

St. Mark Church
2609 E 19th St.
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM,
12:30 PM
Weekdays: 8:30 AM
Holy Days: 7:30 PM Vigil Mass
8:00, 10:00 AM

Phone: 718-891-3100
Fax: 718-891-9677



St. Margaret Mary Church
Ocean Ave. & Oriental Blvd.
Manhattan Beach NY

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 11:00 AM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM

Email:
stmarkrccbkllyn@aol.com
Website:
www.stmarkbrooklyn.org

ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor: *Rev. Robert V. Mucci*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Ebenezer K. Abban*

In Residence: *Rev. Joseph P. Quigley*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*

Pastor Emeritus: *Rev. Msgr. Gerard J. Arella*

Devotions:

Miraculous Medal Novena every Wednesday after the 8:30 AM Mass

Litany of the Sacred Heart every First Friday 8:20 AM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday from Noon to 3PM

Baptism:

Fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM.

Required Baptism classes take place on the third Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Rectory Conference Room. Call the Rectory during office hours to make an appointment with a priest two (2) months prior to the Baptism.

Marriage:

Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory at least 6 months in advance. Please log on to www.pre-cana.org for complete information about marriage preparation in the diocese, according to diocesan regulations.

Anointing of the Sick:

First Saturday of the month at the 8:30 AM Mass.

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

Appointment to see a Priest:

If you desire an appointment to meet with a priest, please call the parish office. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Parish Office: 718-891-3100

Ms. Angela Scannapieco

Ms. Jacqueline Biagioni

St. Mark School: 718-332-9304

Mrs. Carol Donnelly, Principal

Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

St. Mark Religious Education: 718-769-6311

Ms. Jo Ann Pino

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Mr. Michael Davis 347-574-1828

St. Mark Choir: 917-650-5704

Mr. Patrick Marvella, Director of Music

St. Vincent De Paul Group: 718-891-0443

Mr. Tom Scalese, President

Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

Homebound Ministry: 718-332-2663

Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

Ministers of Hospitality: 718-891-3100

Mr. Tom Scalese

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

347-659-4350

Mr. Edgar Perez, Coordinator

Lectors: 718-743-5338

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

Rosary Society:

Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President 718-934-7964

Mrs. Maria Mansuroglu, Vice President 718-332-3843

Golden Age Society:

Mrs. Joan Belt, President 718-646-2176

Ms. Josephine Bonnano, Vice President 718-934-2650

"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions  **for the week**
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St. Mark Church

Saturday, April 11

8:30 AM Elvira Sofia
 5:00 PM Living & Deceased
 Members of the Kruzykowski Family



Sunday, April 12 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Carol Ann Saghir
 11:00 AM Anna Pozzuoli
 12:30 PM David Angel, Juan Jose, & Hugo Pena

Monday, April 13

8:30 Eleanor Pispia

Tuesday, April 14

8:30 AM Natalie Bandura

Wednesday, April 15

8:30 AM Joseph Rankin

Thursday, April 16

8:30 AM Frances Impagliazzo

Friday April 17

8:30 AM Pauline Dalton

Saturday, April 18

8:30 AM Thomas Bowers - for a full recovery
 5:00 PM Christine Mary Dario (ann.)

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday April 12

11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi



Wednesday, April 15

9:00 AM Msgr. Thomas Gradilone

Sunday, April 19

11:00 AM Helen Franznick

Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday after the 9:00 AM Mass

Homebound in Manhattan Beach:

If you or someone you know would like to have a Eucharistic Minister visit and administer Holy Communion; please call Gilda at 718-769-1312. Also, please advise Gilda of any sick parishioner who wishes to be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Sunday Mass.

APRIL 12, 2015
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

"SENT FORTH IN LOVE"

The love of God did not guarantee that when Christ was sent into the world it would be to a life free from suffering. In the same way, Christ sends us as disciples to know suffering—and joy.

Today's Readings:

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms: 118:1

1 John 5:1-6


John 20:19-31



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Please pray for the sick:
Sal Comodo, Florence Guiteau, Tom Bowers & Diane Camacho
who is in need of a kidney donor.
 718-284-0704

The 2015 Paschal Candle has been donated by a grateful parishioner.
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 Gifts to honor a loved one; living or deceased, are available (candles, flowers or bread & wine).
Please contact the parish office for information.



