



“A gateway to lead people closer to Christ and His Church through faith, service and compassion”



ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH

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Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

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From Amanda's Desk,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family!

The word “family” might have a different quantification to each of us, but hopefully carries the same qualification: to **honor** God’s call to those in in their care, to seek **peace** with those we encounter, and to **rise** to the challenges of life’s adversities (through our shared trust in the Lord and our shared love for one another).

In our readings today, the three words that stuck out to me were “honor” (First Reading), “peace” (Second Reading), and “rise” (Gospel). To embrace the vocation of marriage, parenthood or familial responsibility is to joyfully experience the merits through navigation of the “unexpected(s).” Today’s readings tell us that the key to navigating these unexpected moments is rooting ourselves in **honor**, **peace** and a commitment to **rise**.

In the First reading, we hear the word **honor**. For our military veterans (thank you for your service!) the word honor is one that isn’t said or taken lightly. Honor implies a duty that has been fulfilled while depicting dependable integrity, and a inspiring confidence in others through service given courageously. Embracing these same qualities of service, integrity, care, courage and confidence - our first reading lays the groundwork for familial honor. This honor ISN’T about CONTROL, it is about CARE. Specifically, how our CARE for one another ripples and reverberates through our family units and throughout our lives. Just as a sound echoes and reverses direction, there is a time in our lives when the balance of care shifts. In the beginning of our lives, our parents care for us when we are unable to care for ourselves - then comes a time when parents need care from their children. Do we show kindness and care when others depend on us? Do we make time for SELF-CARE that is necessary for us to CARE for others?

In the Second reading, we hear the word **peace**. It seems like every “New Year” season we see a cartoon saying “welp, at least this next year can’t get any worse!” And still new challenges arise that test us in unexpected ways. Where do we find peace? Of course we have our God who loves us unconditionally, and in our relationship with him we always find peace to sustain our weathering storms. However, God also gives us the GIFT of a FAMILY who can show us (in a physical, EARTHLY PRESENCE) God’s compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, love, wisdom and PEACE. Are we channeling THESE ways of being Christ to one another in times of uncertainty and unpredictability? Do we further THESE qualities of peace in the world? Can our family turn to US to be a source of peace in THEIR world?

In the Gospel reading, the angel tells Joseph to “**Rise**, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt and stay there until I tell you.” I am a heavy sleeper, and I can only imagine what Joseph must have felt in that moment. He was sleeping (soundly and probably exhausted from the responsibilities of new fatherhood), suddenly awakened and undoubtedly unsettled with worry - yet he found it within himself to prepare his family and do what needed to be done. How many times in the last year have we had to “rise” for something necessary that was also unexpected, challenging, or dauntingly unaccommodating? In these moments, when the tank is on “E,” how do we find the strength? The angel gave Joseph the charge, and God gave Joseph the strength. Are we tapping into God’s omniscient, omni-present, never-ending source of strength? Imagine if Joseph DIDN’T tap into that strength and went back to sleep. When the going gets tough, it’s our job to rise and get going with God.

Happy New Year everyone - I hope 2026 brings you **honor**, **peace** and the stamina to **rise**.

Happy New Year! Welcome to St. Mark's!

Welcome to St. Mark's!! Whether you are a new parishioner or just visiting, please know that our door is always open for you!!

THANK YOU!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Environment Team that decorated our sanctuary!! Your time and talent are treasured by all of us!

Christmas Flowers

The bulletin deadlines were very early this year, so you may not have seen your loved ones name. The complete list of Christmas Flower offerings in memory of you loved ones can be found at stamrksnh.org. Thank you for creating a beautiful atmosphere this Christmas!

VBS 2026 - Save the Date

We are excited to announce that the **Vacation Bible School will be June 22 - June 26!!** The theme is Rainforest Falls!



