

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

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St. Margaret Mary Church
Ocean Ave. & Oriental Blvd.
Manhattan Beach NY

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 11:00 AM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM

Email:
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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*

In Residence: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*

Pastor Emeritus: *Rev. Msgr. Gerard J. Arella*

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 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:

Ms. Angela Scannapieco
Ms. Jacqueline Biagioni

St. Mark School:

Mrs. Carol Donnelly, Principal
Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

St. Mark Religious Education:

Ms. Jo Ann Pino

Youth Ministry Coordinator:

Mr. Michael Davis

St. Mark Choir:

Mr. Patrick Marvella, Director of Music

St. Vincent De Paul Society:

Mr. Tom Scalese, President
Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

Homebound Ministry:

Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

Ministers of Hospitality:

Mr. Tom Scalese

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist:

Mr. Edgar Perez, Coordinator

Lectors:

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

Rosary Society:

Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President

Mrs. Maria Mansuroglu, Vice President

Golden Age Society:

Joan Belt, President

Josephine Bonnano, Vice President

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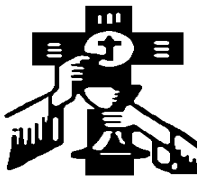
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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week



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St. Mark Church

Saturday, February 14

8:30 AM
5:00 PM Violet & Frank Maggi



Sunday, February 15

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Marie Profeta
11:00 AM Vincent Altomare
12:30 PM Maureen Flynn

Monday, February 16

8:30 AM Victor Perrotta (ann)

Tuesday, February 17

8:30 AM

Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM
10:00 AM Rose Romano
7:30 PM

Thursday, February 19

8:30 AM In honor of all Marines who fought at Iwo Jima

Friday February 20

8:30 AM Nicholas Panno (birthday)

Saturday, February 21

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving
5:00 PM Charles Rusinak

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, February 15

11:00 AM Edward Franznick Sr.



Wednesday, February 18

9:00 AM Lillian Clay

Sunday, February 22

11:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Chille & Cione Families

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.

FEBRUARY 15, 2015
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"BE MADE CLEAN"

As members of the Body of Christ, the Church, we are sometimes in need of renewing and cleansing, so we may be full contributing members.

Today's Readings:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm: 32:7
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Please pray for the sick:

Diane Camacho
who is in need of a kidney donor.

Please note:

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, Feb 16th in honor of Presidents' Day.

+ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH+

SCHEDULE:

St. Margaret Mary:

9:00 Mass with distribution of ashes

St. Mark:

Masses with distribution of ashes at 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm.

3:00 pm Prayer Service with distribution of ashes



Stations of the Cross at St. Mark every Friday during Lent at 9:00; immediately following the 8:30 Mass.

Stations of the Cross at St. Margaret Mary every Wednesday following the 9:00 Mass



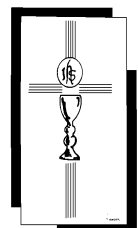
The bread and wine for this week are offered in memory of **Joan Radicella (Bonfonte)** requested by her daughters Lauren Radicella & Robin Radicella -Appierto.

Mass intentions are available for February 2015 *as early as next week* for both St. Mark & St. Margaret Mary.

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Gifts to honor a loved one; living or deceased, are available (candles, flowers or bread & wine).

Please contact the parish office for information.



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Pastor's Column February 14-15, 2015

"If you wish you can make me clean."

In my column last week I called Jesus the Divine Doctor because so much of his ministry involved healing. This weekend's Gospel reading is another story of healing as Jesus cures a man of leprosy. But for me, the focus this time is as much about the faith and disposition of the leper as it is about the healing power and compassion of Jesus.

