

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 29

5:00 PM Frank & Violet Maggi

Sunday, Aug 30

8:00 AM Florence Gulizio

9:30 AM Eugene Chrzanowski

11:00 AM Mark Bolus

12:30 PM Purgatorial Society Members

Monday, Aug 31

8:30 AM Ralph Tarantino

Tuesday, Sept 1

8:30 AM James Belt

Wednesday Sept 2

8:30 AM Arthur Raymond Montanaro (ann.)

Thursday, Sept 3 St. Gregory the Great

8:30 AM Mary & Frank Rogers

Friday, Sept 4 First Friday

8:30 AM James Belt

Saturday, Sept 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

5:00 PM Frank & Violet Maggi (bday)

St. Margaret Mary Church



Sunday, Aug 30

11:00 AM Knights of Columbus
 Baron DeKalb

Wednesday, Sept 2

9:00 AM Pasquale Sofia

Friday Sept 4 First Friday

9:00 AM Victor & Mildred Mucci

Sunday, Sept 6

11:00 AM Felicia Iannacco

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 30, 2015
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Mere observance of laws or rules about our faith without an ongoing deepening of our relationship with God and internal conversion is useless. Our actions and interior attitudes must correspond.

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm 15:1a

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Charles Turner

Flora Johnson

James Belt

Hilda Maldonado

Anna Sena

Please pray for the sick:

*Marcelle Clottin, Alfred DiGrazia, Joseph Spinella,
 Joseph John Buccheri, Sally Frances Buccheri,
 & Diane Camacho*

who is in need of a kidney donor.

718-284-0704

COME SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

FIRST FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 4TH

HOLY HOUR: AFTER 9 AM MASS AT ST. MARGARET MARY

EXPOSITION: NOON TO 3 PM AT ST. MARK



The bread & wine for this week are offered in memory of

Anna Pozzuoli "Happy Birthday in Heaven"
Requested by Tammi Murray

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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.

Be clean, inside and out!

Now that our five week excursus into the Gospel of John and Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse has ended, this weekend we return to Mark's Gospel from which we will hear the rest of the liturgical year. And although the gospel writer is different, the scene is very much the same as Jesus once again finds himself at odds with the scribes and Pharisees, the so-called experts in the Jewish law. This time the disagreement is not about some new teaching of Jesus, but rather what the scribes and Pharisees believed was a disregard on the part of Jesus and his followers for Jewish ceremonial rituals. They saw that the disciples of Jesus did not observe the niceties of the tradition and the code of the oral law with respect to the ceremonial washing of hands before and during meals, and so they questioned Jesus, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" Lack of hygiene was not the issue; the problem was ritual impurity. And while this may not seem to be a very big deal for us today, the difference and the argument between Jesus and the experts in the law which this passage reveals are of tremendous importance, for they show us the very essence and core of the divergence between Jesus and the orthodox Jews of his time.

Originally for a Jew the law meant first and foremost the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses, and the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament ascribed to Moses which contained a certain number of detailed regulations and instructions as well as a series of great moral principles to be interpreted and applied. In the fourth and fifth centuries before Christ, a class of legal experts known as the scribes came into being. Not content with great moral principles, they wanted these great principles expanded and broken down into thousands and thousands of little rules and regulations governing every possible action and situation in life. For a Pharisee and scribe, religion was ritual, ceremonial regulations which they considered to be the essence of service to God.

Jesus answered them by quoting the prophet Isaiah. "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." Jesus then goes on to say, "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

In effect, Jesus was saying that things cannot be either unclean or clean in any real religious sense of the term. Only persons can be really defiled; and what defiles people are their own actions, which are the product of their own hearts. It is truly a terrible list which Jesus cites of things that come from the human heart, which should lead us to an honest self-examination of our own hearts. There is no greater religious peril than that of identifying religion only with outward observance. It is not that our outward appearance does not matter, for that is how we give witness to the faith. But our outward appearance must truly reflect what is inside our hearts; one, because people can spot a phony a mile away, and two, because there is no fooling God who sees into the depths of our hearts. So let's be clean, inside and out.

