

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

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*

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 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 Marvella, 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

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Mr. Edgar Perez, Coordinator

Lectors: 718-743-5338

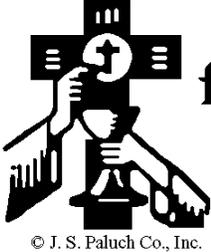
Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

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 2

8:30 AM Robert Polito

5:00 PM Iside Feola

Sunday, August 3

8:00 AM Edward Heilman (ann)

9:30 AM Lillian Williams

11:00 AM Theresa Devivo

12:30 PM For the People of the Parish

Monday, August 4 St. John Vianney

8:30 AM Teresa Pisani

Tuesday, August 5

8:30 AM Sam & Mary Benichosa

Wednesday, August 6 The Transfiguration

8:30 AM Sr. Renee Canitrot (ann)

Thursday, August 7

8:30 AM Ann Occhipinti (ann)

Friday, August 8 St. Dominic

8:30 AM Mario Marsillo (birthday)

Saturday, August 9

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

5:00 PM Patrick Muldoon

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, August 3

11:00 AM Nicola Cosiello

Wednesday, August 6

9:00 AM Antonia Sofia

Sunday, August 10

11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi

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 3, 2014
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?”

It is sometimes difficult in our modern world to believe in—much less to get others to believe in—miracles. At the heart of miracles, however, is the heart of our faith: knowing the saving power of God.

Today's Readings: *Isaiah 55:1-3*

Psalms 145:16

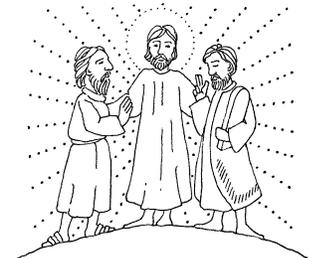
Romans 8:35,37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

Please pray for the sick:

Peter Filosi

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.



TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD

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“Lord, it is good that we are here...”

-Mt 17:4

GIFTS

The candles at the image of Divine Mercy are lit this week ***In honor of Peggy Eyre for healing graces requested by Ellen Plotkin.***

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.

“I thirst.”

Anyone who has ever worked or come in contact with the Missionaries of Charity, the religious order of sisters, brothers and priests founded by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, is most likely familiar with the phrase, “I thirst.” It comes from St. John’s account of the crucifixion: “After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, ‘I thirst.’ There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.” (John 19:28-30) The phrase is emblazoned on the wall next to the crucifix in every one of the Missionaries of Charity chapels all over the world - *I thirst*. Mother Teresa believed Jesus’ was thirsty for souls; she was thirsty for him.

On my retreat a few weeks ago, my spiritual director gave me a beautiful reflection composed by the Missionaries of Charity Fathers titled *I Thirst for You*, a portion of which follows: “I Thirst for you. I stand at the door of your heart, day and night. Even when you are not listening, even when you doubt it could be Me, I am there. I await even the smallest sign of your response, even the least whispered invitation that will allow Me to enter... I Thirst for you. Yes, that is the only way to even begin to describe My love for you. I THIRST FOR YOU. I thirst to love you and to be loved by you – that is how precious you are to Me. I THIRST FOR YOU. Come to Me, and I will fill your heart and heal your wounds... I THIRST FOR YOU. You must never doubt My mercy, My acceptance of you, My desire to forgive, My longing to bless you and live My life in you... I THIRST FOR YOU. Open to Me, come to Me, thirst for Me, give me your life – and I will prove to you how important you are to My Heart.

After reading this meditation, I could not get the phrase “I thirst” out of my head. When I opened up my bible to pray with the Sacred Scriptures the first passage I saw was this weekend’s first reading from the prophet Isaiah: “Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully; listen, that you may have life.” (Isaiah 55:1-3)

Next, I played some Christian music on my iTunes and the first song I heard was from a group called Over and Underneath titled **Love is Here**. It begins: “*Come to the Water You who thirst and you’ll thirst no more. Come to the Father You who work and you’ll work no more. And all you who labor in vain and to the broken and shamed: Love is here, love is now, Love is pouring from His hands, from His brow. Love is near, it satisfies, streams of mercy flowing from His side, ‘Cause love is here.*”

My brothers and sisters, I believe God was trying to tell me something. And in our readings this weekend He is trying to tell you something. As Mother Teresa once said, “Jesus is God, therefore His love, His Thirst is infinite. He, the creator of the universe, asks for the love of His creatures. He thirsts for our love... These words: ‘I Thirst’ – Do they echo in your soul?”

Fr. Bob



School News

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Just a reminder, REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR is still underway. Come learn about our school and see what we have to offer. Financial assistance is available.

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.

Fees: 1 child \$100,

2 children \$180, 3 children \$240.

Little Catholics (ages 4-5) \$25.00

After July 30 the fees will be increased, please register your children soon.

Registration can also be done on line at our website - www.stmarkbrooklyn.org.

Financial assistance is available for those in need.

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



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VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED:

In September, we will be looking for parents of our religious education children, or any other parishioners, who would be willing to give an hour of their time. While Sunday classes are in session, volunteers are needed to monitor the entrance door. If we have more than a few volunteers the weeks can be alternated. Please contact Ms. Pino.

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.



**“All those present
ate their fill.”**

Are you called
to help the Lord feed

His people with the truth
of His gospel as a priest, deacon
or in the consecrated life?

If you think God may be calling
you to serve Him more closely,
contact the Vocation Office at

718-827-2454 or

vocations@diobrook.org.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

**SUNDAY, AUG. 3RD
AFTER 9:30 MASS**



Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

July 27, 2014

1st Collection: \$3836.00

2nd Collection: \$1126.00

Attendance: 557

Envelopes Returned: 178

Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$418.00

2nd Collection: \$228.00

Attendance: 35

Envelopes Returned: 17

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125

Amt. Pledged: \$72,017

Amt Paid: \$56,679

of Donors: 262

% Participation: 29.94%

St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354

Amt Pledged: \$5,845

Amt Paid: \$5,495

of Donors: 17

% Participation: 18.28%

The second collection this weekend is to benefit Fr. Ebenezer's home diocese in Ghana, Africa. He will bring this gift home when he starts his vacation next week. This is a great way to acknowledge his faithful service to our parish as well as the service of Fr. Richard this summer and Fr. Andrew in the past.

Donations in Memory of Fr. Walter Mitchell

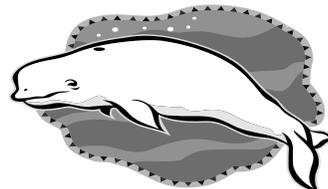
A generous parishioner at St. Margaret Mary would like to donate money for vestments in memory of the beloved Pastor Emeritus of the parish, Father Walter Mitchell, and has offered to match whatever funds we raise up to \$3,000.

To date we have received \$2,500 in donations.

If anyone else is interested in making a donation in honor of Fr. Mitchell which will help in reaching the maximum matching gift; please contact the parish office.

Upcoming Events

WHALE WATCHING



PARISH OUTING SAVE THE DATE

Friday, August 22nd

American Princess Cruises

Sailing from Riis Landing, Rockaway

**A special day for all of our parishioners,
families & friends with a 20% discount!**

Adults \$36, Seniors \$28, Children \$20.

Children under 5 years FREE.

Boarding at 11 am. Return to pier at 4 pm.

Bus transportation to & from the pier
will be provided. A free will donation will be
taken up, **limited seats available.**

Please call the parish office on or before
Aug. 7th to reserve your space.

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

