

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:
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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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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week



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St. Mark Church

Saturday, January 10

8:30 AM Nicole Heck
5:00 PM Alejandro Diaz



Sunday, January 11

8:00 AM Intentions of Jerson Vargas
9:30 AM Theresa Balzafiore
11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi
12:30 PM For the People of the Parish

Monday, January 12

8:30 AM Rosanna Iaiella

Tuesday, January 13

8:30 AM John Crivellone (birthday)

Wednesday, January 14

8:30 AM Giovanna, Stefano & Giuseppe Capizzi

Thursday, January 15

8:30 AM Pete Kunik (birthday)

Friday January 16

8:30 AM Peter Filosa

Saturday, January 17

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

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, January 11

11:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy & Doris
McDonaugh



Wednesday, January 14

9:00 AM Violet Santa Barbara

Sunday, January 18

11:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Ilio & Vita Cardinale

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.

JANUARY 11, 2015
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“SHARING IN CHRIST’S WORK”

As his own baptism propelled him to his work in the world, our baptism into Christ gives us a share in that work today.

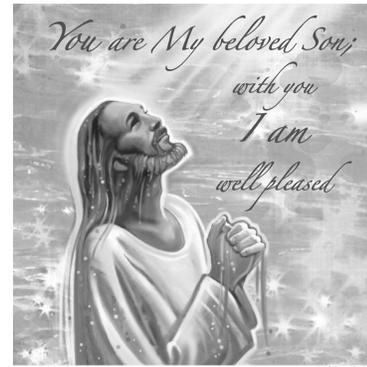
Today’s Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-11

Psalm Response: Isaiah 12:3

1 John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11



Please pray for the sick:
Diane Camacho
who is in need of a kidney transplant.
Eugene Chrzanowski
Rose Dingas

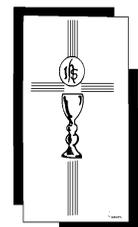
A NOTE OF GRATITUDE:

Thank you to the St. Mark Rosary Society for the donation of \$3,500.00 (\$2,900 directly from the raffle sales, plus an additional \$600) to help defray the cost of the Adoration of the Christ display.

St. Margaret Mary would like to extend a special thank you to Toni Danner for her donation of the outdoor Christmas decorations in memory of her mother.
God Bless All of You!

Mass intentions are available for January 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 January 10-11, 2015

Beloved Sons and Daughters

This weekend our celebration of the Christmas season draws to a close with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Soon our Adoration of the Christ display and all our Christmas trees will come down, our nativity set will be packed up and stored for another year, and all the beautiful poinsettia plants which adorn our church will be given away. On Monday and for most of the next six or so weeks before beginning the season of Lent, the priest will celebrate Mass wearing the familiar green of Ordinary Time. The name "Ordinary Time" is a bit misleading, because there is nothing really ordinary about it. The Universal Norms to the Roman Missal state: "Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remain in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, particularly on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time." And the fullness of the mystery of Christ may be summed up in that voice from the heavens at Jesus' baptism which we hear in our Gospel reading this weekend: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Jesus did not need to be baptized like we need to be baptized. Jesus had no sin to be forgiven, original or otherwise. He already was, from all eternity, the beloved Son of God. The Spirit, which descended upon Him like a dove, was always one with Him from before the beginning of time. But Jesus left his home and hidden life at Nazareth behind and came to the Jordan River to be baptized by John at the beginning of his public ministry for all of us for whom baptism is necessary. Not only does he set an example for us, Jesus also reveals what happens to us at our baptism. As John the Baptist proclaimed, Jesus, the one mightier than he who was to come, baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. Although we may not see any doves flying around the church above the font, at the moment of our baptism the Holy Spirit truly does descend upon us and begin the life of God in us, our eternal life, the life that never ends. And while we may not audibly hear any voice from heaven with our ears, deep in our faith-filled hearts the Father says to each one of us when we are baptized, "You are my beloved son;" or "you are my beloved daughter; with you I am well pleased."

Jesus is God's beloved Son by His nature. By virtue of our baptism, we become beloved sons and daughters of God by adoption, and beloved brothers and sisters in Christ of one another. As we pray in our third Eucharistic Prayer we become a family, summoned together by God each Sunday to share a meal, the Body and Blood of God's Only Begotten Son which makes us one body and one Spirit in Christ. So let Ordinary Time begin. As beloved sons and daughters, we know that even Ordinary Time is very special.