– Fr. Bob

Sunday Collection: August 23, 2015

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$4,121.00
2nd Collection: \$1,186.00
Attendance: 509
Envelopes Returned: 164

St. Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$313.00
2nd Collection: \$106.00
Attendance: 44
Envelopes Returned: 13



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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%

**SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY SEPT. 27TH
ST. MARK-ST. MARGARET MARY
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**



**ST. MARK CATHOLIC
ACADEMY GYM
AFTER 12:30 MASS.
DETAILS TO FOLLOW
SOON.**

**The Rhapsody
Players return to
St. Mark on
Oct. 24th...**

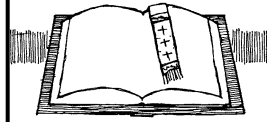
**...Stay tuned for
more details.**



**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**

Upcoming Events



**Scripture Study:
The Gospel of Mark**

A five week course meeting on Wednesday evenings from Sept. 9th through Oct. 7th from 7:00-8:30 pm. Each week we will watch and listen to a dramatic reading of a portion of Mark's Gospel followed by an in depth discussion.

Recommended, but not required is the book *Hearing Mark—A Listener's Guide* by Elizabeth Struthers Malbon and published by Trinity Press International. It is available on amazon.com for roughly \$25. Teachers & catechists who complete the course will earn 8 credit hours in the Living and Leading by Faith program. The registration fee is \$10.00. To register, please call the rectory office. ****For the *Priest, Prophet, King* series which will begin on Oct. 14th, the registration fee is \$25.00 which includes a workbook. The registration deadline for this course is Sept. 21st to allow us to order the necessary materials.****

**The Rosary Society will hold its first regular
Sunday meeting on Sept. 13
following the 9:30 Mass.**

New members are always welcome!
Please join us as we gather to pray the rosary in church in the left side pews at 9:10 am just before Mass begins

We look forward to seeing you!
Kathy, Maria, Ninetta, Johanna & Catherine

St. Therese—Story of A Soul
One woman live performance from
St. Luke Productions
Saturday, Sept 19th 7:00—9:30 PM
Our Lady of Grace Church—Fr. Cutrone Gym
Avenue W & East 3rd St.

Tickets: \$10.00 per person on sale at rectory
718-627-2020

Also at Our Lady of Grace:
Shanghai Nights Card Party
Friday, Oct 16 7:00 PM
Live Games, Prizes, Asian Cuisine, Door Prizes
\$35.00 per person for info call rectory # above.



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

The School of Evangelization of the Diocese of Brooklyn is in the process of accepting a new group of candidates for the 3 year Lay Ministry Program (LMP). The goal of this program is to prepare lay persons with leadership potential to assume positions as volunteer pastoral leaders for a particular ministry in the parish. The LMP provides a resource at the diocesan level that addresses the need for future Lay Pastoral leaders. The program integrates theological education, spiritual formation, pastoral skills development, supervised ministry practicum & a mentoring process. If you are interested please call the rectory at 718-891-3100.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

In Preparation for Pope Francis' visit to the US in September, the St. Mark Home Academy Association will be selling Vatican Flags. Flags are 12x18 on a 24 inch stick, and will be Available after all the Masses starting the weekend of Aug 29-30. Suggested donation: \$3.00 each



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.

Bishop Kearney HS TACHS Prep
Sept 15-Nov 3, Tuesdays 4-6pm,
8th grade, (coed) Fee: \$250
www.bishopkearneyhs.org/TACHS



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

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. **Fees** are 1 child-\$125, 2 children-\$205, 3 children-\$265, 4 or more children-free.

REGISTRATION 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.

Confirmation for 8th graders: 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 Office at 718-769-6311 for more information, leave your name & number so someone can return your call.

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.

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.