

“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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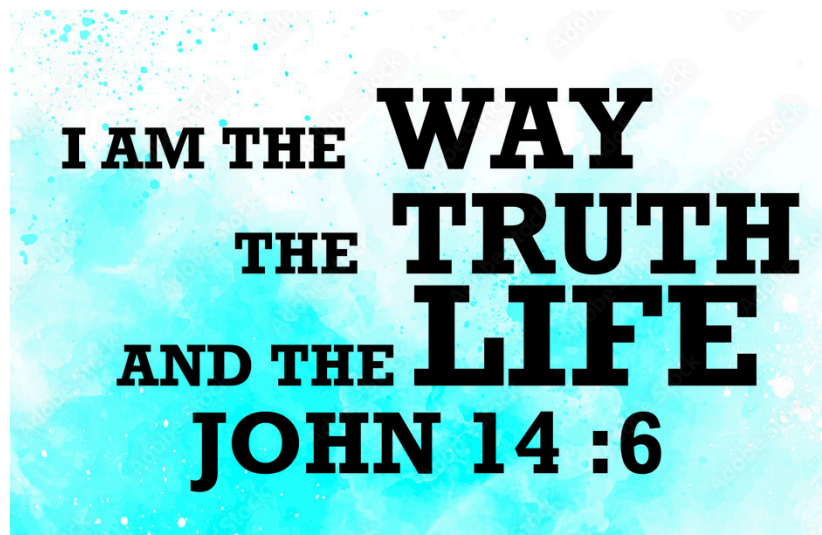
From Amanda's Desk,

My first experience with Maya Angelou was watching "Elmo Saves Christmas." The timbre of her voice and pacing of her words - she had a beautiful, almost musical way of delivering the story's most important parts. Her role as the narrator is likely the reason that movie has remained one of my Christmas favorites to this day.

As I grew through high school and into adulthood, I learned more about the narrator of "Elmo Saves Christmas" through her autobiography "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings." It is an incredible story of inner-strength and guidebook to finding love / joy in even the toughest of places. To answer the question implied by the title (which doesn't spoil the novel by any means) - the caged bird sings because it has a song. Regardless of circumstance, it must sing or it will perish. Even if it's wings are clipped or it's cage remains closed, the bird still has it's song and nothing should take away it's resolve to sing it. The song, it's beauties and difficulties, are the reason to keep singing. In using it's voice to sing, the bird helps others to find their voice and share their song.

How does this connect with the readings this week? Thanks for asking! And thanks for sticking with me through that introduction. In our Gospel reading Jesus says: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ... Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves... whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these..." Just as the caged bird sings because it has a song, the disciples went out and spread the good news because they had GOOD NEWS to SHARE. There were probably times they felt like no one was listening, or experienced challenges that clipped their wings in various ways - persecution, ridicule, martyrdom - but the song traveled on because of their resolve to sing it. When Jesus says "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" - its our job to spread the invitation (and include directions to the venue) - this is why we sing.

I believe THIS is why today's Gospel reading is a top choice for Funeral Masses, when people are looking for hope, certainty, direction, clarity and comfort - the song we sing continues to carry us with HOPE when it's needed most - that Jesus is the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE! 2,000 years later that song still resonates and inspires us to sing!



New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

We thank all who made their gift to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA): Future of our Faith II**. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, our community, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholic.org/nhca or bring your gift envelope that includes your donor ID an parish ID and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. *We thank you for your generosity and for helping to reflect the love of Christ throughout our state!* Every gift, no matter the size, strengthens our ministries and allows us to serve, comfort, and bring the hope to those who need it most. **Our parish goal this year is \$72,883.00.**

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

The annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive will be held **Friday, May 8th from 5PM - 8PM and Saturday, May 9th from 8AM - 4PM**. Volunteers are needed for the following locations: Dunkin Donuts, Mohawk Dr. and Shasta Dr., Benson’s Hardware and Shaw’s Supermarket. All proceeds will benefit Londonderry Early Education Program and NH Special Olympics. Brother Knights will receive sign up notice through e-mail. Anyone else who wishes to volunteer can call or text Nick at 603-490-0401. All shifts except 3 are of 2 hour duration. Please be kind when you see a volunteer and take a Tootsie Roll or two to share with someone you love.

