



*“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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**Daily Mass:** Monday - Thursday @ 9:00 AM

**Saturday:** 5:00 PM

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

**Confession:** Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appt.

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*From Amanda's Desk,*

Welcome back to Ordinary time!

I ended my last bulletin article with “When the going gets tough, it’s our job to rise and get going with God.” - how are we doing?

Whether you’re off an running, or have had a tough couple of weeks - know that you’re not alone. The to-do-list of goals and resolutions, the post-holiday “winter blues,” the growing weight of expectations we place on ourselves, or the general chaos of the world can feel overwhelming for all of us. Finding the peace of Christ in whatever our “ordinary” is, means taking a **pause** to remember the EXTRAordinary power of God.

Our first reading tells us “I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength” - we all might be on different paths, but are we fully tapping into God’s strength along the way?

Jeremiah 29:11 says: “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Fully tapping into that “reservoir” of God’s hope requires TRUSTing in the power of God, and the **promise / plan** He has for our future. Knowing (even in the chaos) that God has a plan, and it is GOOD.

In Romans 8:18 we hear: “What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” No one.

These two truths are what we can put our trust in when the going gets tough. Our time on earth is temporary, but God’s plan is for what the ETERNITY that He offers us will bring.

Revelation 4-5 says: “He will wipe every tear form their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away. The one who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ Then he said, ‘Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true.’”

When we let the world take over, it becomes harder and harder to find the peace in God’s plan for us all. So, when we begin to feel the anxiety creeping in - or the weight of the world tries to crush our hope - remember to tap into that limitless reservoir of God’s PEACE with TRUST.\*\*\*

This doesn’t mean that everything is sunshine and rainbows, or there is a some “quick fix” to any of these earthly things - it means taking time to **pause** and recognize that the **promise** of His **plan** outweighs all these trials, tribulations and anxieties.

\*\*\* But, Amanda, what can we TANGIBLY do to help with any of this? Spend time LISTENING to God (we talk AT God a lot, but how are we at listening to the cues He gives us through the Holy Spirit?) and ACTING accordingly. REFLECTING on His word (when we need to “blow off steam” are we reflexively opening our phones or pausing to open up our Bibles?) and commit to building a relationship with Him through PRAYER - communication (in most things) is always the right first step :)



**First Communion/Confirmation Retreat**

Will be held on **Saturday, January 24 from 10AM to Noon.**

**Respect Life, Day of Fasting, Rosary, Benediction**

Please join with members of our neighboring parishes in penance for the sins of our nation against the Culture of Life. The type of fast can be selected by each individual, but it is suggested to abstain from solid foods for 24 hours **starting at 7PM, Wednesday evening, January 21.** Adoration and rosary begins at 7PM. **Our fasting concludes with Benediction at 7PM on Thursday evening, January 22.**

**Knights of Columbus - January Meeting Correction**

The K of C *regular* January business meeting **will be held on January 22.** Sorry for any confusion.

**VBS 2026 - Save the Date**

We are SO excited to announce that **Vacation Bible School will be June 22 - June 26!!** The theme is Rainforest Falls! Looking for all kinds of volunteers. Contact [amanda@stmarksnh.org](mailto:amanda@stmarksnh.org).

**Women’s Ministry - Registration OPEN**

The Women’s Ministry is gearing up for the New Year!! Registration is now OPEN for Rooted and Radiant Study (begins Feb 12) and Meeting Christ in Prayer (see middle page for information, *there was a date change*). Visit [stmarksnh.org](http://stmarksnh.org) to register!

**Creation Corner**

John the Baptist may have known Jesus as his cousin, but, in this weekend’s Gospel, we learn that John did not know Jesus as the Son of God until John had baptized Jesus. Then John “saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven.” And now Jesus would baptize with that same Holy Spirit. Most of us did not get to see the Holy Spirit descend on us at our baptism, but we have something more compelling: we are surrounded by the Holy Spirit in every person we meet and reflected in all of Creation. We just need to look!

**OCIA - Looking for Prayer Partners**

Please consider becoming a **Prayer Partner** to support the men and women participating in our parish’s OCIA program! This is an awesome opportunity to be a part of what will be happening here in our parish at Easter! Please say YES by emailing your name (along with any questions) to: [OCIA@stmark.org](mailto:OCIA@stmark.org) **before February 22nd**, so we can let you know who you’re praying for! Each **Prayer Partner** will be assigned to a Catechumen or Candidate and asked to:

- Faithfully (and ANONYMOUSLY) pray for them daily (we will be praying for you too).
- Drop off cards or notes (weekly if possible) to encourage and assure that they are being lifted up.
- Prayer Partners will be revealed following the Easter Vigil.

**Mission Trip 2026 - Registration OPEN**

Our Mission Trip this year will be a week of home improvement projects for residents in Hillsborough, NH **during the week of July 12th through July 18th.** It is a fun, exciting, intense time to spend with God in the presence of fellow believers. We spend a week sharing our time and deepening our faith by helping those in need. Want more information? Contact Tom and Heather at [youthministry@stmarksnh.org](mailto:youthministry@stmarksnh.org).

**This Week @ St. Mark’s!!**

**Tuesday, Jan 20:**

9:30AM - 3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration  
6:30 PM OCIA

**Wednesday, Jan 21:**

7:00 PM K of C Respect Life Adoration & Rosary

**Thursday, Jan 22:**

6:00 PM Widow & Widower Support Group  
7:00 PM Women’s Ministry-FORMED  
7:00 PM Benediction

**Saturday, Jan 24:**

9:30 AM Al Anon  
10:00 AM First Holy Communion & Confirmation

## **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.

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**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.

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**We will meet at St. Mark's on Monday's, Feb. 23 to Apr. 13**

**6PM - 7:15PM**

Cost: \$15.00 (covers materials) / *\*limited to 8 participants*

*To Register: Visit [stmarksnh.org](http://stmarksnh.org) or call the Parish Office*

**Sacrificial Giving**  
**Week of 1/7/2025 - 1/13/2025**

Regular Offertory: \$ 6,576.00  
WeShare: \$ 6,964.30  
Total: \$ 13,540.30

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

**Mass Intentions for Jan 17 - Jan 25, 2025**

**1/17 Saturday, 5PM**

Bud Haigis by his wife & family  
John Amthor Jr by a son

**1/18 Sunday, 8AM**

John Kelly by his children

**1/18 Sunday, 9:30AM**

Robert L. Collins Jr. by the Collins family

**1/18 Sunday, 11AM**

Suzanne Johnson  
by John & Suzanne Patenaude

**1/19 Monday, 9AM:**

Christine Opheim by Pam Casey

**1/20 Tuesday, 9AM:**

Brian Haggerty  
by the Stemporzewski and Cappiello families

**1/21 Wednesday, 9AM:**

Dan Emerson by Joan Chmielorz

**1/22 Thursday, 9AM:**

Joseph Taralli by the Taralli family  
Ronald Subler by the Carey family

**1/24 Saturday, 5PM**

Matthew Pedley  
by his mom and dad

**1/25 Sunday, 8AM**

Louisa Gendron  
by the LaCerde family

**1/25 Sunday, 9:30AM**

Margaret Peabody  
by the Peabody & Delp families

**1/25 Sunday, 11AM**

George P. Lynch by Mary Y. Lynch

**Parish Contact Information**

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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