

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
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Rev. Walter A. Mitchell

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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:

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Tom Scalse, President (718) 891-0443
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Homebound Ministry:

Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator (718) 332-2663

Ministers of Hospitality:

Tom Scalse (718) 891-3100

**Extraordinary Ministries
of Holy Communion:**

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 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.

“With God all things are possible”

Mass Intentions



for the week

Jan 11 – Jan 18

Saturday, January 11

5:00PM Daniel Wolfe

Sunday, January 12

8:00AM For the people of the parish

9:30AM Nicola Dinnoli & Carlo Dinnoli

11:00AM Andre Mise Francois

12:30PM Laura, Sally & Joseph Puglia

Monday, January 13

8:30 AM John Crivellone

Tuesday, January 14

8:30AM Joseph Linarello

Wednesday, January 15

8:30AM Pete Kunik (Birthday Remembrance)

Thursday, January 16

8:30AM Anna Rose Mupio (1 Anniversary)

Friday, January 17

8:30AM Anthony Mc Glone

Saturday, January 18

8:30AM Chavelo Zanabria



St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, January 11

11:00AM Edward Franznick Jr.

Wednesday, January 15

9:00AM Violet Santa Barbara

Sunday, January 19

11:00AM Gerard Gagliardi

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:

*Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Justin T. Giusti
Req. by Mon and Brother*

Purgatorial Society

Theresa Quaranta

Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

January 5, 2013

1st Collection: \$ 3,683

2nd Collection:\$3,809 Solemnity of Mary

Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$7,531.00

Attendance: 600

Envelopes Returned: 179

Envelopes Mailed Out: 763

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$ 149

2nd Collection:\$379 Solemnity of Mary

Attendance: 10

Envelopes Returned: 8

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

Are you interested in joining one of our ministries?

The Diocese of Brooklyn will be holding a training workshop for those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality on April 26, 2014 at Bishop Ford High School. The workshop also includes training for High School Students who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. To find out what these ministries entail, please speak to one of our coordinators: Ron Brigando (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion), Stephanie Rizzo (Lectors), or Tom Scalese (Ministers of Hospitality). If interested in attending the workshop, please see Father Bob.

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2014

A voice came from the heaven, saying, "This is my beloved

Son, with whom I am very pleased."

—Matthew 3:17





Pastor's Column January 11-12, 2014



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas and completes the revelation of the identity of Jesus: At his birth on Christmas, Jesus is revealed as the Messiah or Christ to Israel; in the visit of the Magi on the Feast of the Lord's Epiphany, Jesus is revealed as the Christ to the Gentiles; and with His Baptism, Jesus is revealed as the Beloved Son of God the Father, and the Trinitarian nature of God as Father, Son, and Spirit is also made known.

At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without ever sinning. So why did Jesus need to be baptized?

The fact of the matter is that Jesus had no need to be baptized. He was baptized for us! He was baptized so that we might know who He truly is, God's Son by nature, as well as whom we are created to be, God's sons and daughters by adoption. Jesus descended into the Jordan River to be baptized by John in order to sanctify and confer upon the water the power of the Sacrament of Baptism to take away sins and beget sons and daughters of God. In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of John the Baptist, Christ provided a powerful example for all of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this great sacrament which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into His Body, the Church.

Baptism is the most important of all the sacraments because it is the gateway to the rest of the sacraments. Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism is one of the most enjoyable things I get to do as a Priest. I love telling the parents and godparents that just as the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His Baptism, so does God's Spirit come upon and dwell within their child or godchild from the day of their Baptism. And although we may not audibly hear His voice, I am sure God looks down from heaven, smiles, and says, "This is my beloved son or daughter, with whom I am well pleased." My brothers and sisters, the day of our Baptism is, in a very real sense, the first day of the rest of our eternal life. Let's never take it for granted. Fr. Bob

Pray for the Sick

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| Marilynn Heath | Joseph Cumella |
| Lucy Tagliaferro | Anna Maria Vozzo |
| Diane Bridgwood | Diane Bridgwood |
| Joan Springhoffs | |

Available Mass intentions for the month of January:
Weekday: January 29th, 30th at 8:30AM
Weekends: January 19th at 8:00AM

Fontbonne Hall Academy

At the end of the First Trimester, School, the following students who graduated from Saint Mark School or are members of our parish have achieved honors at Fontbonne Hall Academy.

