



**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

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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

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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 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

*“With God all things are possible”*

# Mass Intentions for the week



Mar 15 – Mar 15

**Saturday, March 15**

5:00PM Violet Maggi

**Sunday, March 16**

8:00AM For the people of the Parish

9:30AM Stephen Coyle (Anniversary)

11:00AM Rilla Marzulo (1 Anniversary)

12:30PM Rita Leone

**Monday, March 17**

8:30 AM Signe Egeland

**Tuesday, March 18**

8:30AM Teresa Pisani (Birthday Remembrance)

**Wednesday, March 19**

8:30AM St. Joseph-Take My Intentions to Jesus

**Thursday, March 20**

8:30AM Bless my Birthday & Intentions

**Friday, March 21**

8:30AM Ida Terjeson

**Saturday, March 22**

8:30AM David Peña

5:00PM David Peña



## St. Margaret Mary Church

**Sunday, March 16**

11:00AM Anna Franznick

**Wednesday, March 19**

9:00AM Stella Santa Barbara

**Sunday, March 23**

11:00AM Michelle Volpicelli

**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—St Joseph Statue in remembrance for Christina and John Di Bernardi Req. By Family*

### Purgatorial Society

Theresa Quaranta

Joan Bonfonte

Larry Mc Mahon

### Pray for the Sick

Marilynn Heath

Rose Gargiulo

Lucy Tagliaferro

Joseph Cumella

Diane Bridgewood

Anna Maria Vozzo

Sovik Badalyon

Prudy Gozo

Michael Dannucci

Ronald Brigando

## Weekly Offering

### Sunday Collection

#### St. Mark

**March 9, 2014**

1st Collection: \$ 4,637.50

2nd Collection: \$ 1,299 Black and Indian

Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$7,531

Attendance: 743

Envelopes Returned: 214

Envelopes Mailed Out: 763

#### St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$ 335

2nd Collection:\$ 73

Attendance: 49

Envelopes Returned: 15

### 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal is under way.

Our Diocesan goals for St. Mark and St. Margaret Mary remain the same as last year.

#### St. Mark Pledges:

Goal:\$ 40,125

Amount Pledged:\$

Amount Paid:\$

#### St. Margaret Mary

Goal:\$ 2,354

Amount Pledged:\$

Amount Paid:\$

## Welcome Fr. Richard Hart, OFM, Cap., Preacher

We are honored to have with us this week Father Richard Hart. Father Hart is a Capuchin Franciscan from Wilwaukee, Wisconsin. He will be preaching our Mission Renewal at St. Mark Church from Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00PM each evening. The theme of this year's Mission is *Living Christ's Suffering, Death and Resurrection.*

Before being appointed head of the Capuchin Mission Band of Preachers, Father Hart taught in the major seminary and spent two years at Mount Alverno Retreat Center in Appleton, WI. He has traveled extensively conducting parish renewals in the United States, Canada and Australia. He has also written several books on preaching parish missions. Father Hart was last here two years ago and was very well received. We are pleased to welcome him back.





## When We Give We Share the Light of Faith

At last weekend's Masses, I announced the beginning of the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal. The theme of this year's Appeal, *When We Give We Share the Light of Faith*, is based on the first encyclical letter issued by Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei: The Light of Faith*. As stewards of God's good gifts, we are called to bring the light of faith by means of our time, talent and treasure as a blessing to the world around us. This year's Annual Catholic Appeal theme challenges us to be the light of the world by sharing our faith, commitment and generosity.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an opportunity for each of us to unite in faith as a Catholic Community, and to answer the needs of those most vulnerable through essential ministries and services. The Appeal provides the financial support for the educational, human, pastoral, and spiritual needs of all of us in the Diocese of Brooklyn. And because the Diocese is made up of parishes like St. Mark and St. Margaret Mary, and parishioners like all of you, all the money that is donated to the Appeal comes back to us in some way. For example, the assistance that many parishioners of St. Mark and St. Margaret Mary received in Super Storm Sandy relief from Catholic Charities was made possible by the Appeal. Scholarship Assistance to the families of children attending St. Mark School comes from the Appeal. The Appeal provides support for retired priests of the Diocese like our Pastor Emeritus, Msgr. Arella.

The largest component of the Appeal goes towards Vocation Support, another necessary service that is near and dear to my heart as a recently ordained priest. My six years of Theology and Canon Law studies in Rome were funded by generous donations to the Catholic Appeal by people like you, as was the education of Father Stephen Saffron who recently served here at this parish. One of our altar servers who is currently a senior in high school has been thinking about the Priesthood. How great would it be if our gifts to the Appeal could help support his priestly formation?

