



**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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Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

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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:**

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**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](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 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 25 – Feb 1

**Saturday, January 25**

5:00PM Luigi Cioffi (2 Anniversary)

**Sunday, January 26**

8:00AM Linda Ogwudire

9:30AM For the People of the parish

11:00AM Mark Bolus

12:30PM Purgatorial Society

**Monday, January 27**

8:30 John Di Bernardi

**Tuesday, January 28**

8:30AM Germaine Nadia Vincent

**Wednesday, January 29**

8:30AM Thomas Lombardi (Birthday)

**Thursday, January 30**

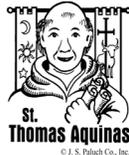
8:30AM Tracey & Brenin Hogan

**Friday, January 31**

8:30AM Anna Pickering (50 Anniversary)

**Saturday, February 1**

8:30AM Avonte Oquendo



## Weekly Offering

### Sunday Collection

#### St. Mark

January 19, 2013

1st Collection: \$ 4,662

2nd Collection:\$1,819

Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$7,531.00

Attendance: 555

Envelopes Returned: 203

Envelopes Mailed Out: 763

#### St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$416

2nd Collection:\$122

Attendance: 44

Envelopes Returned: 18

### 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, January 26**

11:00AM Florence Gagliardi

**Wednesday, January 29**

9:00AM For the people of the parish

**Sunday, February 2**

11:00AM Edward Franznick Sr.

## **Mass Intentions**



### **Available**

**Mass intentions for the month of February**

**Weekdays: Wed 5, Thu 6, Fri 7, Wed 12, Mon 17, Tue 18, Fri 21, Wed 26, Thu 27**

**Weekends: Sat 15, 8:30AM Sat 22, 8:30AM**

**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:**

*Candles Memorials*

*Altar Bread*

*Sacramental Wine*

*Flower Memorials*



## **Purgatorial Society**

Theresa Quaranta

## **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 26, 2014**

Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord

—Psalm 27:14

Pastor's Column January 25 - 26, 2014

**The call to be a fisher of men**



My brothers and sisters, our Gospel this weekend gives us St. Matthew's account of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. After announcing that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, the first thing Jesus did was to call four simple fishermen to come after Him and become fishers of men. They were not men of great scholarship, or influence, or wealth, or social background. They were not poor; they were ordinary, working class people. So Simon Peter and his brother Andrew left their nets, James and his brother John left their boat and their father Zebedee, and they followed Jesus. And ever since that day Jesus has continued to call certain men to leave their families, friends, and occupations and to follow Him unreservedly and share in His Priesthood.

But while the call of Jesus may be just as prevalent and as strong as ever, since He no longer physically walks the earth that call can be more difficult to hear or recognize. His call can be drowned out by the noise of our society and the lies it propagates in its fallen state. People often worry that celibacy is unnatural or unhealthy and leads to loneliness or that not having children will leave a person unfulfilled. But as a person who answered the call to Priesthood later in life and walked away from a prestigious high paying job that I loved, I can honestly say that there is nothing that compares to the feeling of peace and fulfillment that comes when your life is in sync with God's plan for it. And while I may never have my own biological children, my life is filled with many spiritual children who bring me great joy.

To hear Christ's call requires spending time with Jesus in prayer under the direction and guidance of a spiritual director and other people appointed by the Church as teachers and formators in a process called discernment. A vocation to priesthood is a gift given by God not just for the personal benefit of the individual, but for the good of His Church. And so by design the discernment process is long and deliberate, and involves the free consent of the person being called, as well as the affirmation and confirmation of the Bishop through the assistance of his representatives in the process.

To become a priest requires a four year college degree in Philosophy, or for those who have already completed college, two years of formation and Philosophy studies in a College or Minor Seminary, followed by four years of formation and the study of Theology in a Major Seminary. There is academic formation, apostolic formation, spiritual formation, and, the most important according to Blessed Pope John Paul II, human formation. Each year the candidate goes through an evaluation process to make sure both he and the seminary faculty are still comfortable that he is being called to serve Our Lord and His Church as a priest.

My brothers and sisters, vocations are a sign of a healthy, vibrant parish. We are all responsible for encouraging and nurturing vocations through our prayers and our affirmation and support for those are considering, or perhaps should be considering, a vocation to the priesthood. If you know of anyone who may fit the bill, do not be afraid to speak to them or give their name to me. Fr. Bob



**Pray for the Sick**

Marilynn Heath  
Lucy Tagliaferro  
Diane Bridgwood  
Joan Springhoffs

Joseph Cumella  
Anna Maria Vozzo  
Joseph Rankin



**CARRY THE LOAD**

The chief thing is to take the burden on one's shoulders. As you press forward, it soon shakes down and the load is evenly distributed.