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| Nikki Knauer | 12th Grade | Principal's List |
| Caitlyn Ecock | 11th Grade | Principal's List |
| Tara Mulddon | 12th Grade | First Honors |

Congratulations, and keep up the good work.



Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Phone: 718 769-6311

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Monday 1PM - 5PM

Wed. & Thurs. 9AM - 2PM

School News:

Happy New Year!!!!

Our students have had a very busy Christmas Season.

The Fourth Graders are very proud to announce that they have shared their kindness by donating to Heifer International, an organization that donates animals to poor countries. The students along with their teacher, Ms. Daly, purchased a flock of sheep, a colony of bees and a gaggle of geese to help those less fortunate become more self-sufficient.

Our Guiding Light Program along with their parent leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Cleland and Ms. Cruz and the students and families of St. Mark School donated two large sacks of toys to the pediatric patients at Coney Island Hospital.

The thoughtfulness and generosity of all helped to brighten the Christmas season and bring holiday cheer to children in our community.

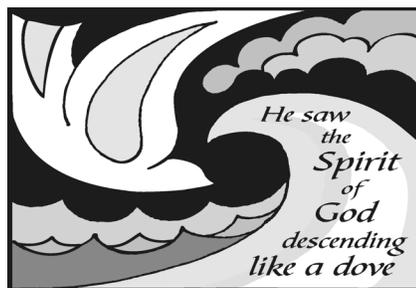
CALLED TO SERVE

The status of God's beloved Son is not one he clings to. It is one he shares. All of us are called to be sons and daughters of God. In Jesus, we can all claim God's favor.

The second reading makes this clear. Here we read of the baptism of Cornelius and his household. Peter's speech recalls the anointing of Jesus by the Holy Spirit and the great power that swept through Israel and onto the doorstep of the Gentile Cornelius.

As for his household, so for us. There is an end to our work on earth, to our baptismal vocation and the honorable work we do. But there is no end to the saving life given to us through baptism. There is no end to the life of the children of God; there is no end to God's compassion, which we know in Christ Jesus. There is no end to our status as chosen and beloved people of God.

Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forever among those on whom God's favor rests.



FOOD COLLECTION

January 18th & 19th 2014

Make a Difference. Please Help Stop Hunger in Our Community, Give What You Can. Thank You for your continued Support. St Vincent De Paul Society will be collecting Dry Foods, Hygiene items and Money. God Bless you



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary

Friday: St. Anthony

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Am I called to be a Deacon?

The Diocese of Brooklyn is beginning the admissions process for Diaconate Formation with the hope that a new class will begin in September 2014. The Diaconate Formation Office has scheduled a new set of Inquiry Sessions during January and February for men who are interested in finding out more about the admission process to the Diaconate Formation. Some questions that will be addressed during these presentations include: What is a deacon? How do I become a deacon? How do my wife, family, parish and friends fit in? What does it mean to be "called?" What can I expect once I am ordained?

All inquirers (men applying to enter into diaconate formation) must be between 35 and 60 years old and be fully initiated members of the Latin Catholic Church (i.e., baptized, confirmed and have received Holy Communion). Further, all men who have participated in the RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) and have received full initiation into the Catholic Church must wait at least five years before applying for the diaconate. All married inquirers should be part of a stable and loving canonically valid Catholic marriage for no less than five years before making their application. All single men who seek entry into diaconal formation must remain celibate throughout their formation process and for the rest of their lives. For further information, please make an appointment to see Father Bob.



Vocation Corner The Baptism of our Lord-- January 12, 2014

Celebrate our common vocation of Baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or as deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of 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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SPIRITUAL ADOPTION Prayer Program 9th Month



We've reached the end of our nine month journey. Your baby is ready to be born. The bones in his head are soft and flexible for delivery. He is completely formed and will probably weigh between 6-9 pounds and be approximately 20-22 inches in length. As he/she has already gone through many progressive, overlapping stages of growth and development in the womb, this child now continues life as in infant, then baby, child, adolescent, adult and senior citizen. These are just stages of life, given different names, but that does not change the fact that life began at conception. Like you and me, this baby needs loving care and time.

Your child is truly unique. No other human being, past, present or future, has been or will be exactly like him/her. You are wonderful for praying for your spiritual baby. Have a wonder year.