We hear in our first reading from the Book of Leviticus how leprosy was considered such an awful disease that there were specific Mosaic laws to deal with it. Once declared unclean by the priest, "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard. He shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' [...] He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." Leprosy meant that a person was doomed to a life of loneliness, separation, isolation, and alienation from the community. The leper in our Gospel took a great risk even in approaching Jesus. First, the leper recognizes Jesus as Lord by kneeling down before him. Significantly, he does not tell Jesus what he wants; rather, he acknowledges what Jesus has the power to do if it be Jesus' will. The leper says, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus heals him saying, "I do will it. Be made clean" and sends him back into the community: "Go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

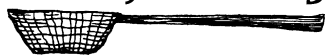
Notice how this follows the formula of the beautiful prayer that Jesus himself taught us, the Our Father. First we recognize God for who He is (Our Father who art in heaven), offer Him our worship and praise (hallowed be thy name), and pray that His will be accomplished (thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven), before making our requests (give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses) and being reconciled with God and one another (as we forgive those who trespass against us).

We should follow this formula in our prayer as well. We should have that same faith and disposition of the leper, the same faith and disposition of Jesus who in the garden of Gethsemane prayed: "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will" (Mark 14:36). This Wednesday, February 18th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy and penitential season of Lent. It is a special time for prayer, for acts of penance and self-denial in order to discipline ourselves to seek God's will rather than our own, and for performing works of charity to build up our community. And this Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 PM in the Lion's Den, we will have with us Jack Marie Smith, a layman from the Diocese of Scranton who has a special calling to prayer and ministry of healing. Come join us, and together let us pray, "Lord, if you wish, you can make us clean." Have a Blessed Lent.

– Fr. Bob

Sunday Collection:
February 1, 2015

Weekly Offering



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St. Mark

1st Collection: \$4,834.00
 2nd Collection: \$1,694.00
 Attendance: 662
 Envelopes Returned: 180
 Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$373.00
 2nd Collection: \$139.00

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125
 Amt. Pledged: \$75,927
 Amt. Paid: \$71,406
 # of Donors: 284
 % Participation: 94.05%

St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354
 Amt. Pledged: \$7,410
 Amt. Paid: \$7,410
 # of Donors: 22
 % Participation: 100.0%

Thanks Again!

Once again we would like to thank all the volunteers on the planning committee as well as all who attended Mardi Gras last weekend. It was a great success! A good time was had by all.

Join Mary Queen of Heaven Parishioners & Friends
 In a discussion with Fr. James Martin, SJ, best selling author of a number of books including "My Life with the Saints"
 Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015 at 7:30 PM
 Msgr. Jamie Parish Hall
 1326 E 57th Street between Avenues M & N
 (enter through parking lot on 56th St.)

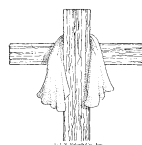
10th Annual Divine Mercy Conference
March 21, 2015
 9am—5:30 pm
 Cardinal Spellman HS, Bronx
 Registration \$60.00
www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx
 Or call 1-800-462-7426



FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE:

Brooklyn State Senator Marty Golden is announcing that he will again host the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, offering free tax preparation services to residents making less than \$30,000 annually. Appointments will be available at his office located at 7408 5th Ave on Sundays & Mondays, from Feb. 15th through April 13th. Sunday appointments will be scheduled from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, & Monday appointments will be scheduled from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Services are by appointment only—please call 718-238-6044.

Upcoming Events



Annual Lenten Day of Reflection:

Sponsored by the St. Mark Rosary and Golden Age Societies

Guest Speaker: Deacon Richard Gilligan
Saturday Feb. 28. 9:00 am Cost:\$20.00

The day will begin at 9 and include a light breakfast & lunch; the day will conclude with Reconciliation & Mass. Please make check payable to St. Mark Golden Age Society. To reserve your space call: Vicki Mollo: 718-645-0424, Joan Belt: 718-646-2176, or Kathy Fackovec: 718-934-7964.

Join us for an evening of prayer as we venerate the Missionary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe & listen to a talk by Jack Marie Smith.



Feb 19th
The Lion's Den
St Mark School

Veneration begins at 6:30.
 Talk & prayer at 7:00.

