



*“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 Youth Ministers,*

Sitting back with a cup of coffee and an open mind I can quietly observe and appreciate what the Lord has provided. I am absolutely in love with my family! I am not saying that everything is always perfect or that I don't occasionally picture myself alone on the ocean with the sun shining and a fishing rod in my hand. What I am saying is that God is good and I want the whole world to know it. I thank the Lord daily for what he has provided. I try to lead by example and live the life I know God wants me to live. I figure that if I can raise my children to have a close relationship with Jesus, the amount of faith we, as a family, can share with this world will be overwhelming.

This week's readings give us great insight on how to do just that. Matthew 5 says that "You are the salt of the earth." What exactly does this mean? I am sure my wife would say that I am already salty enough, but by Matthew's definition, am I really? I interpret that line to mean that, just as salt does, I am called to "enhance" and "bring out potential" in others. I am sure that as parents we all share that goal. We need to enhance our family's faith and raise them to bring goodness to the world. The trickle-down effect here is powerful. If I can be the salt in my family's lives, they in turn will be the salt for others. Again, the faith as a family we can share is overwhelming.

So, I am a salty guy. I love Jesus and my family does as well. Is this enough? All I had to do to answer this question was turn on the news. Evil is out there! We have all seen it and to believe in goodness without acknowledging evil would be foolish. Knowing this kind of evil is lurking out there and seeing the state of the world today, I have to say that being the salt of the earth alone is not enough. How can I combat such evil? I continue ruminating. Overwhelmed thinking of the evils of the world I begin to feel helpless. To calm myself, I start to drift back to the ocean with a rod in my hand. This time my clear skies and calm waters have been replaced with choppy waves and total darkness. I feel battered by waves on every side and lost. I asked God for help! I then envisioned the bright light of a lighthouse. The light dispels the darkness and guides my way to calmer waters. In embracing my vulnerability my trust in God is deepened. I feel safe and loved.

It is in feeling God's sudden wave of protection that another line from Matthew 5 resonates. "You are the light of the world." Just as the Lord provided me with the light dispelling the darkness, we too need to be a light in the world. Although we can provide our families with the "salt," a light can be seen by far more people when shined throughout the darkness. We cannot keep God's light for just ourselves; we need to let it shine. Our faith is more than just prayers and Mass, it is action. The number of people God's light can reach through us is far greater than just those under our own roofs. If we let our faith shine bright enough for God to reach even just one more person, the possibilities are endless. Imagine how beautiful the world would be if everyone were to experience that wave of love and safety. That is how we can start to make change and overcome evil. Faith in action. Show the world what we have been showing our families. How bright of a light can we make from our whole St Marks community? The light and Faith we can share as a community with the world is much more than overwhelming, it can be transformational!

In Faith and Fellowship, Tom and Heather Lindner

**Ash Wednesday**

**Join us Wednesday, February 18** for Mass and the Distribution of Ashes at **9AM and 7PM**.

**Vacation Bible School Volunteers**

**Scan Below!**

We are looking for Rising 6th - Rising 8th Graders to help as Assistant Crew Leaders, Rising 9th - Rising 12th Graders as Crew Leaders and Adults (18+) to be Station Leaders! We are also looking to assemble a list of adults to be Substitutes / Floaters who plug in as needed throughout the week. **VBS is June 22 - 26**. Please scan the QR Code below! Questions? Email [amanda@stmarksnh.org](mailto:amanda@stmarksnh.org).



**Youth Group - Envelope Fundraiser!!**

There are still envelopes available!! Lets fill each envelope to support our young people for the week in Hillsborough, New Hampshire!! Thank you for your support!

**Fish Fry - We need YOU**

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 :). More hands make light work!! Email Bill at [bvultaggio17@gmail.com](mailto:bvultaggio17@gmail.com).

**Lent - Eucharistic Adoration**

Looking for adorers during Lent. Email Pam Casey at [lpcasey2@aol.com](mailto:lpcasey2@aol.com).

**Creation Corner**

This weekend Jesus tells he disciples, “You are the salt of the Earth” and then asks, “if salt loses its taste, with what can *it* be seasoned?” To this day we speak of irreplaceable people who are “salt of the Earth.” We mean that these people have the same effect on the Earth as salt has on food: it makes it better. We Christians, we “salt of the Earth” people, are either “thrown out” or our “light must shine before others.” Let us be salt for the Earth flavoring all of Creation!

