

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

Phone: 718-891-3100
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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:
stmarkrccboklyn@aol.com
Website:
www.stmarkbrooklyn.org

ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor: *Rev. Robert V. Mucci*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Ebenezer K. Abban*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*

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

In Residence: *Rev. Joseph P. Quigley*

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 Group:

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:

Mrs. Joan Belt, President

Ms. Josephine Bonnano, Vice President

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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week



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St. Mark Church

Saturday, Feb 20
5:00 PM Rose Libretti

Sunday, Feb 21
8:00 AM Dorothy London
9:30 AM The People of the Parish
11:00 AM Paula Weber
12:30 PM Mark Bolus

Monday, Feb 22 The Chair of St Peter
8:30 AM In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Feb 23
8:30 AM Eleanor Stanish

Wednesday, Feb 24
8:30 AM Nicholas Panno (ann.)

Thursday, Feb 25
8:30 AM Eleanor Stanish

Friday, Feb 26
8:30 AM Victor Perrotta (birthday)

Saturday, Feb 27
8:30 AM Healing for Helen Nastro
5:00 PM Anthony Vincent Moratto, Jr.



FEBRUARY 21, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Too often, after Advent and Christmas are over, we forget that God is with us in Jesus. That presence shines forth in glory once again in today's readings.

Master, it is good that we are here



Today's Readings:
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm 27:1a
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

Please pray for the sick:
Lucy Montanaro-Piccolo, Mary Scholz, Fr. Joseph Quigley, Maria Calise, Rachel Marin, Antonia Galli, Linda DeFrancesco, Georgette Scalse, Joseph John Buccheri, Sally Frances Buccheri, & Diane Camacho
who is in need of a kidney donor.
718-284-0704

The Stations of the Cross
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Wednesdays during Lent at St. Margaret Mary after 9:00 am Mass.
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Fridays during Lent at St. Mark after 8:30 am Mass.



St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, Feb 21
11:00 AM Lillian Clay

Wednesday, Feb 24
9:00 AM Fr. Walter Mitchell

Sunday, Feb 28
11:00 AM Edward Franznick, Sr.




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.

VESPERS
LENTEN VESPERS
FEB 23-25 7:00 PM
Presentations by Jim Ryan
The focus of these evenings will be to work on our human side; to free ourselves of cares and troubles so that we may be open to receive more fully God's Grace during the Holy Season of Lent.

Topics for the presentations will be:
8 Characteristics of Happy People (Feb 23)
Managing Thought, The Key to Experiencing God's Love (Feb 24)
Start to Live Heaven on Earth (Feb.25)



 Gifts to honor a loved one; living or deceased, are available (bread & wine, candles or flowers).
Please contact the parish office for information.

There are Mass dates available in February and March for both St. Mark and St. Margaret Mary.

Pastor's Column February 20-21, 2016

They Saw His Glory

I have to admit it has been quite a while since I have gone out to see a movie. I used to love going to the movies, but I think I fell out of the habit during the six years I spent in Rome. Today, with cable TV, DVD players, Netflix, and the big screen in our Lion's Den, there is no compelling reason for me to go out to a theater. While the grand movie theaters seem to be making a bit of a comeback, we don't have many in the neighborhood like we used to. Back when I was young, the screens were huge, the seats were comfortable; some of the theaters even had a big stage, a balcony and an organ for music. Today the theaters are all divided, the screens are smaller, the candy bars are smaller; the only thing that is bigger is the price of a ticket. In order to get you to keep coming back, the theaters show coming attractions or previews for other films. These previews offer a brief glimpse into the best, most exciting parts of the movie in order to spark your interest and get you excited and make you willing to pay the price to come to the theater to see the film.

Our Gospel story this weekend, the Transfiguration of Jesus, is very much like a coming attraction or a movie preview. This story happens at a very important time in Jesus' life and ministry. Jesus had just told his disciples that he would have to suffer greatly, be rejected by the leaders of the Jewish people, and ultimately be put to death before rising on the third day. You can imagine how devastated his followers must have felt. They were expecting Jesus to be their Savior who would bring about a great victory for them. And to make matters worse, Jesus then told them that anyone who followed him would have suffer like him. He said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." That's a pretty steep price to pay.

So to show them that following him is worth the cost, Jesus took his closest friends, Peter, James and John, up the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, Jesus was transformed before their eyes and they were given a preview of who Jesus really is and a vision of his glory that was to come. St. Luke tells us "his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white," and "they saw his glory." Having seen this vision of Jesus' glory, Peter, James and John were strengthened in their faith and were better able to face the tough times ahead of them and were willing to pay the price of being a follower of Jesus.

Once the preview gets us into the theater, a good movie makes us think and transforms us in some way. In the Church we call this transformation conversion, and the season of Lent is a time of conversion. We are given this holy season of Lent as a time to help discipline ourselves, to turn away from sin and turn back to God and more fully become that person God has created us to be by letting ourselves be transformed by God's love and mercy. The cost of following Jesus in our secular and often unbelieving and hostile world is very high. But like Peter, James and John in the Gospel, we too are given a preview of Jesus' glory every time we come to Mass to hear the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist. And by receiving the body and blood of our risen Lord in Holy Communion we are transformed as Jesus, in the words of St. Paul in our second reading, changes "our lowly body to conform to his glorified body" so we can one day share his glory in heaven.

