

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:
stmarkrccboklyn@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*

Summer Priest: *Rev. Samuel Parkoo*

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

Youth Ministry Coordinator:

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, Aug 1

5:00 PM Grace DeMarco (ann.)

Sunday, Aug 2

8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Patricia Velotta
 11:00 AM Christopher Castoro
 12:30 PM Francesco Cipriani

Monday, Aug 3

8:30 AM Ceasar C. Plietz

Tuesday, Aug 4 St. John Vianney

8:30 AM Teresa Pisani

Wednesday, Aug 5

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving

Thursday, Aug 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 AM Mary & Sam Benichasa

Friday, Aug 7

8:30 AM Ann Occhipinti (ann.)

Saturday, Aug 8 St. Dominic

8:30 AM Maria Marsillo
 5:00 PM Inez M. Caltabellotta

St. Margaret Mary Church



Sunday, Aug 2

11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi

Wednesday, Aug 5

9:00 AM Rose & Eugene Chrzanowski

Sunday, Aug 9

11:00 AM Katherine Cione

Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday after the 9:00 AM Mass

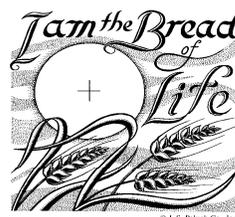
Homebound in Manhattan Beach:

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 2, 2015
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“GRUMBLE, GRUMBLE”

Like it or not, we can usually identify with the people in scripture stories when they grumble or complain. The challenge is to move beyond our grumbling to an attitude of gratitude.



Today's Readings:

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

Psalm 78:24b

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

John 6:24-35

COME SPEND TIME WITH JESUS
 FIRST FRIDAY
 AUGUST 7TH
 EXPOSITION FROM NOON TO 3 PM



Please pray for the sick:
Anna Sena, Stephanie Rizzo, James Belt,
Joseph Spinella, Sal Comodo,
Joseph John Buccheri,
Sally Frances Buccheri,
Eugene Charzanowski,
& Diane Camacho
who is in need of a kidney donor.
 718-284-0704

thank you 
from Len & musings of a reader happy

A special note of thanks to all of our parishioners who were so generous to Sr. Lissy and her mission appeal last weekend. Through your kindness we were able to send the sisters a donation of over \$1200.00.



Gifts to honor a loved one; living or deceased, are available (bread & wine, candles or flowers).
Please contact the parish office for information.

There are open dates for Mass intentions for both St. Mark & St. Margaret Mary.

I am the bread of life.

Growing up in an Italian family, bread was always more than just an afterthought. It was and still is an essential part of just about every meal for me. And in Bensonhurst where I grew up and lived most of my life, there is no shortage of wonderful Italian bakeries to find great bread. My favorite, Il Fornaretto on 17th Avenue, still bakes their bread in coal fired brick ovens. Rimini's on Bay Parkway and the 18th Avenue Bakery on, not surprisingly, 18th Avenue, also make delicious bread. And so when I first arrived in Sheepshead Bay as your Pastor, one of my first questions was, "Where do you get good bread around here?" One parishioner highly recommended Cuccio's on Avenue X and generously brought a sample so I could try it out. Our rectory cook, Jackie, is a big fan of Morretti's bread. Each weekend she buys five or six loaves, cuts up one and freezes the rest so that we always have a ready supply. As you can see, I take my bread very seriously. So when Jesus calls himself the bread of life in our gospel this weekend, in contrast to the crowd which had been fed by the five loaves and two fish and was searching for him in order to fill their stomachs with another free meal, I think I have a pretty good idea what Jesus really means.

First, bread is a food that sustains life. It is a staple which throughout human history has enabled life to go on. But Jesus is talking about more than mere survival. In another place in John's gospel Jesus says that he came so that we might have life and have it to the full. Clearly by life Jesus means something beyond just physical existence. Real life is our spiritual relationship with God, a relationship of trust and obedience and love that is made possible only through Jesus Christ. When the people ask him what they can do to accomplish the works of God, Jesus responds, "This the work of God, that you believe in the one that he sent." Without Jesus, there may be existence, but not real life.

Second, Jesus is the bread of life that is meant to be savored and enjoyed, not just for a moment, but for all eternity. In our gospel reading Jesus warns the crowd, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." So many people in our society expend all their energy chasing after those perishable things like material goods, wealth, pleasure and power that can never fully satisfy but always them wanting more. The hunger of the human situation is ended when we know Christ and through him know God. In God alone is the restless soul at rest and the hungry heart satisfied. Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will never hunger; and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Third, God not only provides the goal, He moves in the human heart to awaken our desire for Him. And God works in the human heart to take away the rebellion and pride which can hinder our submission to Him. God generously offers us a share in His divine life through faith in His only begotten Son Jesus, and it is ours for the taking or refusing. Because of our free will, the only thing that can get in the way is our own stubborn defiance.

So while we continue to enjoy our bread from Morretti's and Cuccio's and Il Fornaretto, let's open our mind and heart and submit our will to Jesus, the bread of life in time and life for all eternity.

Sunday Collection: July 19, 2015

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$3,468.00

2nd Collection: \$1,221.00

Attendance: 494

Envelopes Returned: 152

St. Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$290.00

2nd Collection: \$102.00

Attendance: 31

Envelopes Returned: 12



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2015 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125

Amt. Pledged: \$74,711

Amt. Rec'd: \$58,751

of Donors: 269

% Participation: 31.28%

St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354

Amt. Pledged: \$6,540

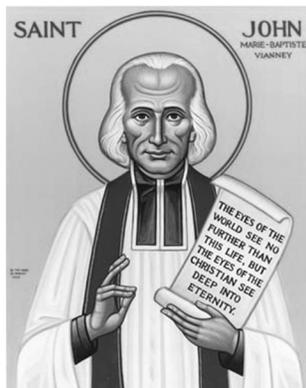
Amt. Rec'd: \$6,250

of Donors: 19

% Participation: 20.21%

Who is St. John Vianney?

