



*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  
One South Road, Londonderry, NH 03053**

**Fr. Mike Zgonc**  
**Deacon Tom Lavallee**  
**Brandon Sargent**  
**Amanda Morgan**  
**Tom & Heather Lindner**  
**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](http://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](http://www.stmarksnh.org)  
**Facebook:** [stmarkslondonderry](https://www.facebook.com/stmarkslondonderry)  
**Flocknote:** [flocknote.com/SMECNH](https://flocknote.com/SMECNH)  
**Instagram:** [stmarkslondonderry](https://www.instagram.com/stmarkslondonderry)

***From Our Pastor,***

Brothers and Sisters-

*“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.  
**Whoever loves his life loses it,  
and whoever hates his life in this world  
will preserve it for eternal life.**  
Whoever serves me must follow me,  
and where I am, there also will my servant be.  
The Father will honor whoever serves me.- John 12: 24-26*

Years ago, while I was actively discerning my call to the priesthood, this Gospel passage echoed over and over in my heart. The Gospel of Matthew also has a similar passage, which reads “whoever loses his life for my sake, will find it”...

Often when I get into a conversation with someone about the priesthood, they typically ask me why I would ever even consider the vocation. I feel when it comes to the priesthood, most people are surprised when I say (or any other priest would say) that ‘they have been called by God’. Many expect that it was somehow just a logical decision in our lives, and that we have always been on the path towards the priesthood from a very young age. I can personally attest that this is certainly not the case for most of us!! Maybe there is an uncomfortable nature about admitting that the call didn’t come from ourselves and our own plan...or even from encouragement of family members; but believing full-heartedly that this was all by God’s design and will.

This Gospel passage strikes so true to anyone who truly desires the will of God because he sees beyond our own personal aspirations and sometimes truly out of our comfort zone. Can we allow ourselves to even entertain the fact that God might be ‘calling’ you to BE more...to GIVE more...to LOVE more.

It is so easy in life to live according to ‘MY’ own plan, and stay in our routine and ‘safe’ way of living. Can we stretch our minds and hearts to see His guiding hand in our lives. He never wants us to stay stagnant; but always striving to align our own will with ‘His Will’.

May we continue our Lenten journey with this selfless spirit of discernment of how He continues to call us closer to Himself.

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

**Youth Easter Choir - Next Rehearsal on 3/17!**

Our Youth Easter Choir will have its first rehearsal on **Sunday, March 17th @ 4PM** in the church. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome! *This group will sing at the 9:30 Mass on Easter Morning.*

**Morning Bible Study**

Join us **Thursday Morning 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.

**Blessing of Food Baskets - March 30**

The Easter Food Basket is a variety of symbolic foods that can be prepared on Good Friday to draw attention to our fast, while the Blessing for the "Easter Basket" is held on ***Holy Saturday, March 30 at 3PM in the Parish Hall*** as final preparations are made for the celebration of the great Paschal Feast! What do we put in our basket? A lamb, bread and wine, salt, a green plant, a candle and candy (jelly beans). For more information, please pick up a pamphlet at the Welcome Desk for more details.

**Easter Vigil**

We are excited to share that we have two individuals in their final preparation to receive Sacraments and be welcomed in the church. We hope you can join us at the liturgy, **Saturday, March 31 at 7PM** to support them in their journey.

**CRS Rice Bowls**

We ask all parishioner who have been participating in the CRS Rice Bowl to return their Rice Bowls the weekend of Palm Sunday (March 24). Thank you for all of your support.

**Fight Hunger Bag Program - Begins in April**

Lets **SPRING** into **ACTION!!** St. Marks has been presented with a **GREAT** opportunity! Do you need to stock up on your reusable bags?? For *every* reusable community bag you purchase for \$2.50 in Londonderry, Hannaford will send us a \$1 donation! All money will be directly donated to the St. Mark's charitable account to help others!! Thank you Londonderry Hannafords!!

