



*Welcome to the Catholic Community of*

# ***SAINT MARK***

## ***THE EVANGELIST***

*A Catholic Community of Caring Since 1981  
Serving Londonderry, Hudson & Windham - New Hampshire*

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*Youth Minister (Middle/High School)*  
*PreK-5 Coordinator/Adult Choir Director*  
*Business Manager / Notary*  
*Music Director*

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday @ 5:00 PM**

**Sunday @ 8:00 AM 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

**Monday through Thursday @ 9:00 AM**

***All Masses can be seen on our livestream at  
[stmarksnh.org](http://stmarksnh.org)***

*As sharers of the one baptism & the one Spirit of the Risen Christ, we come together as the Parish Community of St. Mark the Evangelist to proclaim our identity as the People of God.*

*The Eucharist is the center of our life and work together. Through the one bread, we become the one body of Christ, a living sacrifice of praise. In our worship of God, the Author of life and holiness, we proclaim our hope in the life of Christ's Resurrection; we open our hearts and minds to the Spirit of God dwelling in our midst.*

*In our work, together, we seek...*

*to enable our children to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God; to accompany our young sons and daughters on their journeys of discovery toward adulthood; to deepen our faith commitment through prayer & study; to be present to one another in the joys and sufferings, the victories and struggles of life; to give witness to the Gospel of justice and compassion to our hurting world.*

*We welcome to our parish family all who share our Catholic faith & traditions & our search for God in all things.*

*-Parish Mission Statement*



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**Facebook:** [stmarkslondonderry](https://www.facebook.com/stmarkslondonderry)  
**Flocknote:** [flocknote.com/SMECNH](https://flocknote.com/SMECNH)  
**Instagram:** [stmarkslondonderry](https://www.instagram.com/stmarkslondonderry)

*From the Desk of Deacon Tom...*

Our second reading doesn't always connect to the theme of the weekend, but this weekend is one of those where all the readings speak about being humble. I like hearing our readers at Mass proclaim the second reading. They can many times be only 2-3 sentences but they seem to run on forever, making them challenging to proclaim effectively. I was talking to someone last weekend about this, and how blessed I am to get to read the Gospel at Mass. It's a lot easier to read the words of Jesus than the writings of St. Paul, not to mention it's also a LOT more humbling and such a privilege.

But back to today's reading from St Paul. When I first read it, St Paul seems to be calling the people he's speaking to....how should I say it? Not smart. "Not many of you were wise by human standards." I relate to what he talks about today. When I was in formation to be ordained a Deacon, I always felt that I wasn't knowledgeable enough about the faith when I watched my peers and classmates. Even after being ordained over eight years now, I still feel like I know so little about the faith, scripture, preaching, being pastoral, you name it. I know I'm much further along than when I started this path, yet there is so much about our faith that no one can know everything. And God is always looking for more. Then putting what you know into practice is even more challenging. In the business world, we call it "Continuous Improvement." If you aren't getting better, the business is failing. Standing still is not an option or a path to survivability. So I'm right in that mix of the middle part of the reading: God chose: ...the foolish....the weak... the lowly....those who count for nothing. Look at the selection of the disciples. He started by choosing fishermen. Those guys turned out to become pretty great! Just by hanging around with Jesus.

Several years ago, someone came to me and said that there were some folks in my parish at the time that felt like they could not measure up to the holiness they witnessed in others. So their answer was "why should I try?" I ended up taking that topic into a homily. Why try? Because God knows your circumstances, your background, your environment, your upbringing, and most of all your heart. No one else knows your heart except you and God. So the reason to try is simple...that's all He asks of us. To become as great as He made us to be. Not to be as great or as good as someone else. We can't coast thinking "God understands, He'll just give me a pass." It's in the effort that God is revealed to us, in trying to get closer to Him in all that we do in our lives.

Deacon Tom

**SOUPer Bowl Sunday - Let's fill the pantry!**

Let's transform Super Bowl Sunday into a day of giving!! Bring a can of soup to Mass on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th and wear your favorite team's football jersey. Fight hunger with St. Mark's team!! All donations benefit local soup kitchens. *Kindly check expiration dates on all cans.* Thank you for your support!!

**Ash Wednesday**

Join us **February 22, 2023 at 9AM or 7PM** for Mass and distribution of ashes. Both Masses will also be available on livestream. Visit [stmarksnh.org](http://stmarksnh.org).

**Lenten FISH FRY - Save the dates!!!!**

Famous Family Fish Fry!! Say that 3 times! We are looking for volunteers for some Friday night Lenten dinners. **The fish fry dates are: March 3, 17 & 31.** If you are interested helping with this, please contact Brandon ([brandon@stmarksnh.org](mailto:brandon@stmarksnh.org)).

**Presence: The Mystery of Eucharist**

Beginning the end of February, and continuing throughout the Lenten season, we are excited to offer ***Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*** - an adult faith study on the Most Blessed Sacrament presented by Augustine Institute.

Do you ever feel God is far away? The whole story of salvation is the story of God being present to his people - in Eden, in the wilderness, in the Temple, and finally in the Person of Jesus Christ. But the story doesn't stop there. He is still here with us - in disguise. Under the appearance of bread and wine, Jesus Christ is truly present in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In the Eucharist, the God of the universe invites us into a deeper experience of his perfect love.

