



*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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*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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***From Your Parish Evangelist...***

I have always been fascinated by how many idioms and clichés in the English language find their origin in Sacred Scripture. *Rise and shine* (Isaiah 60:1). *How the Mighty have fallen* (2Sam 1:19). *The writing on the wall* (Dan 5). *Fly in the ointment* (Eccles 10:1). *The blind leading the blind* (Mt 15:13-14). *Wash your hands of the matter* (Mt 27:24). The list goes on - too many examples to list them all here!

We do come across one of them in Matthew's Gospel this weekend. Sometimes we describe a person of significant worth and noble character as '*the Salt of the Earth*.' It is a curious phrase - one that is perhaps hard to define what it actually means. With a little understanding of its original context in Scripture, we can see why Jesus referred to His disciples in this way.

Salt was a highly valued substance in the ancient world. Many cultures around the Mediterranean Sea connected it with three important qualities. The first of these was purity. The glistening bleached color may have contributed to this association, but we know from Roman culture that salt was considered one of the purest substances because it came from the two purest sources: the sun and the sea. As Christians, we are called to be an example of purity in the world! As the lowering of societal standards seems to increase with time, we are called to hold fast to a high caliber of honesty, courtesy, and amiable conduct. We are not called to withdraw from the world, but we strive to remain untarnished by it!

Secondly, salt was the most common preservative in Jesus's time. In the days before refrigeration, salt was used to keep meat and fish from spoiling, allowing it to be stored safely. Salt preserved these items from corruption, having an antiseptic quality. We are called to have an antiseptic influence on life! We all know someone in our lives who 'makes it easy to be good'. The person whom you would never speak a foul word in their presence. The person who's patience with others seems almost impossible to replicate. Always with a smile and positive perspective, they make it easy and natural for us to 'be good' when we are with them...

Finally, salt was precious for its most obvious quality: it gives things flavor. As Catholic Christians, we are called to give flavor to life! This is contrary to modern secular perceptions of who we are... Christians are prudish and stuffy. People of faith are judgmental and self-righteous. We suck the life out of the room. We want to take the fun out of everything with our stupid rules and antique worldview. My brothers and sisters, we need to reclaim the joyful radiance of our Faith! The Life of Christ that we live and proclaim brings optimism to a pessimistic world! The Good News enables us to bring jubilation where there is sadness! Hope where there is depression and despair! Love and compassion where there is hate, discrimination, and disparity!

We are the Salt of the Earth. Our Lord tells us that if we don't bring to this life the pure, disinfecting, radiant joy of our Life in Christ, then we are no longer good for anything. We have been given the greatest of Gifts, not to hoard to ourselves, but to give to others as we have received! Our light must shine before all, so that as the Salt of the Earth, they may see the good that we do and give glory to God!

Peace be with you.

Brandon Sargent

**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!*

**Wine Tasting - Save the Date**

The FUNdraising Team is BACK!! They are so excited to announce that the Wine Tasting will be held on **Friday, September 29, 2023!** Stay tuned for all the details...

**Daily Mass - Cancelled February 8 & 9**

There will not be daily Mass on February 8 & 9. For your convenience daily Mass is celebrated at:

St. Thomas Aquinas: 8AM  
26 Crystal Ave, Derry

St. Patrick Church: 8AM  
12 Main Street, Pelham

St. Kathryn Parish: 8:30AM  
4 Dracut Road, Hudson

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

**Sunday, February 5:**

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

**Tuesday, February 7:**

9:30 - 3:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 PM Pack 605 Den Meeting  
6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting  
6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 9:**

9:30 AM Weekday Witness  
7:00 PM K of C Officers Meeting

**Saturday, February 11:**

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 by February 14 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.

### Community Outreach Committee

The Community Outreach Committee is busy planning for 2023!! Some items include SOUPer Bowl Sunday, the Wine & Cheese evening, the St. Mark's Lenten Project that helps children in DCYF, the Parish Picnic and more... If you enjoy planning things or have ideas, we would love to have you!! Join us for the next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, February 16 at 10:30AM.**

### 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.*

### Mass and Men's Breakfast

Bishop Libasci invites men of the Diocese of Manchester to Holy Mass and breakfast at St. Joseph Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. This will be held on **Saturday, March 18 2023 from 7:30AM - 10:30 AM.** Registration is \$12.00. To register for the event go to [mensbreakfast2023.eventbrite.com](https://mensbreakfast2023.eventbrite.com). If you have any questions, please contact Bill Donroe at [bdonroe@comcast.net](mailto:bdonroe@comcast.net).

### Quiet Moments in His Presence

Did you know that Eucharist Adoration is a weekly devotion here at St. Mark's? **Every Tuesday, from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM,** the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the Church. Please come and spend an hour, or even just a few minutes.

### 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 16.** Registration is \$30 (workbook fee). To register, call the Parish Office at 603-432-8711.

### Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023, to attend a Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2PM** at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. A cake and coffee reception will follow the Mass. To register, please call the parish office by March 30, 2022. Once registration has been completed, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. We look forward to seeing you!



### 2022 Tax Statement

All tax statements for 2022 have been mailed out. Please remember, if you want contributions recorded, you **must** use the envelope system or sign up for WeSHARE. For donations to be recorded, money should be in an envelope with your name and envelope number. *As always, thank you for your generosity!*

**Sacrificial Giving**

**Week of 1/25/2022 - 1/31/2023**

Regular Offertory:	\$ 6,103.00
WeShare:	\$ <u>3,961.78</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 10,064.78</b>

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

**Mass Intentions for Feb 4 - Feb 12, 2023**

**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

**2/6 Monday, 9 AM:**

Norman & Norma LaMountain by Joan Chmielorz

**2/7 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

Grant Parker Wolf by Sharon & Russell Caminiti

**2/8 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Abel Patenaude by John & Suzanne Patenaude

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

Joni Cleary by the Carr family

**2/11 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Blanche & Charlie Ricardie by Jeannette Jandreau

**2/12 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Danny Joe Campbell by Stan & Sheila Swiderek

**2/12 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Vinny Ardizzoni by William Lajoie

**2/12 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Judy Pincince by the Pincince family

**Parish Contact Information**

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Prayer Line	Nancy Conner (603) 566-2357
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Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 AM
Knights of Columbus	www.KofC.org/joinus
Birthingright	(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