



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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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***

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



Website: www.stmarksnh.org
Facebook: [stmarkslondonderry](https://www.facebook.com/stmarkslondonderry)
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Instagram: [stmarkslondonderry](https://www.instagram.com/stmarkslondonderry)

Happy Easter! Yes, it's still Easter, so the greeting still applies.

Today's Gospel mentions "the Advocate" being sent to the disciples. I remember several years ago I used that term in reference to the Holy Spirit in a group gathering and someone asked me afterward what that referred to and where I got the reference. Took me a little bit to find it, but it was a great interaction for me. It was one of the early questions I got during my formation and helped me do a bit of research and share some new info with another Catholic. We further found that the source of that word is Parakletos, or what we may know better as Paraclete. I used to think that was a set of baseball shoes (Dad joke! Pair o' cleates – sorry.)

Back when I was first in formation, I was looking for something to do in the Parish during the summer when my classes ended. My Spiritual Director mentioned that the Diocesan Tribunal was looking for Field Advocates. Not knowing anything about it, I volunteered! Now that's not in my nature at all, but I figured I had a lot to learn and needed to experience as much as I could. The Field Advocate was a role to meet with those seeking an annulment to their marriage, or those whose spouse was seeking an annulment. After some training, I had a few people contact me in this newly established role.

It was quite an experience meeting with and listening to the stories of those looking for the church to grant them an annulment. One of my Deacon classmates had also gotten an annulment to his first marriage and described the process as the "best kept secret in the Catholic Church". I found it's not without emotion, particularly for those re-living the pain that can come from the stories that accompany their journey. But with pain comes healing. And I found that being an Advocate was equally challenging and rewarding. I had to re-live these experiences with each of those that I worked with. But it gave me a great perspective on the Holy Spirit as the Paraclete, or Advocate.

The definition of Advocate is "to publicly recommend or support". Our faith tells us we need to have compassion for all those we meet. Compassion is to "suffer together". Being an Advocate and experiencing those stories showed me the truth of compassion. That's the Holy Spirit that Jesus talks about in today's Gospel. The Advocate journeys with us, leading us in God's truth and suffering with us in our individual journeys of faith. One of the best definitions I saw was that the spiritual definition of compassion is "acting to alleviate the suffering of others." May we turn to the Advocate in our times of need and rely on the Holy Spirit that Jesus promises us.

Deacon Tom

Holy Day of Obligation - Thursday, May 26

Join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on **Thursday, May 26**. This Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated at 9AM and 7PM. This day commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven and occurs ten days before Pentecost. Come join us!

Faith Formation Begins September 11!

We are excited to announce that Faith Formation 2022-23 classes will begin on **Sunday, September 11, 2022**. Faith Formation is a lifelong process. The hope is that every child be enrolled in a program and that the parents take an active role in the faith life of their children. The most important thing is to be sure that ALL our children be connected to Church. In order to be fully prepared to receive Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist, the sacramental preparation is a two year process. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office. Registration forms are available online at stmarksnh.org, the Welcome Center and Parish Office.

Summer Events Continue... Sunday, June 12

All Middle/High School youth are invited to join us as we continue our summer FUN! Our next bonfire, s'mores and games event will be on **Sunday, June 12 at 10:15AM!** If you have any questions, please contact Mickayla.

Memorial Day Observance - Mass will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery, Londonderry NH at 9AM

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. This day is observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Join us **Monday, May 30 at Holy Cross Cemetery at 9AM**. *If it's raining, Mass will be celebrated at St. Mark the Evangelist.*

Ordination to the Priesthood ~ June 4, 2022!

The Diocese of Manchester will ordain three men to the priesthood on Saturday, June 4 @ 10AM. Deacon Daniel Mikolajewski, Deacon Cuong Van Nguyen and Deacon Roarke (Rory) Traynor

St. Mark's Community Outreach Team DIAPER DRIVE



What: Diapers size 2 - size 6 are needed.
(Baby wipes are needed too)

When: May 8 - May 29

This diaper drive is for "Our Place", a growing organization that helps parenting teens and young adults provide their children with a loving, caring and safe home.

There is a great need for diapers, size 2 - size 6.
Can you help?

Please place all diapers in the brown bin located in the entrance. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place in the Diaper Drive jug located on the Welcome Center Desk. ***All money will be used to purchase diapers.***

Thank you for your support!
The Community Outreach Team

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Tuesday, May 24:

9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26:

9:00 AM Ascension of the Lord Mass
9:30 AM Weekday Witness
7:00 PM Ascension of the Lord Mass

~ Parish Office Closed ~

Friday, May 27:

6:00 PM Pack 605 Cross Over Event

Saturday, May 28:

9:30 AM Al Anon

St. Mark's Vacation Bible School

We hope you can join us for a MONUMENTAL week of FUN??

JULY 11-15, 2022
9AM - Noon

**REGISTRATION
OPEN!!**

**Cost: \$40 per camper
(tshirt included)**



Adult and Teen Volunteers Needed!

Crew Leaders. Assistant Crew Leaders. Registration Assistance. Setup. Building Crew. and MORE...

**Registrations available Online, the Welcome Center or call
the Parish Office at 603.432.8711**

**Sacrificial Giving
Week of 5/11/2021 - 5/17/2022**

Regular Offertory: \$ 3,892.00
WeShare: \$ 6,732.86

Total: \$10,624.86

(Parish Budget: \$10,000 per week)

Mass Intentions for May 21 - May 29, 2022

5/21 Saturday, 5 PM:

All Married Couples by Roger & Paula Hubert

5/22 Sunday, 8 AM:

Paul & Carole Doyon by their children

5/22 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Matthew Pedley by Tim & Carol Lott

5/22 Sunday, 11 AM:

Glen Giles by John & Suzanne Patenaude

5/23 Monday, 9 AM:

Paul Paone by Jim & Eileen Spies

5/24 Tuesday, 9 AM:

Thomas Maher by the Spies family

5/25 Wednesday, 9 AM:

Farnk Saglime Sr. by the family

5/26 Thursday, 9 AM:

Mark Schaefer

5/26 Thursday, 7 PM:

Intentions of the Pedley family by

Your friends at St. Gianna's Place

5/28 Saturday, 5 PM:

Diane Spahn by Diane Hoppe

5/29 Sunday, 8 AM:

John McLaughlin by K of C 10488

5/29 Sunday, 9:30 AM:

Intentions of Msgr. Paul Ryan

by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

5/29 Sunday, 11 AM:

Camille L. Lynch by Mary Y. Lynch

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Al-Anon Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 AM
Birthright (603) 434-3000
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 / First Fridays 8 - 9 PM