



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
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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 Marvello 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.

Mass Intentions for the week

Dec 21 – Dec 28

Saturday, December 21

5:00PM Frank Gagliardi (Birthday)

Sunday, December 22

8:00AM For the people of the parish

9:30AM Nestor Chiroque

11:00AM Galogero Giuliano (43 Anniversary)

12:30PM Helen Peters

Monday, December 23

8:30 AM Farina & Rizzo Families

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

8:30AM Nicholas Panno

4:30PM Jean Musco Family Mass

12:00PM Gladys Rivera Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25 Merry Christmas

8:00AM Joseph Bello & Carmine and Mary Tulino

9:30AM Elvira Sofia

11:00AM Elizabeth Genovese

12:30PM Philip Salvatore, Marilyn Lopresti & James Philip Conriegues

Thursday, December 26

8:30AM Kathleen Duffy

Friday, December 27

8:30AM Jose Rumana Conversion

Saturday, December 28

8:30AM Iris Pineda



Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

December 8, 2013

1st Collection: \$ 5,264

2nd Collection: Christmas Gift: \$4,737

Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$7,531.00

Attendance: 768

Envelopes Returned: 188

Envelopes Mailed Out: 763

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$ 725

2nd Collection: \$320

Attendance:41

Envelopes Returned: 13

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:\$47,242

Amount Paid:\$39,964

St. Margaret Mary 91

Goal:\$2,354

Amount Pledged:\$5,210

Amount Paid:\$5,180



St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, December 22

11:00AM Helen & Edward Franznick

Wednesday, December 25

11:00AM Alan O'Hea

Sunday, December 29

11:00AM Al an O'Hea

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:

Altar Bread offering in memory of Marie Danner & Lucy Isadore. Req by Danner Family

Sacramental Wine offering in memory of Salvatore Cestaro. Req by Grandchildren

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Christina Itri. Req by Joan Belt



The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2013.

They shall name Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us."

—Matthew 1:23



The office will be closed on Christmas Day.

Giving and Receiving

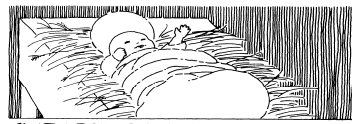


“It is better to give than to receive” is one of those everyday phrases which has its origin in the Bible. It comes from Acts 20:35 where St. Paul quotes Jesus as saying, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” And while I have no doubt that is true, both giving and receiving are important, because a gift that is given is of no value unless it is received, and opened, and put to use.

Christmas is a wonderful time for giving and receiving gifts, but in our materialistic, consumption driven society, gift giving has gotten out of control. Black Friday now begins the afternoon of Thanksgiving and continues through Cyber Monday the following week. It is estimated that 141 million shoppers spent \$57.4 billion over the four-day Black Friday weekend, and Cyber Monday, December 2, 2013, was the single biggest day for e-commerce sales for U.S. based Internet retailers with sales of \$1.735 billion, which represents an 18.4% increase compared to 2012. If only we could expend the same energy and allocate equivalent resources to giving and receiving the true gift at the heart of Christmas, the gift of Jesus Christ.

As I said in an earlier bulletin, I received an early Christmas present when I found out that Bishop DiMarzio would install me as your Pastor the Sunday before Christmas. Canon law describes a Pastor as the one who exercises “the pastoral care of the community given to him under the authority of the Diocesan Bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share, so that for that same community he carries out the function of teaching, sanctifying, and governing, also with the cooperation of other presbyters or deacons and with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful, according to the norm of law” (Can. 519).