**Save the Date!**

Parish Mardi Gras Party Saturday  
Evening March 1st, watch for more  
details in future bulletins.

**Come to the  
Party**



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# School News

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## School News:

Saint Mark School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday** – School Mass celebrating our mission of Faith, Education and Service at 8:30 a.m.

Junior High Math Bee at 10:00 am Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Graders will compete and show off their knowledge of math.

**Tuesday** – The Great Read...school wide activities celebrating the love of reading

**Wednesday** – Student Appreciation Day – Pancake Breakfast

**Thursday** – Science and Social Studies Fair

**Friday** – Teacher Appreciation Day, First Grade Play – “Wintertuk”, Faculty vs. Eighth Grade Volleyball Game.

Each and every day is OPEN HOUSE...  
VISITORS WELCOME TO LEARN ABOUT  
OUR SCHOOL...JOIN US AS WE  
CELEBRATE.

In the words of our students - WHAT MAKES  
SAINT MARK SCHOOL SO SPECIAL TO  
ME...

“Saint Mark School is special to me because I like to learn about Jesus. I like my job as prayer leader. I like when my teacher reads stories to us. I love Saint Mark’s class trips.” Priya, Grade 1A

“For the short time that I have been in St. Mark School I consider it a blessing. There are many things that make our school so special. One thing is love. I feel that each student is treated as special. Another thing is family. As soon as you walk through the main doors you are shown respect and love like a member of a family. The teachers and everyone in the school are nice and caring. At the end of the day I am proud to say that I go to Saint Mark School.” LeighAnn, Grade 8



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

## DIVISION

It is a situation that plays itself out in more and less significant ways: Christians divided.

A CYO basketball game between two neighboring parishes. Parents of the young players scream insults and threats at one another and assert their “superiority.”

A Protestant and a Catholic church sit on adjoining properties. Each is vigilant about having parking violators removed from its own “private” parking lot.

An old pastor retires but continues to reside at the parish. A new pastor arrives and quickly finds his faith “community” choosing sides against him.

Saint Paul addresses similar disagreements in the early church at Corinth. He encourages the church there to make up their differences and to be united again in their belief and practice.

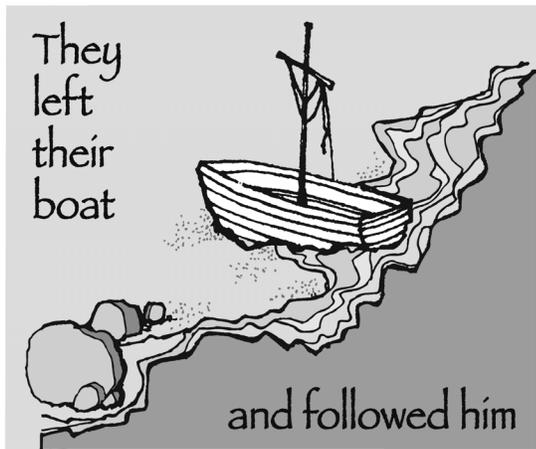
Today’s first reading from Isaiah speaks of a people weighed down by the yoke of sin and darkness. Certainly the bickering and differences among us can be classified as such. The Gospel tells of the beginning ministry of Jesus. The Light has come, encouraging us to “repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”



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### 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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org) or 718-827-2454.



### Vocation Corner Second Sunday in Ordinary time January 26, 2014

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

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Parish Secretary: Ms. Anselma Lopez



### Calling All Accountants! Catholic Accounting Guild Looking For New Members

For over 65 years the Catholic Accountants' Guild of the Diocese of Brooklyn has been promoting Catholic principles by inspiring and maintaining among its members high standards of religious and ethical ideals and practices, making its members better Catholics in the daily practice of their profession. The Guild membership is composed of practicing Catholics who meet one or more of the following requirements:

- 1) Hold a college degree with a major in accounting
- 2) Have at least three years' experience as an accounting, auditing or financial executive (CPA's, Enrolled Agents & Registered Tax Prepare

The Guild presently meets three times a year in October, January/February and in May. We also offer three college graduate awards each year. For more information or to become a member please e-mail [cagdiobrook@gmail.com](mailto:cagdiobrook@gmail.com).

### Bishop DiMarzio's Annual Vocation Retreat

Attention young men (ages 17-45): Have you ever considered the possibility that God may be calling you to be a priest? If so, please consider attending Bishop DiMarzio's Annual Vocation Retreat from Friday, March 7 to Sunday, March 9, 2014.

For more information or to register, please speak with Fr. Bob or contact the Vocation Office at [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org) or (718) 827-2454 or visit our website: [www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/bishops-vocation-retreat](http://www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/bishops-vocation-retreat).



### **HEART**

In prayer it is better to have a heart with out words than words without a heart.