



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

Pastor: Rev. Robert Mucci
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Ebenezer K Abban
In Residence: Rev. Joseph P. Quigley
Pastor Emeriti: Rev. Msgr. Gerard J. Arella
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St. Mark R.C. Parish

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St. Mark Church

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Mr. Ronald Brigando, Coordinator (718) 769-6095

Lectors:

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator (718) 743-5338

Rosary Society:

Kathy Fackovec President (718) 934-7964

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.

Mass Intentions



for the week

Dec 28 – Jan 4

Saturday, December 28

5:00PM Sally Ann Puglia

Sunday, December 29

8:00AM Lucy Abraham
9:30AM Emellisa Marrugo
11:00AM Mark Bolus
12:30PM George Granieri

Monday, December 30

8:30 AM Grace Marie Perrotta & Rose Grigg

Tuesday, December 31

8:30AM Jenni Rivera
5:00PM Helen Peters

Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day

8:00AM Victor & Mildred Mucci
9:30AM John Bargo
11:00AM Rocco Farnolo
12:30PM Mona Butler

Thursday, January 2

8:30AM Alvin Kinsella Di Lorenzo

Friday, January 3

8:30AM Anthony Citarella
12PM –3PM Eucharist Adoration

Saturday, January 4

8:30AM Estanise Charles



St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, December 29

11:00AM Alan O'Hea

Wednesday, January 1

11:00AM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 5

11:00AM In Thanksgiving

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

Sacramental Wine

Flowers Offering

Sanctuary Lamp

Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

December 15, 2013

1st Collection: \$ 4,220
2nd Collection: Christmas Gift: \$5,190
Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$7,531.00
Attendance: 685

Envelopes Returned: 172

Envelopes Mailed Out: 763

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$ 382

2nd Collection: Christmas Gift \$721

Attendance:44

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

St. Margaret Mary 91

Goal:\$40,125

Goal:\$2,354

Amount Pledged:\$52,272

Amount Pledged:\$5,210

Amount Paid:\$45,149

Amount Paid:\$5,190



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 29, 2013

Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

—Colossians 3:14

Happy New Year!

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The office will be closed on New Year's Day.

The family that prays together stays together.



The Sunday after Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This year we hear the gospel story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt to escape from Herod's plan to destroy the Christ child. Saint Matthew says that an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take the child and his mother and to flee to Egypt and stay there until the angel would appear to him again in a dream to tell him when it was safe to return. We hear very little about Saint Joseph in Sacred Scripture. The last time he is mentioned is when Jesus was twelve years old and was found by Joseph and Mary in the Temple after being lost for three days. And we never hear Saint Joseph utter a word himself. But we do know that he is described as a righteous man, and we see by his actions that Joseph was open to discerning God's will and acting upon it. A favorite saint of mine, Blessed Charles de Foucauld, developed a spirituality centered on the hidden life of Jesus at Nazareth, where we can surmise that Jesus learned the Jewish Scriptures and was taught how to pray by his foster father Joseph and his mother Mary.

Saint Joseph reminds me a lot of my own father, God rest his soul, who was also the strong silent type. He worked two jobs and often took no vacation so he could afford to send me and my siblings to Catholic school. My mother was not Catholic; it was my dad who brought us up in the faith. My Father did not wear his religion on his sleeve, but he made sure as a family we went to Mass every Sunday, went to confession once a month, and heaven help you if you were late for Sunday dinner. He was the glue that kept us together when my mother passed away at the young age of forty-nine.

My family did not have it easy. Neither did the Holy Family have it easy. No family does. Relationships involve effort and sacrifice. Faith in God and prayer are essential ingredients in family life. There is a slogan created by Al Scalpone and adopted by Father Patrick Peyton and the Family Rosary Crusade that says "the family that prays together stays together," and evidence bears this out. Families that pray together spend time together, quality time at that, which is essential for the dynamic of any family. Praying together as a family is a great practice for keeping the family together and keeping the whole family focused on God in their lives. Praying at meals, attending Sunday Mass together, reciting the rosary are a few ways to accomplish that goal. If you are looking for some New Year resolutions, these suggestions make a great place to start. Fr. Bob



NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton

Pray for the Sick

Marilynn Heath
Lucy Tagliaferro
Diane Bridgwood
Joan Springhoffs

Joseph Cumella
Anna Maria Vozzo
Diane Bridgwood
Anthony Mc Glone

School News

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School News:

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish all a very Happy New Year!

