



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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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 7 – Dec 14

Saturday, December 7

5:00PM Pauline & George Diaczok
(Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, December 8

8:00AM For the people of the Parish
9:30AM Grandma Berta Fortiz & Lucia Parada
11:00AM Florence Gagliardi (Birthday (Remembrance)
12:30PM In Thanksgiving

Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception Feast

8:00 AM Almerido Colon
10:00AM Matthew Walsh

Tuesday, December 10

8:30AM Barbara & Andrew Nelson

Wednesday, December 11

8:30AM Josephine & Mary Kunik

Thursday, December 12

8:30AM Frank Marsillo

Friday, December 13

8:30AM Nicholas D' Angelico

Saturday, December 14

8:30AM Garry Coleman



St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, December 8

11:00AM Anna Novella

Wednesday, December 11

9:00AM Teresa Alaia

Sunday, December 15

11:00AM Luigi Libetti

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
Inazio John Giaimo
John Petrizzo
Pete Kunik
Jasmine Calix
Nicholas D'Angelico
Florence Gagliardi

William A Seidenfaden

Elizabeth E. Zahra

John Schwarz

Frank Rella

Bridget Griffin

Joyce Doll

Geraldine White

Violet Maggi

Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

December 1, 2013

1st Collection: \$ 4,238.50

Collection:\$3,063 Flower Offering

Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$7,531.00

Attendance: 678

Envelopes Returned: 188

Envelopes Mailed Out: 763

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$ 235

Collection: \$238 Flower Offering

Attendance:33

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:\$46,672

Amount Paid:\$39,714

St. Margaret Mary 91

Goal:\$2,354

Amount Pledged:\$5,210

Amount Paid:\$5,180



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.

The Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2013

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea.

—Isaiah 11:9

Pray for the Sick

Marilynn Heath
Joseph Cumella
Lucy Tagliaferro
Anna Maria Vozzo
Diane Bridgwood
Diane Bridgwood
Joan Springhoffs
Anthony Mc Glone

Traditions Old and New



A tradition is a belief or behavior passed down within a group or society. Traditions can persist and evolve for thousands of years—the word "tradition" itself derives from the Latin *tradere* literally meaning to transmit, to hand over, to give for safekeeping. While it is commonly assumed that traditions have ancient history, many traditions have been invented on purpose. Lessons and Carols is a bit of both. The tradition of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. The format is based on an Order drawn up by Edward White Benson, Bishop of Truro, for use on Christmas Eve 1880. Tradition says that he organized a 10 PM service to keep men out of pubs on Christmas Eve.

During the season of Advent in 2004, St. Mark began a new parish tradition with The Adoration of The Christ display, when its magnificent Angel Tree with the crèche figures at the base was unveiled during a celebration of Lessons and Carols. On Sunday, December 8th at 4:00 PM I will have the great honor and privilege of presiding at the tenth such celebration. After seeing all the component pieces stored in the pews of the left hand side of the church this past weekend, I cannot wait to see the finished product. It is just this type of “excited waiting” that is so characteristic of Advent as we long for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. I hope the Church will be filled for this wonderful event.

Speaking of new traditions, I hope that perhaps we may have begun a couple of others this past week. With some expert adult supervision, the children from our school’s Guiding Light Program and our Altar Servers did a great job decorating our grounds on Saturday and afterwards we had a terrific party that included a Christmas sing-along complete with reindeer antlers and red Rudolph noses led by yours truly on the accordion. It was a sight and sound you will not want to miss next year. You also may have noticed the Christmas tree on the Avenue Z side of the church which was donated by Frank and April Danza and family. Next year I hope we can add some others so that people may sponsor a tree or memorialize a loved one. And amid all our many preparations for Christmas, let’s not forget about our own spiritual preparation by attending our Advent Evening Prayer Service on December 17th. Peace, Fr. Bob



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Because this feast falls on a Sunday in Advent, its celebration is transferred to Monday, December 9th. We will have Masses on Monday at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. This is one of the few times the Church gives us a "two-fer": attending Mass on December 8th fulfills both the Sunday and the holy day obligation.



However, while there is no obligation to attend Mass on December 9th, the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast of our country and of our diocese and is still certainly a holy day most worthy of attending Mass.

Be A Bingo Winner !!! Join fellow parishioners and friends this Wednesday December 11th at 1:30PM in the St. Mark School cafeteria for an afternoon of “Christmas Bingo”. The afternoon, hosted by the members of the Golden Age Society, is always fun... and provides the chance to win some special prizes. Admission is free. Any questions, please call Joan Belt at(718) 646-2176.



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.



School News

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Office of Faith Formation
Office Hours:
Phone: 718 769-6311
Sunday 9AM - 2PM
Wed. & Thurs. 9AM - 2PM

School News:

We have begun the second trimester of school and have just received our Report Cards.

Advent is here and we are busy preparing ourselves for the gift of Jesus.

Classroom are bustling with activity and we are also practicing for our Christmas pageant on Thursday evening December 19th.

WONDERS

The normal response to a surprise is amazement, gratitude, and delight. By definition, we don't anticipate surprises. Their occurrence reminds us that we cannot always guess or shape the future. Granted, we do what we can do; we attend to the daily tasks, as we must. For grace is surely here in the mundane, and God is in the details. But God is in the happy surprises, too.

Today's readings are filled with startling developments. We hear the clarion cry of one of those rare prophets announcing the coming of the Lord. Isaiah proclaims startling, surprising images of the nearly impossible reconciliation of opposites: calf and lion, leopard and young goat, child and serpent. Isaiah's vision sees all of these creatures living in harmony. This is Eden again; this is paradise. It is God's surprise and promise.



The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

!! 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.

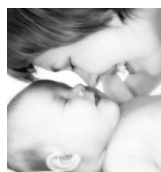
These forms must be returned by December 15th. Contact Ms. Pino for further information at 718-769-6311.

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.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION – Prayer Program
Progress Report – 8th Month**

“I like to listen to my Mommy’s voice!”



Your baby is becoming more aware and is capable of feeling and responding to painful stimulus. Amniotic fluid, incorrectly swallowed, causes hiccups. If your child was to be born prematurely, the lungs are so well developed at this point, the air sacs would not collapse outside the uterus, and he would be able to breathe properly. She hears so well, that she becomes familiar with mom’s voice and will be able to recognize it immediately after birth. Thank you for praying for your Spiritual Baby and may you all have a **Merry Christmas**.

Parish Christmas Cards

To coincide with our celebration of The Adoration of The Christ with Lessons and Carols and the unveiling of our Angel Tree December 8th, we will soon have available parish Christmas cards. 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. Please listen for the announcement as to when they will be ready for purchase.



Vocation Corner

Second Sunday of Advent- Dec 8, 2013

Are you called to be “A herald’s voice in the desert” preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated 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, 7,8	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, 14,15	Jennifer Falco Gianela Campos Katie Cash Brianna Cash	Jade Quiles Nimhan Randeiya Tiana Randeiya Allison Nicole Louie	Cassidy Andre Christine Andre Michael Frasca Syrina Ganpatt	Gregory Cleland Arthur Camacho Janissa Diaz Jasmine Diaz	Natalia Ozoemena Chloe Jobity Chris Donlan Deondre Thomas
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 @ Jade Quiles, 4.30pm Michael Frasca, Natalia Ozoemena, Cassidy Andre				
Dec, 25 Mid-night	Nimhan Randeiya, Tiana Randeiya, Chris Donlan, Gianela Campos, Gregory Cleland				