

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

**Mass Schedule:**

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

Email:  
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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*

In Residence: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*

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

Visiting Priest: *Rev. Richard Dordunu*

**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](http://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

**St. Mark Choir:** 917-650-5704

Mr. Patrick Marvello, Director of Music

**St. Vincent De Paul Society:** 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:** 917-753-1795

Mr. Edgar Perez, Coordinator

**Lectors:** 718-743-5338

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

**Rosary Society:** 718-934-7964

Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President  
Mrs. Maria Mansuroglu, Vice President 718-332-3843

*"With God all things are possible"*

**Mass Intentions for the week**



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**St. Mark Church**

**Saturday, August 23 St. Rose of Lima**

8:30 AM Emma Flynn  
5:00 PM Salvatore Gagliardi



**Sunday, August 24**

8:00 AM Deceased members of Brigando & Ciago Families  
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
11:00 AM Catherine Gagliardi  
12:30 PM Nicholas Panno

**Monday, August 25**

8:30 AM John Gagliardi

**Tuesday, August 26**

8:30 AM Thomas Gagliardi

**Wednesday, August 27 St. Monica**

8:30 AM Mary Gagliardi

**Thursday, August 28 St. Augustine**

8:30 AM Helen Gagliardi

**Friday August 29 Passion of St John the Baptist**

8:30 AM Jean Raniolo

**Saturday, August 30 St. Rose of Lima**

8:30 AM Aston George Taylor Jr. for conersion  
5:00 PM Salvatore Gagliardi

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

**Sunday, August 24**

11:00 AM Emila Anna Marie Mannarino



**Wednesday, August 27**

9:00 AM Julius Santa Barbara

**Sunday, August 31**

11:00 AM Pasquale Sofia

**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.

**AUGUST 24, 2014**  
**TWENTY— FIRST SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**“BUILDING ON ROCK”**

Jesus very wisely chose, when he was looking ahead to the continuation of his mission, to build on a rock: Peter. Rocks may have cracks & flaws, but they are strong & stable.

Today's Readings: **Isaiah 22:19-23**

**Psalms 138:8bc**

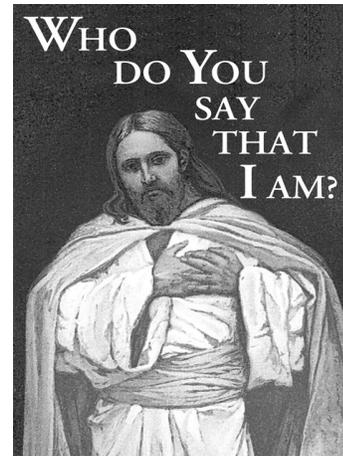
**Romans 11:33-36**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

***Please pray for the sick:***

Marilynn O'Donnell

*Names will be listed in our bulletin for 2 weeks. If you are aware of a parishioner who needs to be added to, or kept on our prayer list, please contact the parish office.*



Gifts to honor a loved one: living or deceased, are available (candles, flowers or bread & wine).

There are also Masses available during the months of October through December.

Please contact the parish office for information. The 2015 Mass book has arrived, please contact the rectory if you desire a specific date..

## Pastor's Column August 23-24, 2014

### **“The Lion's Den”**

In iconography, the four evangelists are often represented by symbols which originate from the four living creatures that draw the throne-chariot of God in the Book of Ezekiel. Matthew, whose gospel begins with the genealogy of Jesus from Abraham through Joseph, is the winged man or angel, representing Christ's human nature. The gospel of Luke begins with the duties of Zechariah in the temple and so he is depicted as the winged ox or bull, a figure of sacrifice, service and strength. John's gospel begins with a beautiful prologue, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” It is said that the theology of John's gospel soars to the heavens, therefore John the Evangelist is represented by the eagle. Last, but certainly not least, is our own beloved patron St. Mark.

Mark is symbolized by the winged lion, a figure of courage and monarchy, for a number of reasons. Mark begins his gospel with the preaching of John the Baptist, ‘a voice of one crying out in the desert,’ as if the roar of a lion. The winged lion is also used to represent St. Mark because his gospel reveals Jesus as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Finally, the wings of the lion represent the revelation at the very beginning of the work that it is “the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Mark is able to confidently make this assertion, because the main source for his gospel was none other than St. Peter whose dramatic confession of faith we hear in our gospel reading this weekend.

When Jesus asked his disciples the question, “Who do people say the Son of Man is,” he received all sorts of answers. “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. But when Jesus asked them point blank, “But who do you say that I am,” it is Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, who replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” That is the central message that St. Mark sought to convey by the writing of his gospel.

And that is the same message, the Good News, we continue to preach today. But while the message may be the same, the means by which that message needs to be delivered must continually evolve to reach our audience today. That is why I would like for us to embark on an exciting new project to create a state of the art multi-media center in a portion of our school cafeteria that I would like to call The Lion's Den. The proposal I received from Trinity Audio/Video, a company with whom I worked at my prior parish assignment, includes a 150 inch retractable screen, a ceiling mounted projector, a state of the art surround sound system, a computer, a Blu-ray player, and cable television and internet connections. This facility will become an integral part of our new Youth Ministry Program, enhance our school and religious education activities, facilitate adult faith formation, be a resource for our various parish meetings and societies, and perhaps even create rental opportunities to different civic groups. The anticipated cost of this project is roughly \$17,000. If you would like to be a benefactor for this project, please see the announcement elsewhere in this bulletin which explains how you can help.

