



*"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

**Confession:** Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appt.

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*From Our Parish Evangelist,*

There are two things that should never be discussed at the dinner table... you remember what they are, right? Yup... politics and religion. I've always thought of that cliché as a double-edged sword: it is certainly sound advice to avoid less-than-civil confrontation, yet it also dodges the two topics that reveal the foundations of our individual passions and world-view.

Much is said these days about the decay of civil discourse. While it is certainly obvious and unfortunate, it could be argued that these fervent debates are part of the human condition, as they always seem to ebb and flow throughout history (the Enlightenment, the Sixties, etc.). Globalization and technology seems to have compounded the intensity of communication and information in our time. An ever-expanding consequence of this phenomenon is the paradigm shift from societal objectivity to individual subjectivism. In other words, what is true for me takes precedent over whatever anyone else may think...

Earlier this month, we celebrated the incredible gift of our American Independence. Our Founders struggled and fought for the basic human rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. While this is striking in its assurance of individual freedoms and allocation of subjective pursuits, it is vital to remember that these freedoms are based exclusively on objective Truth. Thomas Jefferson made clear that our rights are 'endowed by our Creator,' and that the preservation of freedom requires 'firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence.'

God's Truth is not merely the foundation of Western liberty, it is the Law of the Universe. We know this to be so through Creation and Divine Revelation. Objective Truth is real. I would dare say that there is nothing 'more real'!

Created in the image and likeness of God, we are all given the ability to make decisions: to uphold and defend the Truth or to make up our own rules (see Adam and Eve...). Our Scriptures today deal with this very confrontation. Ezekiel is sent to preserve the Truth to the rebellious Israelites. St. Paul finds strength in the face of insults and persecutions. Our Lord 'was not able to perform any mighty deed' in His native place, for without faith it is impossible to be aware of the Truth.

A priest friend of mine would often preach on what he called 'the marketplace of truth-claims.' Indeed, that is an accurate analogy in a world full of pundits, demagogues, and commentators. However, our responsibility as baptized children of God is to defend the Truth as it has been revealed to us by our Creator. My feelings, passions, and emotions do not eclipse the objective Truth of God. My desires do not convey rights - my humanity does.

So many issues have spilled over the edge of civil debate into the realm of vitriol: Life, Family, Race, Immigration, and list goes on. It is becoming more difficult to defend the Truth in a world that is seemingly growing farther away from it, and many of us shy away from that dinner table debate in fear of offending someone's subjective sensibilities. Ezekiel, St. Paul, and our Lord did not cower in the face the cultural tide. They stood for the Truth. We are all called to do the same.

We are all entitled to our opinion, as that hallowed document of 1776 ensures us. Yet that same Declaration makes clear that our freedoms of body and mind emanate from the unchanging and eternal Divine Truth. Let us renew our efforts to get outside of ourselves, and think not as men do, but as God does.

Peace be with you,  
Brandon

**Wine Tasting Event**

***Two Sponsorships Left!!***

Many thanks to the parishioners, organizations and businesses who have committed their support to our upcoming Wine Tasting Event on September 26. **We are overwhelmed by your generosity!** We have 12 named sponsorships already spoken for and only two left; Event Sponsor and Marketing Sponsor. If you are interested in getting more information, please contact Diane Carter, Sponsorship Chair at [dhcarter13@gmail.com](mailto:dhcarter13@gmail.com). If you would like to give a cash donation to support the event, our Giving Levels are: Sparkling \$50, Sommelier \$100, Reserve \$250, Vintage \$500. Visit [stmarksnh.org](http://stmarksnh.org) to donate! Thank you in advance for your support!

**St. Mark's 2025 Wine Tasting FUNdraiser!**

We are excited to announce that this years event will be held on **Friday, September 26 at 6PM**. We hope you can join us! *Tickets go on sale next weekend!*

**Community Outreach**

We know its ONLY JULY... but Back to School is right around the corner and there is a NEED at the Girls & Boys Club for crayons and 1-subject notebooks. The crayons for the K-5 and notebooks for the older kids. Please bring your donation in by August 25. If you are unable to shop (we can shop for you). Please use the envelopes at the Welcome Desk and place in offertory box. ***With your donation, you are helping put another kid on the path to a great future!!!!*** THANK YOU so much for your continued support!!

**Welcome Home Teen Missionaries!!**

We are full of joy and admiration for our *amazing* young people people who participated at WorkCamp in Littleton, NH last week! We are blessed that our St. Mark's family was able to make a difference in the lives of those in need. A special thank you to Heather & Tom Lindner, John Volpe, Amy Modini and Dusty Wood for shepherding the flock during their mission! THANK YOU!