– Fr. Bob

Sunday Collection: February 14, 2016

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$2,549.00

2nd Collection: \$849.00

Attendance: 352

Envelopes Returned: 110

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$239.00

2nd Collection: \$96.00

Attendance: 36

Envelopes Returned: 9



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Upcoming Events

St. Vincent De Paul Monthly Food Collection Feb 20 & 21



We are collecting canned & dry non perishable items (please check expiration dates).

Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted. Thank you for your continued support!

The St. Vincent de Paul Group is *unable* to accept any clothing donations until further notice.

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE

State senator Marty Golden 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 district office located at 7408 5th Avenue on Sundays & Mondays from Feb.21 through April 11.

Services will be provided by appointment only & can be scheduled by calling Senator Golden's district office at 718-238-6044.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT MARCH 4th



FREE ADMISSION

Tickets available starting Feb 13th after Masses or at the rectory

Sponsored by Youth Ministry.

24 Hours for the Lord & the "Vigil to Dry Tears" March 4 & 5, 2016

Cathedral Basilica of St. James
250 Cathedral Place Brooklyn, 11201

*All are invited to partake in this
Diocesan Family Celebration*

March 4

7:00 PM Evening Prayer

7:30-10:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration
(Confessions available)

9:00-10:00 PM Praise & Worship Music

March 5

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 am Family Rosary with Scripture reflections

10:30—11:00 Am Works of Mercy Prayer Service

11:00— 12:00 PM Confessions

12:00 Pm Mass—Most Reverend Octavio Cisneros,
Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, celebrant

Year of Mercy Lenten Retreat Day sponsored by the Golden Age & Rosary Societies

Saturday March 12th 9am –3pm
\$20 donation



Fr. Stephen Saffron will lead a day of reflection and prayer. For more information and reservations:

Vicki Mollo: 718-645-0424

Joan Belt: 718-646-2176

Kathy Fackovec: 917-517-4260

Eleventh Annual Divine Mercy Conference April 16, 2016

Cardinal Spellman HS Bronx NY

The featured speaker will be

Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC

For information and registration:

TheDivineMercy.org/bronx

800-462-7426



www.facebook.com/stmarkchurchbrooklyn

Camp Veritas 2016: a one week play-and pray summer camp for teens going into 7-12th grade. It will be held at 3 locations: July 24-30 at Mt. St. Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 31-Aug 6 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD; & Aug 14-20 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY.

Enrollment open 1/1/16, the price for each week is \$400 per camper. Early bird rates are \$370 for all sites. More details & enrollment forms for campers & volunteers (18 & over) can be found at

www.campveritas.com.

School News

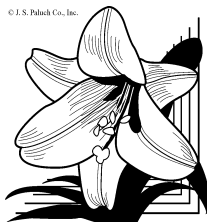
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Winter Break



Youth Easter Art Contest

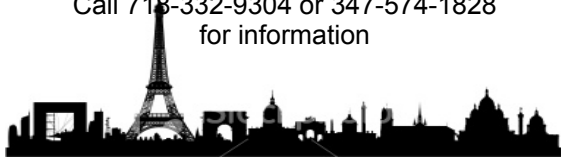
Students in grades 1-12, residing or studying in Brooklyn or Queens are invited to prepare for Easter this year by participating in the annual art contest organized by The Tablet Newspaper and sponsored by the Archbishop John Hughes Knights of Columbus. The theme for the contest is Christ is Risen. Full details are available at: thetablet.org/easter-art-contest or call: 718-517-3101



St. Mark Catholic Academy
22nd Annual Card Party

April in Paris

Saturday, April 16, 2016
\$25.00 Tickets on sale now!
Call 718-332-9304 or 347-574-1828
for information



St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Monday: 1:00-5:00
Wednesday: 9:00-2:00
Thursday: 9:00-2:00
718-769-6311

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:

The *Scrutinies* are rites for self-searching and repentance and have a spiritual purpose. They are celebrated on Sundays and reinforced by the rite of exorcism in which the elect are free from the effects of sin and the influence of the devil. The *Scrutinies* are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect, and to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. These rites complete the conversion of the elect. They inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ.

The following is the schedule:

1st Scrutiny - Sunday, Feb. 28 12:30 pm Mass
2nd Scrutiny - Sunday, Mar 6 12:30 pm Mass
3rd Scrutiny - Sunday, Mar 13 11:00 am Mass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES:

Sunday, February 28: Communion Proximate Preparation III gathering for parents and children in the school cafeteria.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PRACTICES IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday, March 2: 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 3: 4:00 - 5:30 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, March 5

Please be in the church at 10:45 am.
After reconciliation there will be a sale of communion items in the school.

PRESENTATION OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Sunday, March 6 at the 11:00 am Mass

The children will be presented to the parish community and they will be given a Bible.

SAVE THE DATE:
NEXT MEETING
FEB. 26TH



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