*-Fr. Bob*

# School News

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## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**Saint Mark School is gearing up for the beginning of the new school year! Recently I wrote to our school parents about Catholic education and some of the recent developments here at St. Mark School. I would like to share this with the parishioners of St. Mark as well. - Carol Donnelly**

There is still time to register for the year ahead.

### **Why a Catholic School for your child?**

In today's economic climate, parents may wonder why they should send their children to Catholic schools. I offer a most compelling reason: to learn how to make the right choices in a world where choices are counter-cultural. Through our Catholic worldview, we give children the tools they need to analyze the world in which they live through the lens of a morality and spirituality that comes through our Lord Jesus Christ. We teach our children to show their love in action by willing the good of the other and acting on it.

With a solid curriculum, dedicated teachers and staff, and the desire to change the world one child at a time; we provide your child with a strong academic foundation. With morning prayer each day, daily mass for classes, special liturgies, celebration of the sacraments, a religion curriculum based on diocesan standards, a desire to help those in need through charity and social justice, and a joy for the blessings given to us, we do so much more than educate the mind. Children of other faiths are welcomed and enrich our understanding of all that is possible through God who loves us.

### **Did you know?**

The percentage of high school graduates who attend a four year college:

84.9% Catholic School graduates

61.3% Other Religious Schools

57.2% Other Private Schools

39.5% Public Schools

Catholic Schools enroll nearly half of all students in U.S. private schools.

Yes, there is a cost associated with Catholic education, but there is help for families who are interested; most especially from the support of our St. Mark parishioners and school alumni. Lots of exciting things are going on. Just recently, we have been granted two Universal Pre-K programs to begin in our school this September.

**What is UPK?** UPK is a free full day program for 4 year olds. It is an opportunity for your child to develop the knowledge, skills and approaches to learning to be ready for school. We follow the New York State Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core, an educational approach to maximize learning. This is done through play, running, drawing, acting, building, cooking, cleaning, singing, reading, dancing, examining, sorting and eating,; all supported by a monthly theme. Some seats are still available. Contact Mrs. Ryan in the school office for further information at 718-332-9304.

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## **Registration for 2014-15**

### **Faith Formation**

**Classes begin Sunday, September 7, 2014.**

For children new to the program, Please bring in the Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate (if baptized) of your child and a deposit or payment in full. If coming from another parish program please bring transfer papers.

**The Religious Ed Office will be open to take registrations on the following days:**

**Thursday, Aug.14 from 10 am to 1 pm**

**Thursday, Aug.21 from 10 am to 1 pm**

**Sunday, Aug.24 from 9:30 am to 10:45 am and 12:30 pm to 2 pm**

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED:**

In September, we will be looking for volunteers to monitor the school entrance door during Religious Ed classes.

**Catechists/Instructors:** Are you willing to give a few hours a week on Sundays beginning in September to help children learn about God? Please contact Ms. Pino for more information about these opportunities.

## Weekly Offering

### Sunday Collection

#### St. Mark

August 17, 2014

1st Collection: \$5,166.00

2nd Collection: \$1,369.00

Attendance: 547

Envelopes Returned: 188

Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

### St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$316.00

Attendance: 49

Envelopes Returned: 16

### 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

#### St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125

Amt. Pledged: \$75,217

Amt. Paid: \$64,339

# of Donors: 276

% Participation: 33.05%

#### St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354

Amt. Pledged: \$7,190

Amt. Paid: \$6,940

# of Donors: 19

% Participation: 20.21%



### BE A PART OF "THE LION'S DEN"

Gift giving opportunities for our new multi-media center are available.

The costs for the specific items are:

Projector \$3500.00

Screen: \$2500.00

Sound System: \$5000.00

Computer, Blu-Ray player: \$1500.00

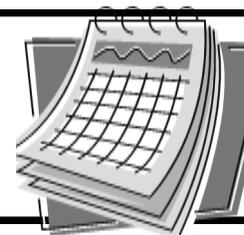
...general donations will of course be gratefully accepted.



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[www.facebook.com/stmarkchurchbrooklyn](http://www.facebook.com/stmarkchurchbrooklyn)

## Upcoming Events



Defensive Driving Course for  
Auto Insurance Reduction/Point Removal

**Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014 10:00 AM**

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

1395 E 56th Street

Brooklyn, NY 11234

Call Andrea at 718-763-5533 for  
information and to register

### The 33rd Annual Great Irish Fair of New York

Sponsored by The Irish American Building  
Society Charities (IABSC)

Sept. 13 & 14

Surf Ave and West 21st St., Coney Island

Admission: \$12.00, children under 12 free

*Live music, arts & crafts, rides for kids,  
delicious foods.*



100% of all net proceeds will  
be donated in support of  
Brooklyn/ Queens Diocesan  
Elementary Schools

### The 26th Annual PO Hoban Run

The Hoban Run, a 5 mile run, a September tradition in Bay Ridge, will take place on Sunday, Sept. 21st at 10 am (ceremony at 10, race starts at 10:30). Enthusiastically supported by the Xaverian Police Alumni, the NYPD and the community, the Hoban Run supports a memorial scholarship fund honoring Christopher Hoban, '80, an NYPD officer who lost his life in the line of duty in 1988 at age 26.

Questions? Please contact Xavaerian's Office of Advancement at 718-836-7100 x197.

Register for the race and/or the after-party at

[www.hobanrun.com](http://www.hobanrun.com)