



“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 the Desk of Deacon Tom,

Here we are, in Lent again! I wonder if people look forward to Lent? If it's just to get to Easter, I guess I'd get that, but do folks look forward to *experiencing* Lent? I don't think I usually do. In fact leading up to Ash Wednesday each year, I think "how can I possibly go a *whole day* with only one full meal, and no meat?" And then magically, I do, and that day passes. Then, before I know it, it's Good Friday and the same thought occurs to me. "How can I possibly go a *whole day* with only one full meal, and no meat?" It's like I completely forgot I did it on Ash Wednesday.

The key to me this week is above where I thought "...before I know it..." Each year Lent comes. Each year it ends. But do I really experience it? Can I "look forward" to it? Can I embrace, and maybe even enjoy it? Or to go to the extreme, can I maybe rejoice that it's Lent again?

Being an engineer, I measure everything. If there's data, I have a spreadsheet for it. So it is with me for Lent. There are six weeks to Lent, six Fridays without meat. This is the second Sunday of Lent, so my simple math says we're 33.33% of the way through Lent. But that wouldn't be experiencing Lent. That's just letting it happen and measuring the progress.

"I get to..."

That's the phrase I told myself a lot when I became a Deacon. But it's more than a reminder of the blessings I've received as a Deacon. It's become my mindset, although I admit that I haven't been reminding myself of it as frequently as I used to. But it's back! That phrase for me was a game changer several years ago. When I'd get anxious about having to do something, it's what got me past any anxiety.

So often we tell people about things we do and start the dialog with "I have to..." I have to finish that presentation for work. I shovel all that snow. Anything in our life that is a future event, we start with the phrase "I have to..." I replaced that phrase in my head with "I get to..." And, particularly with things I might not want to do, it completely changed my point of view.

I get to finish that presentation for work. I have a job and get paid regularly. The alternative isn't as good. I get to shovel ALL THAT SNOW. Actually I have a snowblower that can throw it almost to my neighbor's yard. So I'm all set! And spring will eventually get here.

I have to write the column this week for the bulletin. Nope. I get to write the column for the bulletin this week!

I get to experience another Lent! Embrace it! Experience it! Enjoy it. It will be over "before I know it" just like it is every year. Slow down. Let this Lent be the best Lent ever, for the next 66.67% of what's left of it!

Deacon Tom

Blood Drive - Sponsored by our Knights

The extreme winter weather is disrupting efforts to replenish the blood supply, forcing the cancellation of hundreds of blood drives. Make an impact! The Knights of Columbus #10488 will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Saturday, March 28 from 9AM - 2PM** in the Parish Hall. To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Youth Group Envelope Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported this effort!! If you still have a blue envelope, we ask that you return it as soon as you can. Thanks again for your support!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

We are looking for Assistant Crew Leaders, Crew Leaders and Adults (18+) to be Station Leaders! Also, adults to be Substitutes / Floaters who plug in as needed throughout the week. **VBS is June 22 - 26.** Questions? Email amanda@stmarksnh.org.

VBS Registration is OPEN!!

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. Visit stmarksnh.org to **REGISTER!!**

LENT Project for St. Mark's!

The St. Mark's Community Outreach Team is partnering with the Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry during LENT. The Sonshine Soup Kitchen serves **free** hot and healthy meals, **five days per week!** There are no requirements for receiving a meal. They serve everyone, no questions asked! They are committed to ending hunger in our community. *Lets all come together to support this effort!* All money collected will help them purchase the food needed to make the meals that week. There is a bin in the entry way for anything you can contribute. The box will be available throughout Lent. You can also donate online at stmarksnh.org. Thank you St. Mark's for making a difference and helping those in NEED!!

CRS Rice Bowls Available

Rice Bowls are still available!! Twenty-five percent of these donations stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty efforts. *Every gift counts.*

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Monday, Mar 2:

7:00 PM Meeting Christ in Prayer

Tuesday, Mar 3:

9:30AM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration
 5:00-5:45 PM Confessions
 6:00 PM Lent Evening Prayer
 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 PM OCIA

Wednesday, Mar 4:

6:30PM The Search

Thursday, Mar 5:

9:30 AM Bible Study
 6:00 PM Widow & Widower Group
 7:00 PM Rooted & Radiant

Friday, Mar 6:

5:00-5:45 PM Confessions
 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 6:30 PM Fish Fry

Saturday, Mar 7:

9:30 AM Al Anon
 11:00 - 1:00 PM Al Anon area Reps Meeting

St. Mark's Youth Easter Choir

Rehearsals:

MONDAY, March 16th @ 4PM
Sunday, March 22nd @ 3PM
Sunday, March 29th @ 3PM

What Mass?
Sunday, April 5th @ 9:30 AM
Mass Easter Morning!

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 2/18/2025 - 2/24/2026

Regular Offertory:	\$ 5,085.00
WeShare:	\$ <u>7,724.37</u>
Total:	\$12,809.37

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

Mass Intentions for Feb 28 - Mar 8, 2026

2/28 Saturday, 5PM

Diane Savoie by her children
Christine Bianco by a daughter

3/1 Sunday, 8AM

Mike Dromgoole by the Knights of Columbus
Al Giguere by Kelly Giguere & daughters

3/1 Sunday, 9:30AM

John A. DeCarolis by the MacLaren family

3/1 Sunday, 11AM

Ken Perkins by Norm & Diane Ducas
Donna Quandt by Barbara & Al Quandt

3/2 Monday, 9AM:

Harry & Gerry Duffy by Kathy Cooper

3/3 Tuesday, 9AM:

Claire Cassidy by the Taralli family
Cathy Silverman by a friend

3/4 Wednesday, 9AM:

Elise Patenaude by John & Suzanne Patenaude
Lorenzo Giguere by K of C

3/5 Thursday, 9AM:

Intentions for Gloria Turchi & family

3/5 Thursday, 9AM:

Intentions for exploited & missing children

3/7 Saturday, 5PM

Linda Hubert by Paula & Roger Hubert

3/8 Sunday, 8AM

Mike Dromgoole by the Knights of Columbus
Crista Blenkle by the Spies family

3/8 Sunday, 9:30AM

People of the Parish

3/8 Sunday, 11AM

William Chmielorz by Joan Chmielorz
Sunye Rzasa by a Goddaughter

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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