom

Take Time to Reflect

Join us **Thursday Mornings after the 9AM Mass!** Each week we will be reading, reflecting upon, and studying the upcoming week's Gospel that we will be hearing at weekend Mass. This is a great way to have some weekly spiritual enrichment, and also to prepare for the upcoming weekend! All meetings will take place down in the parish hall.

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.



St. Mark's Irish Night ~ Get your tickets!!

Join us for Music, Irish Step Dancing Exhibition and a boiled dinner!! ***Do you have the BEST Irish Soda Bread recipe??*** There will be an Irish Soda Bread contest too! Call the Parish Office for tickets and to register for contest!! **tickets will not be sold at the door.*

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Monday, February 26:

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

Tuesday, February 27:

9:30-3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration
5:30-6:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30 PM Lenten Prayer Service & Meditation
6:30 PM Scouts 521
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 1:

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM Pack 605 Meeting
6:30 PM Fish Fry

Saturday, March 2:

9:30 AM Al Anon
6:00 PM Irish Night

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 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 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 2/14/2024 - 2/20/2024

Regular Offertory:	\$ 7,572.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,136.30
General Gift-Donation	\$ <u>2,340.81</u>

Total: **\$ 13,049.11**

Fuel: \$ 15,604.00 out of \$18,000.00 goal

Mass Intentions for Feb 24 - Mar 3, 2024

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

2/26 Monday, 9AM:

Dan Emerson by Anne Emerson

2/27 Tuesday, 9AM:

Lillian Buscanera by Barbara Scott

2/28 Wednesday, 9AM:

Rev. Thomas Bresnahan

2/29 Thursday, 9AM:

Janet DeCarolis

3/2 Saturday, 5PM

Intentions of the sick by Paula & Roger

Pat Trongo by his wife & family

3/3 Sunday, 8AM

People of the Parish

3/3 Sunday, 9:30AM

Claire Cassidy by Kim Taralli

3/3 Sunday, 11AM

George P. Lynch

by Mary Y. Lynch & family

Parish Contact Information

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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