**Easter Flowers**

The Easter Flower Fund helps us to decorate our altar for the Easter Season. Your flower donation can be made in a special remembrance of a loved one. *Envelopes are available at the Welcome Center.* Please print names clearly. These souls will be remembered at the Holy Masses celebrated during the Easter Octave.

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**About the Knights...**

Mission Statement:

***Together we're empowering Catholic Men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community.***

Join St. Mark's Council 10488 and experience the rewards of serving your parish and community. Contact any parish K of C member or [www.KofC.org/joinus](http://www.KofC.org/joinus)

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**Responsibilities of All Adults**

If you know of or suspect abuse or neglect of a minor (under 18 years), you must report it to the NH Division for Children, Youth and Families. 1-800-894-5533 or 603-271-6556.

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

**Sunday, March 17:**

10:30 AM St. Mark's KIDS/EDGE/Life Teen  
4:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, March 18:**

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

**Tuesday, March 19:**

9:30-3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration  
9:30 AM Community Outreach Meeting  
6:30 PM Scouts 521

**Thursday, March 21:**

9:30 AM Morning Bible Study (Parish Hall)  
6:00 PM Widow & Widower Meeting  
7:00 PM K of C Meeting

**Friday, March 22:**

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
6:00 PM Pack 605 Meeting

**Saturday, March 23:**

9:30 AM Al Anon  
1:00 PM Scouts 605 Outlaw Races

# HOLY WEEK @ ST. MARK'S

## Schedule of Events



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### **Holy Thursday - March 28**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM**

Chapel of Repose in the Parish Hall will be open for visitation until 10PM.

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### **Good Friday - March 29**

**Morning Prayer (Church) 9AM**

**Seven Last Words 12PM**

**Youth Stations of the Cross 4PM**

**Good Friday Service 7PM**

The Lord's Tomb in the Parish Hall will be open for visitation until 10PM.

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### **Holy Saturday - March 30**

**Morning Prayer (Hall) 9AM**

**Easter Basket Blessing 3PM**

**Great Easter Vigil 7PM**

The Lord's Tomb in the Parish Hall will be open for visitation until 3PM.

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### **Easter Sunday - March 31**

**HE IS RISEN!!! Masses: 8AM, 9:30 AM & 11 AM**

**Sacrificial Giving**

**Week of 3/6/2024 - 3/12/2024**

Regular Offertory:	\$ 5,242.00
WeShare:	\$ 5,906.06
Improvement:	\$ <u>415.00</u>

**Total: \$ 11,563.06**

*Fuel: \$ 15,824.00 out of \$18,000.00 goal*

**Mass Intentions for Mar 16 - Mar 24, 2024**

**3/16 Saturday, 5PM**

People of the Parish  
Mary Gleason by her daughter, Terri

**3/17 Sunday, 8AM**

Dennis Werger by Pat Schubert  
Constance Levesque by Pam

**3/17 Sunday, 9:30AM**

Bridget "Betty" Holland by Sophie Veilleux & family

**3/17 Sunday, 11AM**

Sandy Celata by family & friends

**3/18 Monday, 9AM:**

Rene Robergeau by his wife, Simone & children  
Mary Gleason by her husband, Ed

**3/19 Tuesday, 9AM:**

Claudine Belec by the family

**3/20 Wednesday, 9AM:**

Harry & Gerry Duffy by Kathy Cooper

**3/21 Thursday, 9AM:**

Janet DeCarolis by Nancy Conner

**3/23 Saturday, 5PM**

Pat Trongo by his wife & family

Mr & Mrs Jean Vallee by Jeannette Jandreau

**3/24 Sunday, 8AM**

People of the Parish

**3/24 Sunday, 9:30AM**

Lorraine Thomson by the Schou family

**3/24 Sunday, 11AM**

Bud & Sandy Hamilton by the Schou family  
Mary E. & Thomas G. Lynch by Mary Y. Lynch

**Parish Contact Information**

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Pastoral Council	David Dutil
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