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There are open dates for Mass intentions as early as next week for St. Mark & St. Margaret Mary.

Pastor's Column April 11 – 12, 2015

“Believing is Seeing”

According to that authoritative source Wikipedia, the idiomatic expression “Seeing is believing” was first recorded in that form in the year 1639 and means that only physical or concrete evidence is convincing. The article even references this weekend's Gospel story and says that the phrase “is the essence of St. Thomas' claim to Jesus Christ.” I guess that's proof enough that you cannot believe everything you read. Thomas never made such a statement to Jesus. Rather, he uttered his famous remark, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe” to the other Apostles who had told Thomas that Jesus had appeared to them in the Upper Room the evening of that first Easter Sunday when Thomas was not with them. But Jesus appeared to them again in the same place a week later, this time with Thomas present, and when invited by Jesus to touch his wounds Thomas could only respond with his timeless act of faith: “My Lord and my God!”

Since that encounter, poor Thomas has been known as “doubting Thomas”. But, in my humble opinion, Thomas was just being honest, and his moment of doubt gave Jesus the opportunity to reassure him, and through him, all of us, that he had indeed risen from the dead and was truly the Messiah, the Son of God. There is nothing wrong, nothing to be ashamed of, in admitting our uncertainty and questioning our belief from time to time. But through all our doubts and struggles, it is important to continue to trust in God and maintain our dialogue with Him in prayer and through the sacraments. And that is where our faith comes in to play. The Letter to the Hebrews teaches us that faith “is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.” As Jesus tells Thomas, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Sometimes we have to believe first in order to see. When we look through eyes of faith, we see the world differently and with the help of God's grace are better able to cope with life's many challenges.

We live in a secular society which exalts the field of science and human reason and often ridicules our belief. But there is no incompatibility between faith and reason. They are two separate subjects both rooted in God who is the absolute truth. There are many things we believe although we cannot see them or touch them or experience them with our senses. Faith is not irrational belief, for as St. Peter exhorts in his first letter, you must “always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence.” Our God is not a God who overwhelms us or coerces us. He gives us the precious gift of our free will and He respects that gift. Instead, our God is a God who woos us and entices us and invites us to share in His love, and love demands freedom.

In our gospel, St. John says that many of the signs that Jesus did in the presence of his disciples are written in his book “that you might come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you might have life in his name.” This Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. When we place our faith in God, when we are able to receive His great love and mercy and love Him in return, despite the many trials we face we are filled with peace and joy in our lives. As the inscription under the image of Divine Mercy revealed to Sister Faustina says, “Jesus, I trust in you.”

- Fr. Bob

Sunday Collection:
April 5, 2015

Weekly Offering



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St. Mark

1st Collection: \$8,123.00
2nd Collection: \$1,124.00
Attendance: 1237
Envelopes Returned: 227
Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$506.00
2nd Collection: \$283.00
Attendance: 105
Envelopes Returned: 16

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125
Amt. Pledged: \$75,927
Amt. Paid: \$71,406
of Donors: 284

St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354
Amt. Pledged: \$7,410
Amt. Paid: \$7,410
of Donors: 22

St. Mark Rosary Society Annual Ascension Thursday Dinner

May 14th 6:00 PM

Pizza D'Amore Restaurant

2147 Mill Ave.

\$45.00 per person

All are invited!

For information contact

Kathy Fackovec at 718-934-7964



The St. Vincent de Paul
monthly food collection will take
place at all of the Masses
APRIL 18 & 19

We are accepting non perishable
canned goods and dry items.

(Please check the expiration dates.)

Financial donations are always appreciated. Once
again, thank you to all our parishioners for your
outstanding, continued support.

Camp Veritas 2015: Camp Veritas is a one week
play-and-pray camp for teens going in to 7th to 12th
grades. It will be held at three locations this summer:
July 19-25 at Mt. St. Mary College in Newburgh, NY,
July 26-Aug 1 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg,
MD, and Aug 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro,
NY. Enrollment is now open, & the price is \$400 per
camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/15/15)
are \$370. More details can be found at
www.campveritas.com.

