



**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  
Rev. Walter A. Mitchell

## St. Mark R.C. Parish

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**St. Mark Church**

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**St. Mark School:**

Mrs. Carol Donnelly, Principal (718) 332-9304  
Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

**St. Mark Religious Education:**

Ms. Jo Ann Pino (718) 769-6311

**St. Vincent De Paul Society:**

Tom Scalse, President (718) 891-0443  
Jean Hogan, Vice President

**Homebound Ministry:**

Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator (718) 332-2663

**Ministers of Hospitality:**

Tom Scalse (718) 891-3100

**Extraordinary Ministries  
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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](http://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



Feb 1 – Feb 8

## Saturday, February 1

5:00PM Gloria M. Guzman (Birthday Remembrance)

## Sunday, February 2

8:00AM For the Intentions of Fr. Turczany  
9:30AM Florence Levins  
11:00AM For the people of the parish  
12:30PM Gary Pandrella

## Monday, February 3

8:30 AM Joan Teehan

## Tuesday, February 4

8:30AM Gary Pandrella

## Wednesday, February 5

8:30AM Florence Arnold (20 Anniversary)

## Thursday, February 6

8:30AM Carmelo Mule

## Friday, February 7

8:30AM Joseph Ni Castro  
12PM-3PM Eucharist Adoration

## Saturday, February 8

8:30AM Ralph Dingas



**St. Blaise**  
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*Solemn Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament*  
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## Weekly Offering

### Sunday Collection

#### St. Mark

January 26, 2013

1st Collection: \$ 3,317  
2nd Collection: \$ 1,136  
Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$7,531  
Attendance: 573  
Envelopes Returned: 154  
Envelopes Mailed Out: 763

#### St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$288  
2nd Collection: \$121  
Attendance: 38  
Envelopes Returned: 13

### 2013 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. St. Mark has now reached and exceeded our goal .

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

## St. Margaret Mary Church



### Sunday, February 2

11:00AM Edward Franznick Jr.

### Wednesday, February 5

9:00AM For the sick of the parish

### Sunday, February 9

11:00AM For the living and deceased families of Chille family.

**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:

The Body & Blood will be offered in memory of Gary Pandrella. Req by Fina & Paul Agnello

## Purgatorial Society

Theresa Quaranta  
Larry Mc Mahon

## Pray for the Sick

Marilynn Heath                      Joseph Cumella  
Lucy Tagliaferro                    Anna Maria Vozzo  
Diane Bridgwood                    Joseph Rankin



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## The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2014

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.

—Hebrews 2:17a

## The Week Ahead

Monday, February 3rd - St. Blaise

Blessing of the throats during 8:30AM Mass.

Sunday, February 9th - World Marriage Day

Blessing to all couples during weekend Masses.



Pastor's Column February 1 – 2, 2014

### The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

In our liturgy this weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast commemorates the presentation which Mary and Joseph made of the child Jesus in the Temple, “just as it is written in the law of the Lord” (Luke 2:23). This feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world as recognized by Simeon who prophesized: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32). And not coincidentally, it is also the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, which was instituted by Blessed Pope John Paul II in 1997. He said, “The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple is an eloquent icon of the total offering of one’s life for all those who are called to show forth in the Church and in the world, by means of the evangelical counsels ‘the characteristic features of Jesus – the chaste, poor and obedient one’” (*Vita Consecrata* 1).

The evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty, and obedience are at the heart of Consecrated Life, which is described in Canon Law in the following manner: “There are members of the Christian faithful from both these groups (the clergy and the laity) who, through the profession of the evangelical counsels by means of vows or other sacred bonds recognized and sanctioned by the Church, are consecrated to God in their own special way and contribute to the salvific mission of the Church” (Can. 207 §2). “The life consecrated through the profession of the evangelical counsels is a stable form of living by which the faithful, following Christ more closely under the action of the Holy Spirit, are totally dedicated to God who is loved most of all, so that, having been dedicated by a new and special title to His honor, to the building up of the Church, and to the salvation of the world, they strive for the perfection of charity in the service of the kingdom of God and, having been made an outstanding sign in the Church, foretell the heavenly glory” (Can. 573 §1).

Consecrated life is a gift of God the Father to His Church through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit blows where He wills, and the variety of His gifts and charisms has given rise to many different forms of Consecrated Life, from the great Religious Orders like the Franciscans, Dominicans, Benedictines, Carmelites and the Jesuits, to newer Religious Communities like the Missionaries of Charity and the Sisters for Life, to Secular Institutes like the Apostolic Oblates who like leaven in the dough seek to sanctify the world from within, to individuals such as Consecrated Virgins who commit themselves to serving the Church while remaining in the world and Hermits who bear witness to the passing nature of this present age by their inward and outward separation from the world.

In her *Autobiography*, St. Teresa asked herself, “What would become of the world if there were no religious?” I am most grateful to all the religious who educated me and fostered my vocation to the Priesthood: the Sisters of St. Joseph who taught me at St. Athanasius grammar school, the Xaverian Brothers who taught me at Xaverian High School, and the Jesuits who taught me at the Gregorian University in Rome. Let us all thank God for His great gift of Consecrated Life and pray that more men and women answer His call.