**St. Mark's KIDS Christmas Pageant!**

***Help Wanted!***

Join us for a **preliminary planning meeting on Sunday, July 27 after the 9:30AM Mass** in the parish hall. We're looking for help with: Costumes/ Builders/Volunteers and MORE!! Have Questions? Contact Amanda at [amanda@stmarksnh.org](mailto:amanda@stmarksnh.org).

**New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**

As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$53,240.00** toward our goal of **\$70,147.00**. 90% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year.

**Mass Intention Book for 2026 - OPEN**

If you'd like to book a Mass for a loved one (living or deceased), please call the Parish Office at 603-432-8711 or email [info@stmarksnh.org](mailto:info@stmarksnh.org).

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

**Tuesday, July 29:**

9:30 AM-3:30PM      Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday, July 31:**

9:30 AM      Bible Study

**Saturday, Aug 2:**

9:30 AM      Al Anon



*A letter from one of our Workcamp students*

Hi Everyone! I'm Morgan and I was lucky enough to go on the mission trip to Littleton this past week. It was my second mission trip, but this time I was serving alongside my mom, brother, and best friend. We were able to help 7 different residents this year and I was on a crew of five people where we were remaking a deck. While I went on the trip to be an ambassador for Christ, I was still able to have fun and make lifelong connections with people from Saint Marks and other churches.

On the first morning, we invited our resident, Lisa, to join us for an opening prayer. She happily jumped in and even told us that she was catholic as well. I felt like God really put us on the perfect site because you could tell she had her hands full with 11 adopted children most of whom had disabilities.

We ran into some challenges on the worksite, but overall it came out amazing and it was evident to me that our resident was so thankful for us. A really important aspect of the trip is building a relationship with your resident, which I think we were able to achieve from things like praying with her, dancing with her granddaughter, or just talking to her son about music.

Each night, we would have devotionals with just our youth group. One of the things we did was talk about "God sightings" and I'm sure anyone who was at VBS knows what I'm talking about but a God sighting is a time where you saw God through an experience or a person that day. Each night we'd go around our circle and struggle to choose just one thing to share because God was just so present and being in a community full of followers made it so easy to feel the love of Jesus all around you. So my goal for myself after the trip is to continue looking for the ways that God is working in my life everyday.

My favorite part of the week was learning about the bible through the lens of exile. Along with all the projects happening, we also explored a theme from the bible, and this year it was how we can be ambassadors for Christ even in **exile**. I went into the trip knowing that I wanted to help people out and spread God's love, but learning about exile helped me understand why I was doing it.

The literal definition of being in exile is being banished from living in your home for the wrong you have done. We talked about how our home isn't always a place, the home that we have been banished from is a perfect relationship with God. Adam and Eve were the first to experience exile when they were banished from the garden of Eden because of their sin in Genesis chapter 3. Since then, all of humanity has had a sense of exile because we're in a broken world away from our right relationship with God.

Thankfully, God has given us a way out of our exile and back to a right relationship with him through reconciliation. But really, God hasn't given us a way OUT of our exile, he has given us a purpose in our exile until Jesus returns and restores all things. As ambassadors, God calls us to share his message of reconciliation. Paul tells us what we are called to do as christians in 2 Corinthians 5:20 "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." Throughout the week, we dove deep into this verse, and whenever things were hard, it was a great reminder to me of why I was there.

I feel very grateful that I had the privilege of serving God this week and I think I speak on behalf of all the Saint Marks missionaries when I say that we truly couldn't have made the impact that we did without all of your generous donations, so thank you to everyone who donated and thank you for your time today.



**Sacrificial Giving**

**Week of 7/16/2025 - 7/22/2025**

Regular Offertory:	\$ 4,382.00
WeShare:	\$ 6,086.29
Total:	\$ 10,468.29

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

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Mass Intentions for July 26 - Aug 3, 2025**

**7/26 Saturday, 5PM**

Intentions of the Hubert family  
by Roger & Paula Hubert

**7/27 Sunday, 8AM**

Stephen Hogarty  
by the Knights of Columbus

**7/27 Sunday, 9:30AM**

People of the Parish

**7/27 Sunday, 11AM**

Ann Marie Vasington-D'Anjou  
by her family

**7/28 Monday, 9AM:**

Geraldine & Janet Amthor  
by their nephew

**7/29 Tuesday, 9AM:**

Harry & Gerry Duffy by Kathy Cooper

**7/30 Wednesday, 9AM:**

John Amthor Jr. by his son

**7/31 Thursday, 9AM:**

Gerard Aubey  
by John & Suzanne Patenaude

**8/2 Saturday, 5PM**

Elja Piscitello  
by Chris & Eileen Beliveau

**8/3 Sunday, 8AM**

John & Frances Cady Amthor  
by their grandson

**8/3 Sunday, 9:30AM**

Ernest Beatrice by the family

**8/3 Sunday, 11AM**

Phyllis & Ed Hickey  
by Diane & Paul Carter

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Birthright	(603) 434-3000
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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