**Women’s Ministry - Great Opportunities**

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

A Walking with Purpose Study on Colossians. For women who wish to nurture a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Cost: \$25 (to cover materials)

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

Blank journals, cut out prompts, beautiful stickers, stencils, markers, colored pencils and more! This is an opportunity to spend social time with other women (all ages welcome!) and construct a meaningful tool for you to use during your Lenten journey this year. Cost: Free

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

An 8 week life-enriching experience. This is composed of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This is perfect for those seeking spiritual renewal, learning how to pray as an adult, deepen your spiritual life, to form regular prayer habits, and reflect on scripture. Cost: \$15 (to cover materials)

**Life Everlasting:** Apr 16 - May 21 at 7PM

A 5 week session called Life Everlasting; In five focused sessions, scholars will draw from Scripture, the Catechism, and the wisdom of the Church to show how death, judgement, heaven, and hell are not abstract ideas meant to inspire fear, but profound truths that illuminate how we are called to live here and now. Cost: \$15 (cover materials)

*Questions? Email [womensministry@stmarksnh.org](mailto:womensministry@stmarksnh.org)*

**This Week @ St. Mark’s!!**

**Sunday, Feb 8:**

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

**Tuesday, Feb 10:**

9:30AM - 3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration  
6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 PM OCIA

**Thursday, Feb 12:**

9:30 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Rooted & Radiant  
7:30 PM K of C Officers Meeting

**Friday, Feb 13:**

6:30 PM Scouts Pack 605

**Saturday, Jan 14:**

9:30 AM Al Anon

*\*Parish Office is closed on Monday, February 16*

# **Lent at St. Mark's 2026**

*Daily Mass Monday - Thursday at 9AM*

## **Adoration / Reconciliation / Solemn Evening Prayer**

*Begins February 24th*

Adoration: 9:30AM to 6:00PM / Reconciliation: 5PM - 6PM

Solemn Evening Prayer at 6PM

*Other opportunities for Reconciliation*

Fridays 5PM - 5:45PM / Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

## **The Search**

*Begins February 25th*

**Join us every Wednesday in Lent at 6:30PM** for the THE SEARCH

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. Jesus' first words to humanity in the Gospel of John are "what do you seek?" Join us in the Parish Hall!!

## **Stations of the Cross**

*Begins February 20th*

**Join us every Friday in Lent at 6PM**, as we will be commemorating our Lord's Passion by meditating on the Stations of the Cross.

## **Friday Night Fish Fry**

*Begins February 20th*

**Join us at 6:30PM** in the St. Mark's Parish Hall for FISH, FRIENDS and FELLOWSHIP! Cost: \$10 per person (\$40 max per household).

## **Mother's Way of the Cross**

**Join us on Thursday, March 26 @ 7PM** as we journey with Jesus and Mary, through a Mother's perspective, praying a special Stations of the Cross.

All women welcome.

**Sacrificial Giving**  
**Week of 1/28/2025 - 2/3/2025**

Regular Offertory: \$ 15,955.00  
WeShare: \$ 6,650.72  
Total: \$ 22,605.72  
*(Parish Budget: \$12,000 per week)*

**Parish Contact Information**

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Office Hours Mon-Thurs 9:30AM- 4 PM

**Mass Intentions for Feb 7 - Feb 15, 2026**

**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

**2/9 Monday, 9AM:**

Theresa Roy by John & Suzanne Patenaude  
Francis McNamara by his family

**2/10 Tuesday, 9AM:**

Jay Hayes by Joan Chmielorz  
Christine Bianco by a daughter

**2/11 Wednesday, 9AM:**

Cynthia Micavich by Jan Ravase  
Gerald & Christine Amthor by a nephew

**2/12 Thursday, 9AM:**

Harold & Louise Howe by the Carey family  
Theresa Plummer by Brenda Donroe

**2/14 Saturday, 5PM**

Stephanie Duato by the Taralli family  
Peg Agati by the Boldeia family

**2/15 Sunday, 8AM**

Raymond Belec by his wife Francoise Belec  
Marilyn Lavallee by the Lavallee family

**2/15 Sunday, 9:30AM**

Stephan Hogarty by K of C #10488

**2/15 Sunday, 11AM**

Jeffery Donohue by his loving family

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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