Besides the benefits that parishes receive indirectly through the Annual Catholic Appeal, remember that every dollar given to the Appeal in excess of the parish goal comes back to us 100%. This year's goals remain the same for our parishes: \$40,125 for St. Mark and \$2,354 for St. Margaret Mary. Last year, between the two parishes, we received roughly \$10,000 back from the Appeal. This year I would like to challenge us to double that amount. I have a number of projects in mind to put those funds to good use: new vestments to enhance our liturgies, wood framed, glass enclosed bulletin boards to keep our churches neat and organized, and some additional outdoor Christmas decorations to raise our profile in our neighborhoods. I am sure you have some ideas as well. I know this sounds ambitious, but our potential to enrich our parishes and grow our community is boundless if we all work together. While our participation ratio of 30% last year was decent and somewhat better than the diocesan average, I know we are more than an average parish, and I would like to see us get that number up near the 50% mark achieved by the top parishes in the diocese. So in this holy season of Lent in which we should increase our acts of prayer, penance and charity, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal and give as much as your conscience dictates and your means allows. Thank you. Fr. Bob

### A Swinging Sunday Afternoon -Big Band Era Music

M.A.S. Swing 15 piece big band will perform songs from The Great American Songbook which includes Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Benny Goodman — 2PM to 5PM on Sunday, March 23 at St. Mark School (2602 East 19 Street, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn). Admission \$30.00 per person—includes a luncheon buffet. For reservations contact Marie Stack 917-841-1617.

### Lenten Day of Reflection and Prayer -

Sponsored by the Rosary Society and Golden Age Society - Saturday, March 29, 2014. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Danny Champoli. Our day of prayer will begin at 9 am and will include a light breakfast, lunch and will end in Church with Confession and Mass. The cost for the day is \$20. Please join us for this beautiful day of prayer. If you like to join us call Joan 718-646-2176 or Kathy 718-934-7964.

## **School News**

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### School News:

We are hopeful that spring is on the way!

Students will be receiving their Report Cards on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our Third and Fourth Grade students are each preparing an assembly presentation. The Third Graders presentation is about famous leaders of the Civil Rights Movement and our Fourth Graders will be reciting their favorite poems as they present "A Poem in My Pocket".

Our new Technology Center is filled with activity as students are working on special assignments from their teachers. Our youngest students also have their own "Technology Center For Early Education". It is amazing to see them at work and play.

Our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Card Party — "A Tropical Paradise" is on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on joining us for fun, food and friendship and the opportunity to win some truly great prizes!

**The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary** celebration will take place on Saturday, **April 26, 2014** at St. James Cathedral located at 250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will begin at 11:00AM and Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will be the main Celebrant.

**All Couples married in 1989 or before** are invited to attend with their families. All registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and those couples attendance will have their picture taken with the Bishop. There will be light refreshments following Mass. The fee is \$35 per person couple. To register, please contact the Rectory Office (718) 891-3100.



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

### RCIA

Congratulations to our Catechumen, Matlida who was presented to Bishop Nicholas Di Marzio on Sunday, March 9 at the Rite of Election. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues her journey leading up to the reception of all her sacraments at the Easter Vigil on April 19.

### Sacrament of Confirmation -Reminders

The Rite of Affirmation to be celebrated on Sunday, March 30, 2014 at 11:00 am Mass

### Upcoming practices for Confirmation

All practices are held in the church from 4:00-5:30 pm

**Monday, March 31, Thursday, April 3**

**Monday, April 7, Thursday, April 10**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, April 12, at 11:00am

### **Mass Intentions**



### **Available**

**Mass intention for the Month of March are**  
**Weekdays: Fri. 21, Fri. 28, Sat. 29 (8:30am)**



**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.**

**Spiritual Adoption Prayer Program -**  
St. Mark Parish will have the kickoff for the  
2014 Program on the weekend of Mar. 22/23.  
We will pass out the enrollment/prayer cards  
for completion in Church.

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**Christ is Risen:  
Student Easter Art Contest**

For Students in grades 1-12  
Deadline: April 16

Sponsored by: The Tablet/  
Knights of Columbus

Details: [thetablet.org/contest](http://thetablet.org/contest)

For more info: (718) 517-3132 or  
[azielinska@diobrook.org](mailto:azielinska@diobrook.org)



**Stations of the Cross**

**St. Mark:** We will have the Stations of  
the Cross every Friday of Lent at  
9:00AM. Please come and join us in  
prayer. Everyone is welcome.



**St. Margaret Mary:** Please come and join us after  
the 9:00AM Mass each Wednesday of Lent for  
Stations of the Cross. Everyone is welcome.



**Vocation Corner  
Second Sunday of Lent  
March 16, 2014**

“God has called us with a holy  
calling...according to His own purpose and grace.”  
If you think 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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)