SAVE THE DATE:
APRIL 25, 2015



ST MARK & ST MARGARET MARY FAMILY PICNIC

Please plan on joining us on the feast of St. Mark for a day to celebrate families, at Nansen Park in Staten Island
 Transportation will be provided to and from the park.



A great day is planned for all.
 More details to follow!

If you would like to volunteer to work on the planning committee, please call the rectory office.

Camp Veritas 2015: Camp Veritas is a one week play-and-pray camp for teens going in to 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three locations this summer: July 19-25 at Mt. St. Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 26-Aug 1 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD, and Aug 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment is now open, & the price is \$400 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/15/15) are \$370. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.

School News

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We are winding down before our Winter Break, and hopefully there will be an end to the snow and ice. Thankfully we do not live in Boston!



On Friday, February 13th we celebrated Ring Day for our Eighth Graders. This is one of the many special events planned for our graduating class.

I am also proud to announce over \$68,000 in scholarship money has been offered to members of the Eighth Grade Class for entrance into the Catholic High Schools they have applied to.

Congratulations to the Class of 2015:

Omotayo Adeyeri, Joseph Alcena, Melvyn Bowry, Madelyn Enriquez, Marcus Fontaine, Michael Gibbons, Edwin Guillaume, Ry'Shawn Hearn, Philipps Joseph, Jolina Langaman, Josue Lenis, Giselle Machin, Eric Peterson, Nimhan Randeniya, Dahlia Raphael, Carlitos Rodriguez, Allison Ryan, Anna Smirnova, Nyeelah Thomas

Bishop Kearney is a Student Sponsor Partners (SSP) school. Students who apply and qualify for SSP will receive a scholarship to Bishop Kearney High School and the family would only pay \$800 per year plus school fees. Eligibility for SSP is determined by the families' income and priority is given to students from low income families who typically have a middle school GPA between 75-85.

Parents and students who are interested in SSP can find more information at StudentSupport@sspny.org and can apply for SSP at <http://www.psas.org/ssp.aspx>. If you have any questions you can call the Office of Admissions at (718)-236-6363, x255.

**NEXT MEETING:
FEB. 27TH**



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St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Monday 1PM - 5PM

Wed. & Thurs. 9AM-2PM

718-769-6311

On Sunday February 22, at 9:45am, the Boy Scouts will be giving a brief introduction about the Boy Scouts to our religious education group in the cafeteria before classes begin.

RCIA News: The Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming will be celebrated at the 5 pm Mass on Feb 21st. Candidates Zaith Camejo & Sandra Teh (2015), Arthur Asel, Kathleen Gerrity & Julian Cleland (2016), all previously baptized, are preparing for Confirmation & Eucharist; and Sabrina Raco (2015), Christopher Manzon, & Gregory Talyzin (2016) are preparing for reception of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist bringing them into full communion in the Catholic Church.

The Rite of Acceptance into the order of catechumens is a public rite celebrated in the RCIA. Our adults will publicly declare their intention to continue their journey toward full initiation in the Catholic Church on Saturday, February 21 at the 5:00 mass. *The Rite of Sending* will be held on February 22 at the 11:00 mass. This Rite sends the catechumens and candidates to be received by the Bishop and the community, and is being held this year at Bishop Ford High School. This Rite is a testimony of their faithfulness to this process. They will walk forward into a new life with Christ and now be ready to come into full communion with the Catholic community. Each will sign the book of elect and this will seal their covenant with God. The Bishop also signs the book receiving them into the family of Christ. They are now called the "elect" – elected to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The Scrutinies:

Sunday, March 8 - 9:30 am Mass

Sunday, March 15 - 12:30 pm Mass

Sunday, March 22 - 11:00 am Mass



SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 21, 2015

ST. MARK SCHOOL

21ST ANNUAL CARD PARTY

"CASINO ROYALE"

For tickets: Carol Donnelly: 718-332-9304

or Michael Davis: 347-574-1828

\$25.00 per person-lunch included

Doors open at 11:00 am.