John Vianney was a man with vision: *he wanted to become a priest*. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies. His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue, but his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained in 1815.



Three years later he was made parish priest of Ars, a remote French hamlet, where his reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. His life was one of extreme mortification. Accustomed to the most severe austerities, beleaguered by swarms of penitents, and besieged by the devil, this great mystic manifested a imperturbable patience. He was a wonderworker loved by the crowds, but he retained a child-like simplicity, and he remains to this day the living image of the priest after the heart of Christ.

His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he would spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Without his dedication to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day. He heard confessions of people from all over the world, and his life was filled with works of charity and love. It is recorded that even the staunchest of sinners were converted at his mere word. He is known as the patron saint of parish priests. St. John Vianney died August 4, 1859, and was canonized May 31, 1925.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Evening Adult Education Starting Sept. 9th. 7:00-8:30 PM In the Lion's Den

Come join us as we spend 6 weeks learning about & praying with the Gospel of Mark. For the second session we will study Bishop Robert Barron's "Priest, Prophet and King" series. All are invited to attend – more info to follow soon.

IRISH DINNER CABARET BUCKLEY'S RESTAURANT FRIDAY NOV. 13, 2015 "ECHOES OF IRELAND"



Starring The Paddy Noonan Band with Tommy Mulvihill, Jimmy Walsh & PJ Cardinal
Special Guest: Sheila Noonan
For reservations & information call
Regina Dunn 518-624-6699

Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens invites you to join a 9 day pilgrimage to Majestic Italy during the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy:

March 30-April 7, 2016

Bishop Paul Sanchez Spiritual Director,
Msgr. Al LoPinto, Coordinator.

Mass with Pope Francis on the feast of
Divine Mercy

For information:

www.ccbq or call Lucy Garrido-Mota
at 718-722-6202

YOUTH MINISTER WANTED:

Queen of Angela & St. Teresa in Queens are seeking an organized, full-time, energetic, committed Youth Minister who loves working with young people. Excellent leadership qualities, strong communication skills, proficiency in social media & technology, ability to coordinate, train & empower teens & adult volunteers & leadership. Candidate will work with our present Youth Ministers. Interested candidates must have Bachelor's degree in Theology, Religious Ed, Catholic Studies or related field or 3-5 years experience in this field. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.

Send resume and cover letter to:
IAmTheYouthMinister@gmail.com



Our summer
program
continues.

Don't forget; St. Mark Catholic
Academy opens on Sept. 9th 2015

FREE SAT PREP FOR JUNIORS

Bishop Kearney is proud to be the only Catholic High School in Brooklyn to partner with CollegeSpring to offer free SAT preparation & college mentoring resources for our entire junior class. Students in CollegeSpring's programs expand their college options through significant SAT score increases; they also gain the college knowledge they need to put scores into action and apply to colleges and universities that will be a good fit.

We are excited to offer this resource, valued at \$1,100 per student for no charge to all juniors through the generosity of the Heckscher Foundation for Children. Learn more at www.collegespring.org.

IMPORTANT: **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

St. Mark Parish complies with the Safe Environment mandates that are set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

All teachers, volunteers, coaches, scout leaders, etc., all employees and volunteers who have any contact with children, must attend a VRITUS training workshop; sign a Code of Conduct, and agree to a background check.

The workshops are free. For more information:
www.virtus.org

The Diocese of Brooklyn does everything possible to assure that everyone, particularly children, are safe in all pastoral functions and settings.

Volunteers needed

Catechists/instructors are needed to work with the children a few hours a week on Sundays beginning in September to help them learn about God.

Helpers age 16 and older are always welcome to help in the office on Sundays. Please leave your name and phone number at 718-769-6311.



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St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Our office will be closed
for the summer, but we
will be checking messages.
718-769-6311

Our classes will start on ***Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 9:30am*** **New and Re-registration for Faith Formation** **Classes 2015-16**

The Faith Formation Office will be open for in-person registration during the following hours:

SUNDAY: June 28 from 9:30 to 10:45 am
and 12:30 to 1:30 pm

MONDAY: June 29 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

New registrations will need the original Baptism & Birth Certificates. If transferring from another parish you must bring proof of attendance & dates of any sacraments received.

Re-registration: all students **MUST** be registered each year. Remember to register early. As of August 1st there will be a late fee of \$25 per child.

Fees are 1 child-\$100, 2 children-\$180,
3 children-\$240, 4 or more children-free.

REGISTRATION AFTER JUNE 30 can be done
on line at our web site at:

www.stmarkbrooklyn.org or forms can be picked
up in the rectory or in the church.

Adult Confirmation: Classes will be held on
Thursday evenings starting October 2015
please contact Ms. Pino for more information.

We are taking registration for an evening class for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade. (Must have had 7 years in religion classes prior to 8th grade. This class will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm probably every other week. You are obligated to attend mass every week. If we do not get enough young adults enrolled, we will not be able to hold the evening session. The Sunday weekly Confirmation class is still available if that fits your schedule Please contact the Faith Formation before the end of June or the rectory during the summer to register.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process which helps a person prepare to become a member of the Roman Catholic church, a process of inquiry, evangelization, prayer and study leading to reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Also, for those who have been baptized but never received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation; classes are held on Sunday afternoons beginning in October 2015.