Creation Corner

This weekend the ever-practical Thomas asks, “we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” As we try to follow Jesus, we often feel we do not know the way. Exactly how are we to care for Creation? For our neighbors with whom we share creation? Jesus answers “I am the way and the truth and the life.” Jesus shows us not only the way, but the truth along the way, and how to live as we walk the way. Let us ask at each step along the way, where is the truth; what would Jesus do?

Save the Date - June 6

NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!!

This event is being lead by our very own Knight of Columbus #10488 who has partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP). We will work as a team building bed frames for kids who not not have beds of their own. All materials will be delivered on site. We will cut, sand, drill, assemble, stain! The Knights are seeking volunteers to help out with this amazing opportunity. ***More details coming SOON!***

Mother’s Day ~ Spiritual Bouquet

Envelopes can be found in the Welcome Center for those who would like a special remembrance for loved ones living or deceased at all our masses on Mother’s Day weekend. **Please return by Thursday, May 7.**

May 17th - Join us for Rosary Making!

Following the 9:30 Mass, join us in the Parish Hall for Rosary Making! This activity is free of charge and open to all of our Faith Formation families - we just ask that you RSVP so we can pre-prep the appropriate amount of supplies, all are welcome! :)



This Week @ St. Mark’s!!

Tuesday, May 5:

6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting

Thursday, May 7 :

9:30 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Widow & Widower Support Meeting
7:00 PM Life Everlasting Gathering
6:30 PM Scouts Pack 605

Saturday, May 9:

9:30 AM Al Anon

**There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday, May 5th or Wednesday, May 6th*

Women of St. Ignatius

Monthly Ignatian Prayer, Workshop & Faith Sharing

The Women's Ministry is offering a monthly Saturday morning group called Women of St. Ignatius. There will be time to socialize with coffee, tea and pastries followed by instruction on Ignatian prayer, and guided prayer with Scripture.

The Scriptures are the "Living Word" of God. Those who pray with these methods of contemplation and meditation with Scripture have very real encounters with Jesus and find that God enlightens and guides them. They are comforted, healed and challenged by the living Christ when they get to know Him through praying with Scripture. Come and get to know Jesus better along with other women of faith.

Begins
May 16 2026

Meets the 3rd Saturday
of each month

9:30AM - 11:00AM
in the Parish Hall

No Registration Required



Sacrificial Giving

Week of 4/15/2026 - 4/21/2026

Regular Offertory:	\$ 7,515.00
WeShare:	\$ 4,528.74
Total:	\$12,043.74

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

Parish Contact Information

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K of C #10488	Nick Maffattone (603) 490-0401
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Pennacook Pregnancy Center	(603) 206-5306
NH Catholic Charities, Nashua	(603) 889-9431

Mass Intentions for May 2 - May 10, 2026

5/2 Saturday, 5PM

Thomas Samalis by Charles Samalis

5/3 Sunday, 8AM

People of the Parish

5/3 Sunday, 9:30AM

Steve & Mary Hogerty by Larry & Pam Casey

5/3 Sunday, 11AM

Anna Maria Martin by Mary Y. Lynch

5/4 Monday, 9AM:

Claudia Davis by the McIntire family

5/5 Tuesday, 9AM:

No Daily Mass

5/6 Wednesday, 9AM:

No Daily Mass

5/7 Thursday, 9AM:

The Souls in Purgatory by Roger & Paula Hubert

5/9 Saturday, 5PM

Intentions of Married Couples & Families
by Roger & Paula Hubert

5/10 Sunday, 8AM

Muriel Humora by Bernice Granese
Bertha Webster by the McIntire family

5/10 Sunday, 9:30AM

Luigi & Maria Violanti by the Violanti family
Connie Zeiller by her daughter Jane Leonard

5/10 Sunday, 11AM

Jane Carbonneau by Chris & Eileen Beliveau

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