

*“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 Our Pastor,*

Brothers and Sisters-

*“As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,  
Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew,  
casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen.  
He said to them,  
“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”  
At once they left their nets and followed him.  
He walked along from there and saw two other brothers,  
James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.  
They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets.  
He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father  
and followed him.”-Matthew 4*

The ‘call’ still exists! It seems if though these men were just going along with their every day business, when their lives changed in an instant. Jesus called them to more; not just to be fishermen, but to actually be ‘fishers of men’! I am sure they did not know what all this was going to mean, but they stepped out in trust that Jesus indeed had a plan for them!

Jesus is still calling young men to the priesthood even to this day! The question is, do we support or even encourage that ‘call’ in our own lives or in our families? What if the Lord was calling one of your children to serve Him as a Priest of Jesus Christ? How would you respond? Would you immediately feel the loss of possibility of grandchildren? Would you be fearful that they would not find fulfillment or happiness in that way of life? Or would you trust that the Lord indeed has a great plan for them and that the vocation to the priesthood is leading them to to their true fulfillment in ministry?

What if the Lord is calling YOU to serve Him as a Priest? Is it something that we just keep ignoring and hoping the ‘call’ will just go away? What if He stops ‘calling’? Would you always live with the feeling that the Lord may have been trying to use your gifts and talents to serve Him in such a profound way? If you DO feel that the Lord is gently nudging you to serve as a Priest, what is stopping you? Are you concerned what others may think or say about you? Are you worried that it would just be too much of a drastic change in your life and are scared to take a step to explore the possibility? I hope and pray that if the Lord is calling, that you will have the courage to be like the apostles who stepped out in faith and trust to where the Lord was leading them.

May we all continue to pray for good and Holy Priests to serve our Church!

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

**A Note of Thanks!**

“Hafa Adai from Guam! My name is Conner... I’m in the United States Coast Guard. Just today we got all of the care packages your organization sent. On behalf of our entire crew, we thank you! Everything y’all sent was super appreciated. Everyone was smiling and laughing while opening the cards and boxes! I’m from Sunapee NH, so it was nice to see everything come from my home state. Thank you for what you guys do! Have a great day!”

**Fish Fry - Can you help?**

We are preparing for our amazing Fish Fry FRIDAYS during LENT (2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 & 3/27). Training is provided! Sign up to help for a night :). Email Bill at [bvultaggio17@gmail.com](mailto:bvultaggio17@gmail.com).

**Women’s Ministry - Registration OPEN**

**Rooted and Radiant:** Feb 12 to Mar 19 at 7PM

**Lenten Journals:** Feb 15 at Noon (Parish Hall)

**Meeting Christ in Prayer:** Feb 23 - Apr 13 at 7PM

**Questions?**  
Email [womensministry@stmarksnh.org](mailto:womensministry@stmarksnh.org)  
*Visit [stmarksnh.org](http://stmarksnh.org) to register!*

**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).

**Creation Corner**

This weekend Jesus echoes John the Baptist: “Jesus began to preach and say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” This was his stump speech, repeated everywhere: “He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom.” A “kingdom” is a land and its people, under the rule of a king. *We* are the people; Christ is the king; the “land” is the entire world, and the “rule” is to love God and neighbor—*all* neighbors, *all* creatures, *all* Creation.

**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@stmarksnh.org](mailto:OCIA@stmarksnh.org) **before February 22nd**. 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.

**Lent - Eucharistic Adoration**

We are looking for adorers during Lent. Eucharistic Adoration (held on Tuesdays) will continue until 6PM when we have Lenten evening prayer and benediction. If you are interested, please email Pam Casey at [lpcasey2@aol.com](mailto:lpcasey2@aol.com).

**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**. We spend a week sharing our time and deepening our faith by helping those in need. Questions? Email [youthministry@stmarksnh.org](mailto:youthministry@stmarksnh.org).