#### *Prayer for Consecrated Persons*

*God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



## **School News**

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### **School News:**

Over the past year we have put a great deal of time and effort into improving technology in our school. We are proud to announce the following additions:

**Upgrade of five computers for teacher use in classrooms**

**Two new SMARTBoard projectors and Interactive Whiteboards for classrooms**

**Soon we will be opening our:**

**New Student Learning Center** – with thirty new computers our “Computer Lab” has been upgraded. This center will be the heart of our technology instructional program. This will be where our students will use technology to complete in-class related assignments, special research projects and learn necessary computer applications.

**AND**

**Early Childhood Technology Room** – located near our Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms, where our youngest students can use computers with educational software and internet access for learning fun.

All this has been made possible because of our parents, students, supporters and sponsors of our First Walk-a-Thon sponsored by the Home School Association. The funds generated from this event along with school savings are directly responsible for “What’s New!”

A special thank you to those who “behind the scenes” have faithfully helped in planning, purchasing, and integrating these technological advancements here at Saint Mark School:

Mr. Carlo Costanzo, school parent; Dr. Yuriy Safarov, technology coordinator; and Mr. George Donnelly, Business Manager. Over the years they have devoted countless hours to our student technology program.

We are also planning to purchase two additional SMART Boards and Interactive Whiteboards to replace the two most senior projectors in our classrooms in the near future.



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**

### **THE ROLE OF A SPONSOR**

A sponsor is a witness to those, adult or child, preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, and to those entering into full initiation of Christian life through the RCIA process. Through these sacraments the candidates and elect are strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, made a true witness of Christ in word and deed, and invited more deeply into the life of the Church.

The sponsor’s most significant role is to be a role model of such witness and unifying love. Sponsors are needed for adults who are becoming fully initiated Catholics and for children who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. In order to be a sponsor, one must be a practicing Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation - which are known as the Sacraments of Initiation.

**A sponsor has to be 16 years of age or older.**

A parent cannot be a sponsor for their own child. If you are interested in being a sponsor for someone who does not have one, please contact Ms. Pino at 718-769-6311 for further details.

### **Come to the Party**



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### **Parish Mardi Gras Party!**

**Saturday, March 1st - 6:30PM to 10:00PM**

**See flier and make your reservation now.**



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Parish Secretary: Ms. Anselma Lopez



**Living Christ's Suffering,  
Death and Resurrection  
Parish Mission Renewal  
With Fr. Richard Hart, OFM  
March 16 - 20 at 7:00PM**

**Sunday, March 16, 7 PM  
Why do I have to Suffer?**

Followed by video, dialogue and refreshments  
in the school cafeteria.

**Monday, March 17, 7 PM  
Why is it hard to let go?**

Followed by video, dialogue and refreshments  
in the school cafeteria.

**Tuesday, March 18, 7 PM  
What are the obstacles to hope?**

Followed by video, dialogue and refreshments  
in the school cafeteria.

**Wednesday, March 19, 7 PM  
Why do we need to confess?**

Followed by the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation



**Thursday, March 20, 7 PM.**

**Mass - Needed to Strengthen Us**

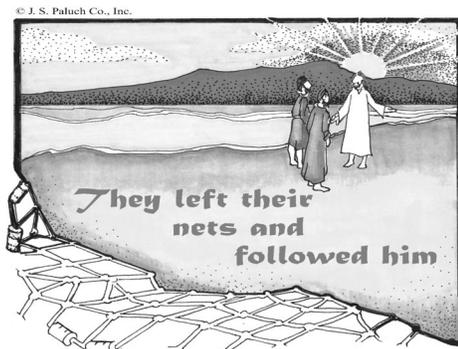
Closing Mass followed by fellowship and  
refreshments in the school cafeteria.

**Opportunities for young Men to learn more  
about the Priesthood**

Project Andrew-- Sunday, February 9th  
Bishop's Vocation Retreat--March 7th --9th  
See Fr. Bob for more information.

**Attention Young Adults**

Pope Francis tells us that we are all called to serve and bring hope to one another. Do you have questions about your direction in life? Do you feel a need for something greater in your life? If so, please join us for **CALLED TO SERVE: A Day of Discovery and Discernment on Sunday, March 30 from 12:30 to 4:30 PM at St. James Cathedral.** Discover the various ways you can live a fulfilling and joy filled life. Find out how you can answer God's call with your gifts, and how to use them to make your light shine a little brighter in our world. The afternoon is for single young adults (ages 20-35) and will include Praise & Worship music, Discussion and Reflection on today's issues, Refreshments, Eucharistic Adoration, and Commissioning. Please RSVP on Facebook ("Vocations Brooklyn Diocese") or contact the Vocation Office at vocations@diobrook.org or 718-827-2454.



**Vocation Corner  
Third Sunday in Ordinary  
Time February 2, 201**

"Reform your lives! The Kingdom of heaven is at hand." Are you being call to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priests, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)