Upcoming Events

ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT!

APRIL 25, 2015

ST MARK & ST MARGARET MARY FAMILY PICNIC

Please plan on joining us on the feast of St. Mark for
a day to celebrate families, at

Nansen Park

3455 Victory Blvd.

Staten Island, NY 10314

Transportation will be provided to and from the park.

Cost: \$30 adults, \$15 children—Kids under 6 FREE.

Continental breakfast, picnic style lunch, soda and water
all included. Beer & wine available for purchase.

DJ Music & dancing, plus many sports, & activities.

A great day is planned for all.

Please call the rectory to make your reservation.

Survivors of Sexual Abuse by Members of the
Clergy and the Diocese of Brooklyn have come
together to sponsor a

MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING.

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2015 7:00 PM

St James Cathedral-Basilica

Jay Street & Cathedral Place

*The main celebrant will be the Most Reverend
Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn. All are
invited to gather on this day to pray for healing for
all those who have been impacted by childhood
sexual abuse*

DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL PEACE
UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University is a life-changing nine-week
program on personal finance. It is designed to empower
people to manage their money better, eliminate debt and
build wealth. The classes are taught by Dave Ramsey and
the Financial Peace University teaching team on video.
During the nine-week course the class will meet to watch
the video lesson and participate in discussion groups that
will change your whole attitude about money. You will be
challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money
and change your family tree forever.

Please join us for our **FPU** class, which will be held
Tuesday nights from April 14th to June 9th at 7:00-8:30pm
in St. Mark School. Registration takes place at:
daveramsey.com/fpu/classfinder. The cost is \$93, which
includes the membership kit (with books, CDs, envelope
system, access to resources on **FPU** website) and a lifetime
family membership.

School News

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We are back from a restful Easter break. As we enter into the final weeks of school, our students will be taking the New York State Exams in English Language Arts, Math and Science. They have worked hard with their teachers and I am sure will have great results.

Our second graders are preparing to receive First Holy Communion and eighth graders are busy preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We invite all to come learn about St. Mark School.

Come and visit, experience the difference and learn how Catholic Education Works - providing strong values, proven results and caring communities.

We are now accepting registrations in all grades.

Don't forget, we also offer free Universal Pre-K to all four year olds.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Caitlyn Ecock, 12th grade at Fontbonne Hall Academy & graduate of St. Mark School, has achieved honors, making the Principal's List for the Second Quarter School Year.

GOD BLESS YOU!

**SAVE THE DATE:
NEXT MEETING:
APRIL 18TH**



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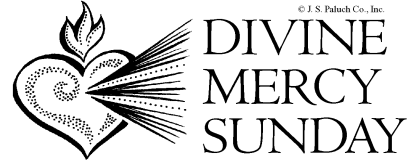


St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Sunday 9AM - 2PM
Monday 1PM - 5PM
Wed. & Thurs. 9AM-2PM
718-769-6311



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**DIVINE
MERCY
SUNDAY**

**April 12-- Divine Mercy Sunday
Classes resume 9:30am**



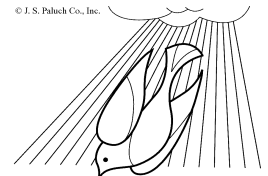
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First Communion Practice Dates:

Wednesday,
April 15: 4:00 - 5:30pm
Monday,
April 20 - 4:00-5:30pm
Thursday,
April 23 - 4:00-5:30pm

**ALL PRACTICES ARE IN THE CHURCH
ENTER THROUGH AVENUE Z ENTRANCE**

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IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmation

Thursday, April 16:

Penance Service at 6:45pm in Church

Sunday, April 26:

Rite of Affirmation at 11:00am Mass.

Letters of Petition to be presented to Fr. Bob.
Potluck lunch to follow.

Practices:

Tuesday, May 12:

all candidates – 7pm in Church

Tuesday, May 19:

all candidates and sponsors –
7pm in Church