



St. Mark

Masses: Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
Weekdays: 8:30 AM
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 PM

St. Margaret Mary

Masses: Sunday 11:00 AM
Weekdays: Wednesday 9:00 AM

Administrator: Rev. Robert Mucci
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Ebenezer K Abban
In Residence: Rev. Joseph P. Quigley
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Devotions:

Miraculous Medal Novena every
Wednesday after the 8:30AM Mass
Litany of the Sacred Heart every
First Friday 8:20AM (Each month *before* Mass).

Marriage:

Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory at least
6 months in advance. Please log on to www.precana.org for complete information about marriage
preparation in the Diocese, according to Diocesan
Regulations. Please make your music selections with
our organist Pat Marvella at (917) 650-5704.

Appointment to see a Priest:

If you desire an appointment to see a Priest of the
Parish please call the Rectory (718) 891-3100 during
office hours: Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 AM — 5:00 PM.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick takes place every first
Saturday of the month at the 8:30 AM Mass.

Confessions: every Saturday 3:30PM to 4:30PM

Baptisms: take place on the Fourth Sunday of each
month at 2:00PM. Baptism classes take place on the
Third Sunday of each month at 9:30AM in the Rectory
Conference Room. Call the Rectory two (2) months
prior to the Baptism during office hours to make an
appointment with a priest.

“With God all things are possible”

Mass Intentions for the week

Nov 30 – Dec 7

Saturday, November 30

5:00PM Mark Bolus (Anniversary)

Sunday, December 1

8:00AM For the people of the Church

9:30AM Bonnie Salvo

11:00AM George Granieri

12:30PM Sally Ann Puglia

Monday, December 2

8:30 AM Grace Perrotta (Birthday)

Tuesday, December 3

8:30AM Josephine F. Dellano

Wednesday, December 4

8:30AM Elvira Sofia

Thursday, December 5

9:00AM Teresa Cafaro

Friday, December 6

8:30AM God's blessings on family and friends

12PM-3PM Eucharist Adoration

Saturday, December 7

8:30AM Fausto Cuadrado



St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, December 1

11:00AM Gerard Gagliardi

Wednesday, December 4

9:00AM For the living and deceased members of Chille & Cione Families

Sunday, December 8

11:00AM Anna Novella

Miraculous Medal Novena: Wednesday after the 9AM Mass.

Homebound in Manhattan Beach:

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.



MEMORIALS:

Flower Offering

Altar Bread

Altar Wine

Purgatorial Society

Joseph Palomba

Maria Antonia Frustaci

Inagzio John Giaimo

John Petrizzo

Pete Kunik

Jasmine Calix

Nicholas D'Angelico

William A Seidenfaden

Elizabeth E. Zahra

John Schwarz

Frank Rella

Bridget Griffin

Joyce Doll

Geraldine White

Violet Maggi

Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

November 24, 2013

1st Collection: \$ 4,629

Collection:\$1,049 Music & Songs

Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$7,531.00

Attendance: 788

Envelopes Returned: 209

Envelopes Mailed Out: 763

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$ 228

Collection: \$45.00 Music & Songs

Attendance:33

Envelopes Returned: 18

2013 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. The amount paid for St. Mark has almost reached our goal. Let's try to surpass our goal by the end of the year.

St. Mark Pledges:234

Goal:\$40,125

Amount Pledged:\$46,572

Amount Paid:\$39,574

St. Margaret Mary 91

Goal:\$2,354

Amount Pledged:\$5,210

Amount Paid:\$5,180



Christmas Flower Offering

This week's second collection is your Christmas Flower Offering. Please be as generous as possible to help make our beautiful church more spectacular this Christmas Season.



An Early Christmas Present

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will

come to St. Mark Church on **Sunday, December 22nd** to formally install Father Robert Mucci (aka Fr. Bob) as our Pastor. Details will be forthcoming in future bulletins. Please save the date on your calendars and plan to be with us for this most joyous occasion.