Reconciliation Retreat

Our Reconciliation Retreat will be held on **Saturday, January 10 from 10AM to Noon.**

First Communion/Confirmation Retreat

Our Reconciliation Retreat will be held on **Saturday, January 24 from 10AM to Noon.**

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda,

Women's Ministry - FORMED

Women's Ministry is sponsoring informal FORMED sessions facilitated by Samantha Delp **starting Jan 8, 2026 and continuing on Thursday nights at 7PM until Feb 5.** This year we will be exploring the doctors of the church and pulling from their insights. Join us for discussions utilizing FORMED videos, Saint's writing, scripture, artwork and prayer, so that we may continue to grow deeper in our relationships with Christ, in our knowledge of Catholic faith, and become closer in community. Come as you can, bring a friend. No registration required, Cost: FREE.

Women's Ministry - Looking Ahead

The Women's Ministry is gearing up for the New Year!! Here's a *sneak peak*...watch the bulletin for details!

February 12 - Rooted and Radiant Study

February 15 - DIY Lenten Journals

Mid April - Bible Study

Tax Statement

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

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Tuesday, Dec 30:

9:30AM - 3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, Dec 31:

9:00AM Daily Mass

Thursday, Jan 1, 2026:

10:00 AM Daily Mass, Solemnity of Mary

Friday, Jan 2, 2026:

6:30 PM Scouts Pack 605

Saturday, Jan 3:

9:30 AM Al Anon

The Parish Office will be closed

December 29 - January 2, 2026

Women's Ministry presents Meeting Christ in Prayer

An 8 Week Life-Enriching Experience

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an engaging eight week guided prayer experience designed for small groups. It is modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, which is a tried and true method of spiritual renewal. By means of prayer, reflection, and faith sharing, Meeting Christ in Prayer introduces participants to various ways of praying, helps them form regular habits of prayer, and provides them with an opportunity to meet Christ anew and to experience support in the christian life with women at St. Mark's.



Meeting Christ in Prayer offers you the following opportunities:

- *to seek spiritual renewal
 - *to learn how to pray as an adult
 - *to deepen your spiritual life
 - *to form regular prayer habits
 - *to reflect on Scripture
 - *to become more aware of God's presence and action in your life
 - *to join a supportive community of women and share your faith
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Meeting Christ in Prayer meets once a week for eight weeks and is characterized by:

*Meetings are designed so that people with little or no experience in praying with others can participate and benefit.

*A participant guide provides all needed materials.

*Using guided exercises, participants pray and reflect individually between meetings.

*Participants should be able to commit to spending 30 minutes/day with the prayer exercises.

We will meet at St. Mark's on Tuesdays, Feb. 24 to Apr. 14

6PM - 7:15PM

Cost: \$15.00 (covers materials)

To Register: Visit stmarksnh.org or call the Parish Office

Sacrificial Giving

Week of 12/10/2025 - 12/16/2025

Regular Offertory:	\$ 9,148.00
WeShare:	\$ <u>4,854.84</u>
Total:	\$ 14,002.84

*(Parish Budget: \$12,000 per week)
Thank you for your continued generosity!*

Mass Intentions for Dec 27 - Jan 4, 2025

12/27 Saturday, 5PM

Maureen Chamberlain
by Ed & Rita Gorman

12/28 Sunday, 8AM

People of the Parish

12/28 Sunday, 9:30AM

Deceased family members of Albert & Edna Smith
by their great granddaughter

12/28 Sunday, 11AM

Carol & Frankie Potter
by Mary Y. Lynch

12/29 Monday, 9AM:

Mary Ann Boldeia by the Boldeia family
Josie DiLavore by Cheryl & Ray Hoegen

12/30 Tuesday, 9AM:

Peter, Mary & Paul Salerno
by the family

12/31 Wednesday, 9AM:

Gil Jandreau
by Tuesday Prayer Friends

1/1/2026 Thursday, 10AM:

Mike Dromgoole by Jane Leonard

1/3 Saturday, 5PM

Kris Meinhold
by Paola Meinhold

1/4 Sunday, 8AM

Edward A. DeSchuytner
by the Brown family

1/4 Sunday, 9:30AM

Donna Dumont by her family

1/4 Sunday, 11AM

Florence & Peter Lynch
by Mary Y. Lynch

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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