

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:**  
**stmarkrcbklyn@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](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

**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 8**

5:00 PM Inez M. Caltabellotta

**Sunday, Aug 9**

8:00 AM Natalia Bessarabova

9:30 AM Patricia Velotta (bday)

11:00 AM Robert Palma

12:30 PM The People of the Parish

**Monday, Aug 10 St. Lawrence**

8:30 AM Rose Pizzimenti

**Tuesday, Aug 11 St. Clare of Assisi**

8:30 AM Natalie Cervantes

**Wednesday, Aug 12 St. Frances de Chantel**

8:30 AM Natalie Cervantes

**Thursday, Aug 13**

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

**Friday, Aug 14 St. Maximillian Kolbe**

8:30 AM Natalie Cervantes

7:30 PM Elizabeth Genovese MD

**Saturday, Aug 15 Assumption of the BVM**

8:00 AM Natalie Cervantes

10:00 AM Joseph, Sally, John Buccheri & Sully

5:00 PM Anthony Russo (bday)

**St. Margaret Mary Church**



**Sunday, Aug 9**

11:00 AM Katherine Cione

**Wednesday, Aug 12**

9:00 AM Michael Lukacs

**Saturday Aug 15**

9:00 AM Assunta Nunziata

**Sunday, Aug 16**

11:00 AM Espana Rodriguez

**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 9, 2015**  
**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

“THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY”  
 How can we imitate God? By setting as our standard God’s boundless, loving, generous nature, which calls us always to a higher place.

**Today’s Readings:**

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalms 34:9a

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

John 6:41-51

**Please pray for the sick:**  
*Anna Sena, 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



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**  
**AUG. 15, 2015**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION – PRAYER PROGRAM**  
 Progress Report – August: 4<sup>th</sup> Month

Your “spiritually adopted baby” is 4 months old. Her brain is maturing – a process that will continue until she is about 14 years old. Her eyelids are now sealed shut and taste buds are working. Nutrients consumed by mom are passed on to your baby within an hour or two. Fine hair begins to grow on her head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions, similar to the baby’s biological parents, can be seen at this time. This month, REM (rapid eye movements) have been recorded – a sign of dreaming. Thank you all for your wonderful prayers.



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

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

Pastor's Column August 8-9, 2015

**“Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!”**

For a person who loves food as much as I do, but has so often been told that I should stop eating so much, the words of the angel to the prophet Elijah in our first reading this weekend are music to my ears. Not once, but twice the angel orders Elijah to get up and eat. The angel says, “Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!” Then, finding by his head some bread (a hearth cake) and a jug of water, we hear how Elijah got up, ate and drank, and strengthened by that food was able to reach Horeb, the mountain of God.

And in the last sentence of our gospel reading, the third installment of his Bread of Life discourse to which we have been listening these past few weeks, Jesus finally gets around to telling us what this bread that he has been talking about really is: “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” Clearly, Jesus is speaking about the Eucharist. The bread with which Jesus feeds us is his very own body and blood.

Notice how the verb that Jesus uses is in the future tense, “the bread that I **will give**.” It is the bread that he will bless and break and give to his disciples at the Last Supper when he commands them: “Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you. Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.” In these words of consecration we see that the Eucharist is the sacramental offering of the sacrifice that Jesus was about to make the very next day on the Cross on Calvary. And at every Mass the priest, acting in the person of Jesus, says those exact same words in order to make that sacrifice present again and again. At every Mass, our gifts of bread and wine are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus is both the Victim who is sacrificed and the High Priest who offers the sacrifice, and he feeds us with his body and blood so that we might share and participate in his eternal life.

If only we Catholics truly understood the precious gift we have in the Eucharist our churches would be filled to overflowing. At every Mass Jesus nourishes us with his own body and blood, the bread of life, the living bread that came down from heaven, and he promises us that “whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

In the beautiful prayer after communion from our funeral liturgy we pray, “Lord God, whose Son left us in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our (deceased) brother or sister may come to the eternal table of Christ.” My brothers and sisters, like Elijah we too must get up and eat, not just any food, but the Most Holy Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus who is the Bread of Life, else our journey through life to heaven will be too long for us. That is why coming to Mass and receiving Holy Communion at least every Sunday, if not more often, is so important, so essential to our physical and spiritual well-being. So come, eat, and bring a friend. As our responsorial psalm says, “Taste and see how good the Lord is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.” -

- Fr. Bob



## Sunday Collection: July 19, 2015

### St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$3,761.00

2nd Collection: \$1,051.00

Attendance: 519

Envelopes Returned: 165

### St. Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$393.00

2nd Collection: \$267.00

Attendance: 48

Envelopes Returned: 18



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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%

### 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

### 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

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday Evening Adult Education

Starting Sept. 9th. 7:00-8:30 PM

#### In the Lion's Den

Come join us for study & discussion of the

Gospel of Mark until October 7th.

For the second session we will study

Bishop-Elect Robert Barron's

"Priest, Prophet and King" series.

All are invited to attend—

more info to follow soon.

### Who is St. Clare of Assisi?

St. Clare was born in Assisi, the eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Clare's father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family, who owned a large palace in Assisi and a castle on the slope of Mount Subasio. As a child, Clare was devoted to prayer. It is assumed that Clare was to be married in line with the family tradition. However, at the age of 18 she heard St. Francis preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio at Assisi, and asked him to help her to live after the manner of the Gospel. On the evening of Palm Sunday, March 20, 1212, she left her father's house, and accompanied by her aunt Bianca and another companion, proceeded to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet Francis. There, her hair was cut, and she exchanged her rich gown for a plain robe and veil. Francis placed Clare in the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia. Her father attempted to force her to return home. She clung to the altar of the church and threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair. She resisted any attempt, professing that she would have no other husband but Jesus Christ. In order to provide the greater solitude Clare desired, a few days later Francis sent her to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another monastery of the Benedictine nuns on one of the flanks of Subasio. Clare was soon joined by her sister Catarina, who took the name Agnes. They remained with the Benedictines until a small dwelling was built for them next to the church of San Damiano, which Francis had repaired some years earlier. Unlike the Franciscan friars, whose members moved around the country to preach, Saint Clare's sisters lived in enclosure, since an itinerant life was hardly conceivable at the time for women. Their life consisted of manual labor and prayer. The nuns went barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat and observed almost complete silence. In 1216, Clare accepted the role of abbess of San Damiano. Clare sought to imitate Francis' virtues and way of life so much so that she was sometimes titled *alter Franciscus*, (another Francis). She also played a significant role in encouraging and aiding Francis, whom she saw as a spiritual father figure, and she took care of him during his old age. In 1224, the army of Frederick II came to plunder Assisi. Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament in her hands. Suddenly a mysterious terror seized the enemies, who fled without harming anybody in the city. Clare died in 1253, her feast day is August 11th.





AUGUST

Our summer program continues.

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

### 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](http://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](http://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.