*Presence* explores the radical mystery of God's love expressed in the Eucharist and shows how in this sacrament God is really present to help strengthen us at every step of life's journey. By exploring God's love for his people in Scripture and the teaching of the Church, this series will invite us into a more profound and intimate union with God. Separate sessions will be **offered on Monday evenings at 6PM** (beginning February 27) **and Tuesday mornings at 9:30AM** (beginning February 28) during Lent. A materials fee of \$15 will be required for registration. *Register today!*



**Blood Drive**

St. Mark the Evangelist  
Parish Hall

1 South Road - Londonderry

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Sponsored by

St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council #10488

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: STMARK-LONDONDERRY to schedule an appointment.

Warm hearts. Warm thoughts. Give in February for a \$10 gift card by email, thanks to Amazon. And automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Clearwater Beach, FL. Includes travel, hotel, gift card and more! Terms: [blood.org/heart](http://blood.org/heart).

**2023 - Faith Formation**

The remaining dates for St. Mark's KIDS, Edge & Life Teen are: January 29, February 5, 12, 19, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 16, May 7.

**This Week @ St. Mark's!!**

**Sunday, January 29:**

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

**Monday, January 30:**

6:00 PM Genesis to Jesus - Parish Hall

**Tuesday, January 31:**

9:30 - 3:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting

**Saturday, February 4:**

9:30 AM Al Anon

10 AM - 3PM Blood Drive - Parish Hall

### **Wine & Cheese with Fr. Mike**

Join Fr. Mike on **Tuesday, February 21 from 6 - 8 PM** in the Parish Hall in celebration of Mardi Gras! Appetizers will be served. ***Please RSVP for planning purposes to [info@stmarksnh.org](mailto:info@stmarksnh.org).***

**Fun Fact:** The term Mardi Gras is French for “Fat Tuesday”. This refers to the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the Lenten Season which begins on Ash Wednesday.

### **CRS Rice Bowl**

This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms, comes with a Lenten calendar filled with activities and stories that guides families through the 40 days of Lent. Let's prepare to put our faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. *Rice Bowls will be available in the gathering space on February 22.*

### **Winter Advisory**

The New England winter is right around the corner. Please remember to check our website and/or WMUR for updates on parish activities, which include the celebration of Holy Mass and Faith Formation classes. If Londonderry schools are closed, all parish activities are cancelled.

### **A New Year - A Few Reminders**

- ❖ St. Mark's Charitable Account (*yellow* envelope) - This account supports those in need.
- ❖ St. Mark's Development Fund (*green* envelope) - This fund supports needs that develop on the church property. For instance, the newly paved parking lot that was completed a year ago.
- ❖ If you would like your contributions recorded, you must use the envelope system or signup for WeShare. All monies should be in an envelope with your envelope number or last name (as a minimum). If you would like to sign up for WeShare (online giving), please visit [www.stmarksnh.org](http://www.stmarksnh.org) and click “Online Giving”. You will be prompted through the process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Parish Office at 432-8711.

### **Grief Share Ministry**

The journey of the loss of a spouse is a painful process and you do not need to walk it alone. St. Mark's has a Grief Share Ministry who meets the **1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6PM in the Parish hall. The next meeting is February 2.** Registration is \$30 (workbook fee). To register, call the Parish Office at 603-432-8711.



### **Prayer Shawls**

Do you know someone in need of a spiritual lift? Perhaps someone in the hospital, homebound or going through difficult challenges? We are blessed to have a wonderful group of women who knit prayer shawls to accompany others on their journeys through life. If you know someone who would love this gift, stop by the Welcome Center and pick one up.



**Sacrificial Giving**

**Week of 1/18/2022 - 1/24/2023**

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| Regular Offertory: | \$ 4,376.00         |
| WeShare:           | \$ <u>7,715.38</u>  |
| <b>Total:</b>      | <b>\$ 12,091.38</b> |

***Fuel Collection***

***Collected: \$18,000.00 / Goal: REACHED!***

***Thank you so much!!!***

**Mass Intentions for Jan 28 - Feb 5, 2023**

**1/28 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Christine Pitera by the Schou family

**1/29 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Brenda Colameta by the McIntire family

**1/29 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Daniel McAndrew by the Schou family

**1/29 Sunday, 11 AM:**

S. Carl Magri by the Klein family

**1/30 Monday, 9 AM:**

Luke & Rose Martin by Joan Chmielorz

**1/31 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

John McLaughlin by Joan Chmielorz

**2/1 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Barbara Burgess by Jan McLaughlin

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

Robert Sargent

Diane Spahn by Joan Chmielorz

**2/4 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Ed Dziergowski by the Schou family

**2/5 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Catherine Kelley by the Kelley family

**2/5 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Paul Ralston Sr. by Chris & Eileen Belliveau

**2/5 Sunday, 11 AM:**

John & Jodi Harper by Roger & Paula Hubert

**Parish Contact Information**

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| Parish Office | (603) 432-8711         |
| Parish Email  | info@stmarksnh.org     |
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| Pastoral Council              | Justin Paré                 |
| 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     |
| Knights of Columbus           | www.KofC.org/joinus         |
| 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