– Fr. Bob

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

January 4, 2015

1st Collection: \$4,535.50

2nd Collection: \$140.00

(miscellaneous)

Attendance: 626

Envelopes Returned: 198

Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$534.00

Attendance: 37

Envelopes Returned: 26

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125

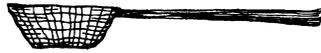
Amt. Pledged: \$75,627

Amt. Paid: \$67,186

of Donors: 280

% Participation: 33.53%

Weekly Offering



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St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354

Amt. Pledged: \$7,190

Amt. Paid: \$7,190

of Donors: 19

% Participation: 20.21%



VIDEO PRESENTATION:

"Mark's Gospel: On Stage"
with Max McLean

Tues, Jan 20th 7pm and

Wed, Jan 21st at 2 pm (in conjunction with the
Golden Age Society meeting)

THANK YOU!

The members and recipients of the St. Vincent de Paul Society express our heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of St. Mark & St Margaret Mary for your generosity this holiday from giving gifts for the giving tree to your donations for our monthly food drive. A special thanks goes out to Ralph DeFilippo of John's Meat Market at 2667 Coney Island Ave. for his donation of a cooked roast beef. All we needed to do was add hot gravy; making it a much welcomed meal for the people we serve.

Helpful Information:

Foreclosures in South Brooklyn have tripled since super storm Sandy in October 2012. Neighborhood Housing Service (NHS), offers free, HUD certified foreclosure intervention counseling for homeowners who are behind in their mortgage. Low interest emergency repair loans, homeowner & flood insurance policy checkups & referrals to credit counselling & legal services are available. Contact Laura McKenna, Program Coordinator, at 718-469-4679, x1215 or Laura_Mckenna@NHSNYC.org or visit www.nhsnyc.org for information

Upcoming Events

National Prayer Service: Christian believers & their pastors from numerous denominations along with many pro life leaders will gather for the 21st Annual National Memorial for the Pre-Born & their Mothers & Fathers, on Jan.22 at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC from 8:30-10:30 am. This will be the premier prayer event marking the tragic commemoration of Roe vs. Wade. We will gather in repentance & grief, but also in hope-filled, joyful determination & unity to bring an end to abortion once & for all. For more information go to **NationalPrayerService.com**.

The 42nd Annual March for Life in Washington DC will take place on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015. Free roundtrip bus transportation will be provided by the diocesan Office of Government affairs. To reserve your seat, please contact Liz Purnell at 718-499-9705 during business hours by Jan 20.

The GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY invites and welcomes all parishioners and friends to the Wednesday, January 21st special program on the Gospel of St. Mark. Coffee and cake will also be provided; so please join us in the school cafeteria that afternoon at 1:30 pm. The afternoon promises to be very special!



Mardi Gras

Pot Luck Supper

Feb. 7, 2015

To volunteer or for more information,
please call the rectory.

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 & 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.

School News

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January will be exciting since we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month. We have many events planned and more information will follow over the next few weeks. Catholic Schools Week is an annual observance that celebrates our pride in the quality of education and faith formation nurtured in Catholic Schools. This year our theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education.



First, Catholic schools are communities - small families - members of the larger community of home, church, city and the nation. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

We invite you to come and join us.
Important dates will be listed soon!

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

FEB. 13-15 (Friday dinner to Sunday 1pm)

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May Point, NJ 08212

609-884-3829 or www.capeamaymarianists.org

This weekend is for young adults (age 22-35) married or single who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, coworkers & others.

There will be time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing, & socials as well as free time to explore Cape May & Cape May Point

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.



St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith

Formation

Office Hours:

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Monday 1PM - 5PM

Wed. & Thurs. 9AM-2PM

THANK YOU to our parents, children and young adults who participated in the dramatization of the Gospel at the Christmas Eve Family Mass. Our children and young adults did an excellent job.

Christmas is forever, not for just one day; for loving, sharing and giving are not to be put away like bells, lights and ornaments in some box on a shelf. May the Spirit of Christmas stay with you throughout the year bringing peace, hope and love.



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Something to think about during this new year:

As the three kings brought gifts to Jesus, our Savior, we can offer gifts. We can pledge our devotion to him. We can take time to pray each day and offer up the crosses we bear each day. This will help alleviate some of the stresses we encounter daily and make us stronger.

Try it, it works.

THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING ON JAN. 23RD. NEXT MEETING: FEB. 6TH



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