First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2013

"You...must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

—Matthew 24:44

Be Prepared!



My brothers and sisters, by the time you read this, it should be “beginning to look a lot like Christmas” around here. The children from St. Mark School’s Guiding Lights Program and our Altar Servers, together with various parents and other adults organizing and supervising them, should have started to decorate our grounds in order to get ready for the blessing and lighting of our crèche which will follow the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, December 7th. And Carl and his crew of elves will have begun the assembly of the platform and initiated the work on the famous parish Angel Tree for its unveiling at our Lessons and Carols program on Sunday, December 8th, an event for which our Director of Music Pat Marvello and his choir have been rehearsing for some time. And many of you may have already started your shopping, baking, cleaning, card writing, and all of those other preparations that take place prior to Christmas. But before we get too far ahead of ourselves, let’s not forget about the season of Advent which starts this weekend as we begin our new liturgical year.

Advent is a time for us to prepare ourselves spiritually for Jesus’ coming. On this First Sunday of Advent our readings direct our attention to His coming again at the end of time. In our Gospel Jesus tells us to stay awake and be prepared, for we do not know on which day Our Lord will come. If we have not been to Confession in a while, Advent is a great time to receive that sacrament and be reconciled with the Lord. If our prayer life has slackened or grown tepid, Advent is a wonderful opportunity to redouble our efforts and spend some quality time lifting our hearts and minds to the Lord. We have added an Advent Evening Prayer service to our calendar on Tuesday evening, December 17th at 7:30 PM. Amid all the hustle and bustle of this holiday season, let’s make sure we spend some time to prepare ourselves so that we may welcome Him into our hearts. Fr. Bob



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT,

Wednesday, December 4, 2013 8PM

Following the great success of last year’s New York Tenor’s Spirit of Christmas Concert at Carnegie Hall, please consider joining us on the parish bus which will leave from St. Mark Church. Please contact the rectory and leave your name if you are interested so we may purchase enough tickets and hire a bus for transportation to the concert. Thank you for all that you do to help promote the good work of Futures in Education. **Tickets prices: Prime Parquet \$125, Parquet \$100, Dress Circle \$75, Center Balcony \$55, Balcony \$45.** A generous benefactor has agreed to cover the cost of the bus, so the only cost to you will be the price of your ticket. For tickets purchase please call (212) 247-7800 **Please Join Us!**

A Sunday Afternoon Swing: M.A.S.

is a 15 piece Big Band that will perform music from the Great American Songbook which includes songs by Frank Sinatra, Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman on Sunday Afternoon December 1st from 2pm to 5pm at St. Mark School Auditorium. Admission is \$25 per Person and includes a luncheon buffet. Reservation must be made in advance. To do so or to learn more, please contact Marie Stack at (917) 841-1617. More information is also available at our Church’s entrance.



School News

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School News:

One of the most important hallmarks of Saint Mark School is service to others. As a Catholic School we hold the Beatitudes as a model for our mission as a school community. This past month we have been involved in many service projects to help our neighbor.

We have collected personal hygiene items for our Veterans and donated them to the Veterans Hospital in Brooklyn. We also collected baby items for the Baby Love organization.

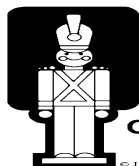
The following students have been chosen by their teachers as Student for the Month of November. They were recognized because of their generosity towards those in need most especially towards those in need. Congratulations to them all!!!

- Nursery: A.J. Demange; Pre Kindergarten: Emma Harrigan; Kindergarten: Tiffany Tong;
- Grade 1A: Anais Garduno; Grade 1B: John Brektushi; Grade 2: Anaya Qayyum;
- Grade 3: Mekhi Small; Grade 4: Saamia Gondal; Grade 5: Nikita Kostin; Grade 6: Mishelle Titova;
- Grade 7: Omotayo Adeyeri; Grade 8: Dave Pierre.