My brothers and sisters, you are a most special gift given to me this Christmas. You are the answer to my longstanding prayer to become a shepherd of souls. I hope and pray that I, in turn, might be a gift to all of you and an answer to your prayers as well, so that by giving of ourselves and receiving each other's gifts, together we might grow in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ and help build His Kingdom on earth. On behalf of Father Ebenezer Abban and the entire staff here at St. Mark and St. Margaret Mary parishes, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and most Blessed New Year. Fr. Bob



CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST

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Pray for the Sick

Marilynn Heath
Lucy Tagliaferro
Diane Bridgwood
Joan Springhoffs

Joseph Cumella
Anna Maria Vozzo
Diane Bridgwood
Anthony Mc Glone

Food Collection

December 21 & 22, 2013

Make a Difference. Please Help
Stop Hunger in Our Community,
Give What You Can. Thank You for
your continued Support. St Vincent
De Paul Society will be collecting Dry Foods,
Hygiene items and Money. God Bless you



School News

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EMMANUEL

To name someone or something means that we have a relationship with that entity. Family names identify us with our heritage; nicknames denote familiarity or a special bond. In the Old Testament, the meaning of a name ran deep. It identified one's mission, even one's very being. The amazing name "Emmanuel" was first uttered by Isaiah as he described to the frightened King Ahaz the promised one who would come to redeem the people. Emmanuel is not a frightening philosophical name, such as Omnipotent, Omniscient, Almighty. It does not connote distance and transcendence. It does not generate reverential fear. The name Emmanuel implies closeness and intimacy and compassion. Emmanuel is the name given to the one who is coming. It means "God is with us." God is entrusted to the care of a virgin, who will bear this child. Only God would be so compassionate to draw so near, to be so available and vulnerable. Only God could love this well.



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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

The Fourth week of Advent

A Family prayer to say as you light the Advent candle or at dinner or bedtime.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your church; the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and removed the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

All Are Welcome

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 4:30PM

Children and Family Mass

Special presentation of the Gospel by the Religious Education and St. Mark School children



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Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel in some box upon a shelf.

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.

Wishing you Christmas Blessings and a healthy New Year!

From the Religious Education office and volunteers.

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

Religious Education classes resume on Sunday, January 5, 2014.

St. Mark Rosary Society - We would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Christmas Dinner. A wonderful time was had by all and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year! We would also like to thank everyone from the parish who so generously bought our chance books. This week at our Christmas dinner we were able to present Fr. Bob with a check in the amount of \$5,000, thanks to all of you. The winners of our raffle were as follows:
 1st prize - Stanislaw Mazurek; 2nd prize - Andrew Fackovec; 3rd prize - Quiles. Please contact me to claim your prize - Kathy Fackovec 718-934-7964. The Rosary Society wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.



Parish Christmas Cards

Our parish Christmas cards have arrived and are available for purchase after the weekend Masses or at the rectory. One has a picture of the Angel Tree and the other has a close-up picture of the creche at its base courtesy of George Pompilio and Gothic Press. The cards will be sold in sets of 10 cards and envelopes for \$10, or for you bargain hunters, sets of 20 cards and envelopes (ten of each picture) for \$15. Send these beautiful cards and help support your parish.



Vocation Corner

Fourth Sunday of Advent- Dec 22, 2013.

“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or concremented life? 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

December

Mass Time	5.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	12.30pm
Dec, 21,22	Jennifer Falco Chris Donlan Syrina Ganpatt Katlyn Guidice John Bao	Jade Quiles Allison Nicole Louie Katie Cash Brianna Cash	Nimhan Randeiya Tiana Randeiya Cassidy Andre Christine Andre	Gregory Cleland Arthur Camacho Janissa Diaz Jasmine Diaz	Gianela Campos Natalia Ozoemena Chloe Jobity Deondre Thomas
Dec., 24th	Jennifer Falco,				
Vigil @ 4.30pm	Jade Quiles, Michael Frasca, Natalia Ozoemena, Cassidy Andre				
Dec, 25 Mid-night	Nimhan Randeiya, Tiana Randeiya, Chris Donlan, Gianela Campos, Gregory Cleland				

Purgatorial Society

Joseph Palomba	Elizabeth E. Zahra
Maria Antonia Frustaci	John Schwarz
Inagzio John Giaimo	Frank Rella
John Petrizzo	Bridget Griffin
Pete Kunik	Joyce Doll
Jasmine Calix	Geraldine White
Nicholas D'Angelico	Violet Maggi
Florence Gagliardi	Grace Marie Nieves
William A Seidenfaden	

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