**This Week @ St. Mark’s!!**

**Sunday, Jan 25:**

10:30AM St. Mark’s KIDS/EDGE Life Teen

**Tuesday, Jan 27:**

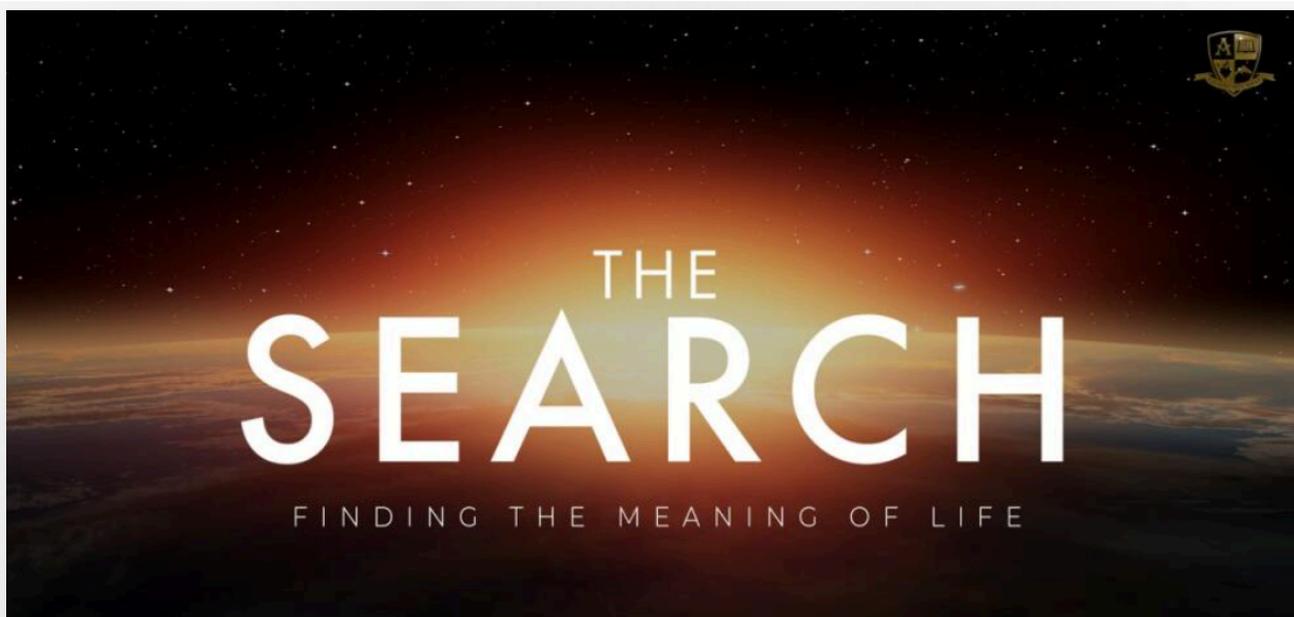
9:30AM - 3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration  
6:30 PM OCIA

**Thursday, Jan 29:**

9:30 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Women’s Ministry-FORMED  
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Saturday, Jan 31:**

9:30 AM Al Anon



**How do I access this man who lived 2000 years ago?**

**How do I live this call of love?**

We uniquely encounter the love of God in His Church. But really? The Church? There are so many negative views of the Church. It's out of touch. It's full of bad people. It's just too boring. Maybe when we say "The Church" we mean a little more. The church is the family of God that's been lovingly gathered through our entire story. It's the place we were meant to encounter His grace that prepares us for every step of life. The God that is love knows how we're made – material and spiritual – we need tangible ways to live our faith.

We can't be spiritual but not religious. This is where we'll find ultimate happiness in life. This is where the God that has been seeking humanity, who wrote the deepest desires onto our human hearts, encounters us. Jesus' first words to humanity in the Gospel of John are "what do you seek?" The one that asked the question not only knows the answer, He is the answer. The answers to everything. And you find him most profoundly here in His Church.

**Wednesday Evenings , February 25 - April 1**

**6:30 - 7:30 with Fr. Mike**

*For planning purposes, please register at [stmarksnh.org](http://stmarksnh.org)*

**Sacrificial Giving**

**Week of 1/14/2025 - 1/20/2025**

Regular Offertory:	\$ 4,079.00
WeShare:	\$ <u>4,558.15</u>
Total:	\$ 8,637.15

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

**Mass Intentions for Jan 24 - Feb 1, 2025**

**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

**1/26 Monday, 9AM:**

Harry & Gerry Duffy by Kathy Cooper  
Souls in Purgatory

**1/27 Tuesday, 9AM:**

Leo Roy by John & Suzanne Patenaude

**1/28 Wednesday, 9AM:**

Edward Humora by Anne Emerson

**1/29 Thursday, 9AM:**

Emilia Cervantes by Bill & Brenda Donroe

**1/31 Saturday, 5PM**

Constantine Samalis by Charles Samalis  
Wanda Cormier by Lou & Barbara Belanger

**2/1 Sunday, 8AM**

Judy Vining by the Welcome Team  
Robert Corrigan by his family

**2/1 Sunday, 9:30AM**

People of the Parish

**2/1 Sunday, 11AM**

Barbara Kennedy by Chris & Eileen Beliveau  
Christine Bianco by her daughter

**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