Bulletin from the Home School Association

Save the Date...Mark your calendar...the Annual Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th.

This is a great opportunity to do your Christmas Shopping!!!! Also vendors are still wanted...please contact Mr. Michael Davis at 347-574-1828 for information



Christmas Bazaar

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St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Phone: 718 769-6311

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Wed. & Thurs. 9AM - 2PM



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!! The Giving Tree!!

Another year has gone by so quickly. Once again we will be helping less fortunate children and adults during Christmas.

The Advent giving trees will be displayed beginning Saturday, November 30 through Sunday, December 17.

The trees will be decorated with tags, made by our Children preparing for Confirmation. Each tag will indicate who you are to purchase a gift for.

Please Wrap Your Gift and Place The Tag Securely on the outside of your wrapped gifts, then place it under the Tree. Gift must be returned no later then Sunday December 17.

CALLING ALL ANGELS, SHEPHERDS & KINGS!



All children of St. Mark Parish are invited to participate in the portrayal of the Christmas Living Gospel at the Christmas Eve Family Mass on Wednesday, December 24 at 4:30pm. Participation forms are in the bulletin and around the church. Please involve your child.

These forms must be returned by December 15th. Contact Ms. Pino for further information at 718-769-6311.

ADVENT



During Advent we should follow the light of the advent wreath, faithfully observing its signs of Christ's coming. We light candles rising from the evergreen of God's constancy, positioned in the pattern of God's cyclical birth among us, and growing in brightness weekly until the true Light of the World is revealed.



Save the Dates!

We will bless and light our outdoor crèche following the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, December 7th.



Lessons and Carols and the Unveiling of our Angel Tree will take place the next day at 4:00 PM on Sunday, December 8th. Light refreshments will follow in the school cafeteria. Please make your plans to be with us for this special event.



We will have an Advent Evening Prayer Service on Tuesday evening, December 17th at 7:30 PM. With all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, please join us and take some to prepare spiritually for the coming of Our Lord.



Anointing of the sick, Saturday December 7, at 8:30AM

Every first Saturday of the month we invite you to come to the 8:30AM Mass and receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. You may receive this sacrament if you have a serious or chronic health issue. Please come and receive the healing grace of God.



Vocation Corner

First Sunday of Advent-December 1, 2013

“ They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks...” If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priests, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or Email: vocations@diobrook.org

Society of St. Vincent DePaul Gives Back

St. Mark should share in the profits! For each car, truck or van, running or not, the Society of St Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor does have an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to donate. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (718) 491-2525. Thank you for your participation.

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Altar Server

November

Mass Time	5.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	12.30pm
Nov. 30	Jennifer	Jade	Cassidy	Gregory	Natalia
Dec.1	Falco	Quiiles	Andre	Cleland	Ozoemena
	Gianela	Nimhan	Christine	Arthur	Chloe
	Campos	Randeiya	Andre	Camacho	Jobity
	Katie	Tiana	Michael	Janissa	Chris
	Cash	Randeiya	Frasca	Diaz	Donlan
	Brianna	Allison	Syrina	Jasmine	Deondre
	Cash	Nicole	Ganpatt	Diaz	Thomas
		Louie			

St Mark Rosary Society: Annual Christmas Dinner, Monday, December 9th.

Gargiulo's Restaurant. \$50 per person. All are invited to join us for a night of fun and a chance to be the lucky winner of our raffle. Come join us and meet some new friends!! Please call Kathy 718-934-7964 or Joan 718-646-2176.

Two more weekends to get your chance books in to be the big winner. All proceeds from this raffle will be used to set up our beautiful Christmas display. Please help us support this wonderful cause. Members of the Rosary Society will once again be at the doors of the church next weekend selling and collecting chance books. There is still time to get your book in.

Pray for the Sick

Marilynn Heath
Joseph Cumella
Lucy Tagliaferro
Anna Maria Vozzo
Diane Bridgwood