The following students have been recognized by their teachers as Student of the Month for December. These students were chosen because they show responsibility and leadership among their peers. They are:

**Nursery: Suleiman Bukhat; Prekindergarten:
Kelly Chen; Kindergarten: Hubert Pawlus;
Grade 1A: Priya Simpson;
Grade 1B: Maximillion Gray;
Grade 2: Neha Mathew;
Grade 3: Frankie Santoro;
Grade 4: Paige Costanzo;
Grade 5: Leslie Hakim;
Grade 6: Ana vanGoodman;
Grade 7: Jolina Langaman;
Grade 8: Jennifer Falco.**

LOVE

For generations, various cultures regarded family life merely as a utilitarian necessity. Sirach introduces honor and respect. For Jews and Christians alike, the value of family goes even further. The family is seen as the indispensable school where love is learned. Paul addresses the Colossians and offers a list of virtues that make for a solid and happy church. These values also make for a happy family at ease with itself and its members: mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness. As a capstone, Paul urges love, which brings all of these domestic virtues to perfection. Paul seems to be on a roll as he lauds the virtues of the church at Colossae. With such heartfelt virtues, it is no wonder Paul bursts into song. Who wouldn't? It's clear that the center of the church is love. It is clear that no matter how far from home the members travel, the heart remains and all the members are connected by the gravitational pull of mutual love, a love first learned in family life.



St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Phone: 718 769-6311

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Monday 1PM - 5PM

Wed. & Thurs. 9AM - 2PM

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

The Giving Tree

Over 500 ornaments were placed on the Giving Tree. With the guidance of Ms. Pino, the ornaments were made by many of our young adults preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. To all those students

Thank You!

We would like to thank all the parishioners who purchased presents for the recipients of this year's Giving Tree. The boys and girls and families who are the recipients of these gifts have extended their wholehearted thanks. They wish our entire parish community a very **Merry Christmas**. God Bless everyone for their generosity.

The Office of Faith Formation wishes that the **Peace, Joy, Hope and Love of the Christmas Season** be with you each and everyday of your lives. **God Bless you and Merry Christmas!**



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Anointing of the sick, Saturday January 4, 2014 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 receive the healing grace of God.

St Vincent De Paul Society:

Many thanks to the parishioners of St. Mark for their generous response to our food and goods collection for the needy. Your faithful support is very much appreciated.

We are also especially grateful to Mrs. Anastasia Venetoklis and sons Peter and George at El Grego Diner. In memory of their deceased husband and Father, Minos, a gratis Thanksgiving dinner was served on Thanksgiving Day to the needy of our community. They have been doing this for the past 18 years. They provide a delicious Thanksgiving meal in a warm, welcoming, loving atmosphere which truly makes the day wonderful for many of our neighbors. Please extend your own thanks to Anastasia if you should visit the Diner.

Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

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., 28/29	Jennifer Falco	Jade Quiles	Nimhan Randeiya	Gregory Cleland	Gianela Campos
	Chris Donlan	Allison Nicole	Tiana Randeiya	Arthur Camacho	Natalia Ozoemena
	Syrina Ganpatt	Louie Katie	Cassidy Andre	Janissa Diaz Jasmine Diaz	Chloe Jobity Deondre
	Katlyn Guidice	Cash Brianna	Cash Christine	Andre	Thomas
	John Bao	Cash			

Healey Granddaughter R.I.P

Name: Alvin Virginia (Kinsella) DiLorenzo

Born: July 20, 1925

Died: December 13, 2013

Grand-daughter of John J. Healey, and daughter of Ruth Healey Kinsella - from John J. Healey Funeral Home - formerly across the street on Ocean Ave.

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	Ralph Dingas



Vocation Corner

By Baptism , Catholic families are holy families and are the seed beds for the vocations of their children. Pray generously as a family for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among your children. Should God be calling you, Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or Email: vocations@diobrook.org