

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*

Parochial Vicar: *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 Group:

Mr. Tom Scalese, President

Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

Homebound Ministry:

Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

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Mr. Tom Scalese

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Mr. Edgar Perez, Coordinator

Lectors:

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions  **for the week**
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St. Mark Church

Saturday, March 21

8:30 AM Nel Carter
 5:00 PM Frank & Violet Maggi



Sunday, March 22

8:00 AM Francesco Cipriani
 9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Stephen Coyle
 12:30 PM Joseph Scodotto (birthday)

Monday, March 23

8:30 AM Salvatore Mollo (birthday)

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 AM Maria Pasquarosa (birthday)

Wednesday, March 25 The Annunciation

8:00 AM Nicholas Panno
 10:00 AM Edward & Fedele Rizzo (birthdays)

Thursday, March 26

8:30 AM Perotta & Mona Families

Friday March 27

8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 28

8:30 AM Cory Monteith
 5:00 PM Living & Deceased Members
 of the Godwin Family

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, March 22

11:00 AM Stella Santa Barbara



Wednesday, March 25

9:00 AM Living & Deceased
 Members of the Chille & Ciione Families

Sunday, March 29

11:00 AM Michelle Volpicelli

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.

MARCH 22, 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"AWAKE! ARISE!"

We use the term "rising" for getting out of bed in the morning, and for what we believe will happen to us on the last day. The Resurrection calls us to other "awakenings" in daily living as well.

Today's Readings:


Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm: 130:7

ROMANS 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

Please pray for the sick:
Carol Danaher, Sal Comodo,
& Diane Camacho
who is in need of a kidney donor.
 718-284-0704

 **The Stations of the Cross** © J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.
At St. Mark every Friday during Lent at 9:00; immediately following the 8:30 Mass.
At St. Margaret Mary every Wednesday during Lent following the 9:00 Mass.

The candles at the St Joseph altar for the week of March 15th through the 22nd were donated ***In memory of Christine & John DiBernardi requested by their family.***
 Hosts for the week of March 21st to the 27th were donated for ***Maryann Eidt for successful surgery by Stephanie Rizzo.***
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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.**
There are open dates for Mass intentions as early as next week for St. Mark & St. Margaret Mary.
If you would like to make a special donation toward the cost of items for use during the celebration of Easter, please consider the following:
Congregation candles for use during the Easter vigil, or **holy water bottles** for distribution to all our parishioners. Donations to defray the cost of the above items will be listed in our bulletin after Easter.

Pastor's Column March 21-22, 2015
"The Circle of Life or The Love of God "

"Circle of Life" is the opening song from Disney's 1994 animated film *The Lion King*. Composed by Elton John with lyrics by Tim Rice , "Circle of Life" was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Song in 1994, along with two other songs from *The Lion King*: "Hakuna Matata" and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" which won the award. The song's beautiful lyrics point towards a reality which lies beyond our existence in this life, but falls short of fully grasping its significance: " From the day we arrive on the planet and blinking, step into the sun, there's more to see than can ever be seen, more to do than can ever be done. There's far too much to take in here, more to find than can ever be found. But the sun rolling high through the sapphire sky keeps great and small on the endless round. It's the Circle of Life, and it moves us all, through despair and hope, through faith and love, till we find our place on the path unwinding in the Circle, the Circle of Life."

For those of us who believe, it is not the Circle of Life but the Love of God which moves us all, through despair and hope, through faith and love, till we find our place on the path unwinding on our journey back to God. Our faith teaches us that, while there is a cyclical nature to death and life as the barrenness of winter gives way to new life each spring, we have been created for a definitive purpose, an end. And that final goal or destination is to one day be fully united with God for all eternity in heaven. Our secular society would have you believe that we can have it all in this life. But while we can find hints and glimpses of beauty, of truth and of love in this world, our desires will never be fully satisfied until we see God who is the ultimate beauty and truth and love face to face in the world to come.

In the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent in Year B, Jesus uses the example of the grain of wheat which must fall into the ground and die in order to produce much fruit. He says, "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be." In the optional Year A Gospel reading for use with the RCIA "Third Scrutiny" we hear the story of Lazarus whom Jesus raises from death back to life. Jesus promises, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." And a little later in John's Gospel, Jesus, in his discourse with the Apostles at the Last Supper tells Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

As we prepare for this last leg of our Lenten journey when we will hail Christ as Son of David, our Messiah and King next weekend in our Palm Sunday liturgy only to shout "Crucify him!" less than a week later in our celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, let's keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Remember, as that opening song from the Lion King says, "There's far too much to take in here, more to find than can ever be found." Don't seek your fulfillment in the things of this life; rather, follow Jesus to your eternal reward in the next.

