

“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 the Desk of Deacon Tom,

Who, me? Surely you can't mean me?

And anyone who has seen the movie "Airplane!" is probably now saying "Yes, you! And don't call me Shirley!" Great movie – if you've not seen it, look for it!

I always want to preach about St Paul. I found years ago that he explores all emotions in his passion for Jesus. Joy, happiness, praise, anger, admonishment, reprimanding, coaching, you name it, it's in his writings. But each time I preach, I'm obviously drawn to Jesus' message in the Gospel and that's my starting point for ideas. But every time, I'm looking at the second reading by St Paul and trying to find something there for inspiration. Of course, if I could ask St Paul for an idea, he'd simply say "use the Gospel!"

One of the things I've learned in Sales that I think is part of my formula is that everybody matters. And I mean EVERYBODY! My favorite part of being in sales is being at a customer's facility. And even better is getting a look inside beyond the lobby. Once inside, you can encounter lots of people you might not normally see, and you can see lots of things you'd never see. But to get inside, many places, you have to register with reception. And that can make or break your visit. There's lots to learn and observe in the lobby alone. Are your competitors there? Have they visited? Who did they meet with?

St Paul today writes about how everyone matters. Doesn't matter if you were of noble birth or not. Foolish or wise. Weak or strong. Lowly or despised, you still matter! Because you are god's creation!

In sales, once I understood how everyone matters, the next thing I grasped was that you can learn something from everyone. Sometimes it's what not to do, or how not to behave, but even that knowledge is valuable! Once I gained that perspective, my selling style changed a bit and my successes increased. There are lots of other small things I've stored in the memory banks, but those were the most fundamental starting points.

Now you may not think you were called to "boast in the Lord" as St Paul concludes, but if not you, then who (or is it whom, I never know). That thought ran through my head a lot when I was trying to figure out if I was supposed to become a Deacon. If not me, then whom? We are all called to "announce the Gospel of the Lord." And we all matter. And if we all did that, we could change the world! If not you, then who will do it?

Deacon Tom

Youth Group - Envelope Fundraiser!!

The goal of this fundraiser is to fill each envelope to support our young people for the week in Hillsborough, New Hampshire!! Your donation will help with the cost of the program. They will be staying in a local church and participating in a different service project each day ~ helping others!! Meet them in the back of the church for more details and support!

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.

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
Visit 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.

Creation Corner

On previous weekends we have heard both John the Baptist and Jesus tell us, “The kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” Who is in this kingdom? “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”; “Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” You don’t have to take a vow of poverty—you just must live as though you did. And, if you do the right thing for Creation, you might get punished by the powerful. Nobody said being a Christian is easy!

OCIA - Looking for Prayer Partners

Consider becoming a **Prayer Partner** to support the men and women participating in our parish’s OCIA program! Say YES by emailing your name to: 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.

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.

This Week @ St. Mark’s!!

Sunday, Feb 1:

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

Tuesday, Feb 3:

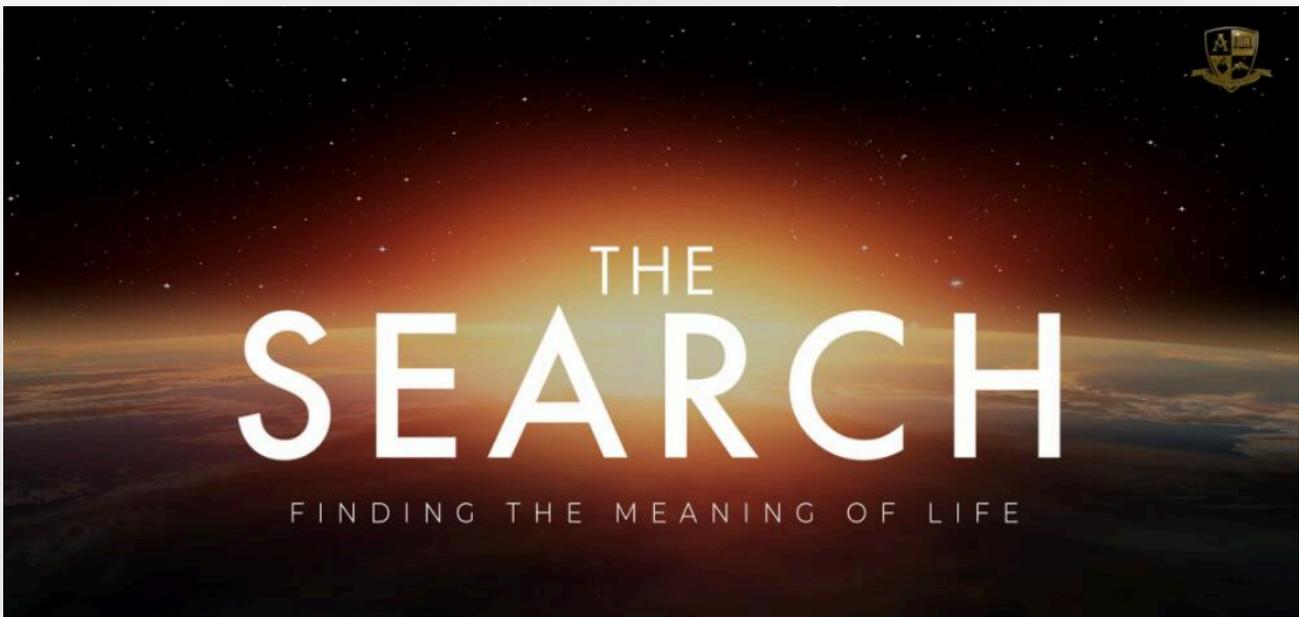
9:30AM - 3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM OCIA

Thursday, Feb 5:

9:30 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Women’s Ministry-FORMED
6:00 PM Widow & Widower Support Group

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

Sacrificial Giving

Week of 1/21/2025 - 1/27/2025

Regular Offertory:	\$ 4,624.00
WeShare:	\$ <u>6,474.52</u>
Total:	\$ 11,098.52

(Parish Budget: \$12,000 per week)

Parish Contact Information

Parish Office	(603) 432-8711
Parish Email	info@stmarksnh.org
Web Page	stmarksnh.org
Office Hours	Mon-Thurs 9:30AM- 4 PM

Mass Intentions for Jan 31 - Feb 8, 2026

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

2/2 Monday, 9AM:

John Hayes IV by Larry & Pam Casey

2/2 Monday, 9AM:

Intentions for Raymond Burcham
by Bernice Granese

2/3 Tuesday, 9AM:

Michael Newell by the Hegarty family
Gerald & Christine Amthor by a nephew

2/4 Wednesday, 9AM:

Dan Emerson by Anne Emerson
Muriel L. Humora by Norm & Diane Ducas

2/5 Thursday, 9AM:

Kris Meinhold by Paola Meinhold
Harold & Margaret Webster by the McIntire family

2/7 Saturday, 5PM

John & Jodi Harper by Paula & Roger Hubert

2/7 Saturday, 5PM

Intentions for David & Ann
by Lou & Barbara Belanger

2/8 Sunday, 8AM

Catherine Kelley by the Kelley family
Dolores Carney by Doug & Joan DeSilva

2/8 Sunday, 9:30AM

Gerald Cooper by Kathy Cooper
Jean Watts by Carol Lott

2/8 Sunday, 11AM

Judith Pincince by Ken Pincince

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Deacon Tom	dctom@stmarksnh.org
Lisa Olsen	info@stmarksnh.org
Heather Lindner	youthministry@stmarksnh.org
Tom Lindner	youthministry@stmarksnh.org
Amanda Morgan	amanda@stmarksnh.org
Brian Lindsay	facilities@stmarksnh.org
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
K of C #10488	Nick Maffattone (603) 490-0401
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