– Fr. Bob



Sunday Collection:
March 15, 2015

Weekly Offering



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St. Mark

1st Collection: \$4,323.50
2nd Collection: \$1,470.00
Attendance: 672
Envelopes Returned: 202
Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$365.00
2nd Collection: \$72.00
Attendance: 41
Envelopes Returned: 17

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125
Amt. Pledged: \$75,927
Amt. Paid: \$71,406
of Donors: 284

St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354
Amt. Pledged: \$7,410
Amt. Paid: \$7,410
of Donors: 22

The St. Vincent de Paul monthly food collection will take place at all of the Masses **THIS WEEKEND.**

We are accepting non perishable canned goods and dry items. (Please check the expiration dates.) Financial donations are always appreciated. Once again, thank you to all our parishioners for your outstanding, continued support.

NOW IS THE TIME!

Back by popular demand, our prayers and the grace of God, Jack Marie Smith, a layman of the Diocese of Scranton who is a visionary and a man of deep prayer with a ministry of healing, will return to St Mark on Thursday, March 26th.

Details of his visit are still being worked out. Listen to the announcements this weekend or call the rectory for further information.

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.

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE:
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

3455 Victory Blvd.

Staten Island, NY 10314

Transportation will be provided to and from the park.

Cost: \$30 adults, \$15 children—Kids under 6 FREE.

Continental breakfast, picnic style lunch, soda and water all included. Beer & wine available for purchase.

DJ Music & dancing, plus many sports, & activities.

A great day is planned for all.

Please call the rectory to make your reservation.

Youth Easter Art Contest

Students in grades 1-12, living or studying in Brooklyn or Queens are invited to prepare for Easter this year by participating in the annual Christ is Risen Art Contest organized by The Tablet Newspaper & sponsored by the Archbishop John Hughes Knights of Columbus.

For details: thetablet.org/Christ-is-risen-2015 or call Antonia Zielinska at 718-517-3132.

DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL PEACE
UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University is a life-changing nine-week program on personal finance. It is designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt and build wealth. The classes are taught by Dave Ramsey and the Financial Peace University teaching team on video. During the nine-week course the class will meet to watch the video lesson and participate in discussion groups that will change your whole attitude about money. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever.

Please join us for our **FPU** class, which will be held Tuesday nights from April 14th to June 9th at 7:00-8:30pm in St. Mark School. Registration takes place at: daveramsey.com/fpu/classfinder. The cost is \$93, which includes the membership kit (with books, CDs, envelope system, access to resources on **FPU** website) and a lifetime family membership.



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School News


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This past week our students received their Second Trimester Report Cards. What great progress they have made.

On Monday, March 16th our youngest students had an in-class field trip. The Science Guy came to visit and the children met many different animals to complement their study of animals and their habitats.

Chinchillas, snakes and even hissing Madagascar cockroaches were among some of the visitors.

Thanks to all who joined us for our 21st Annual Card Party. A good time was had by all. I hope many of you were winners!!!



HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE FOR ST. MARK & ST. MARGARET MARY

MARCH 28-29 PALM SUNDAY
Regular Weekend Schedule

MARCH 30: RECONCILIATION MONDAY
3:00 PM to 9:00 PM Confessions (St. Mark)
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM (St. Margaret Mary)

APRIL 2: HOLY THURSDAY
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Walk for Peace
3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross (St. Mark)

APRIL 4: HOLY SATURDAY
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

APRIL 5: EASTER SUNDAY
Regular Sunday schedule.



St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Monday 1PM - 5PM

Wed. & Thurs. 9AM-2PM

718-769-6311

RCIA NEWS:

The *Scrutinies* are rites for self-searching and repentance and have a spiritual purpose. They are celebrated on Sundays and reinforced by the rite of exorcism in which the elect are free from the effects of sin and the influence of the devil. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect, and to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. These rites complete the conversion of the elect. They inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ.



Sunday, March 22

11:00 am Mass

Our Good Friday walk for peace takes place on April 3 at 10am. We will begin in front of St. Mark Church. The stations of the Cross will be recited between St. Mark and Emmons Avenue and back. The walk will conclude with a soup and bread lunch in the school cafeteria. All parishioners are invited to participate. Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul, Religious Education and St. Mark School.

THE WALK IS MANDATORY FOR CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

RCIA – Let us pray for Sabriana Raco, and Sandra Teh as they are approaching their final steps in becoming fully initiated Catholics at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4.

REMINDER: Saturday, April 4 @ 2:00pm practice in church for RCIA adults.

NEXT FAMILY MOVIE

Saturday, April 11th 6:30 PM



*****NOW SHOWING*****

"The Rookie"

Free Admission!

Please pick up a ticket after Mass or at the rectory during the week. Pizza & soft drinks will be available for sale at a nominal price.

**SAVE THE DATE:
NEXT MEETING:
MARCH 27TH**



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