

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:**  
**stmarkrcbbklyn@aol.com**  
**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](http://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:** 718-891-3100

Ms. Angela Scannapieco

Ms. Jacqueline Biagioni

**St. Mark School:** 718-332-9304

Mrs. Carol Donnelly, Principal

Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

**St. Mark Religious Education:** 718-769-6311

Ms. Jo Ann Pino

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Mr. Michael Davis 347-574-1828

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Mr. Patrick Marvella, Director of Music

**St. Vincent De Paul Group:** 718-891-0443

Mr. Tom Scalese, President

Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

**Homebound Ministry:** 718-332-2663

Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

**Ministers of Hospitality:** 718-891-3100

Mr. Tom Scalese

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347-659-4350

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Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

**Rosary Society:**

Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President 718-934-7964

Mrs. Maria Mansuroglu, Vice President 718-332-3843

**Golden Age Society:**

Mrs. Joan Belt, President 718-646-2176

Ms. Josephine Bonnano, Vice President 718-934-2650

*"With God all things are possible"*

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



**Saturday, May 9**

5:00 PM Elvira Sofia

**Sunday, May 10**

8:00 AM The People of the Parish  
 9:30 AM Gloria M. Guzman  
 11:00 AM John S. Lancos (birthday)  
 12:30 PM Alexandra Danner

**Monday, May 11**

8:30 Vicenta Romero

**Tuesday, May 12**

8:30 AM Mary Cisyk (ann.)

**Wednesday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima**

8:30 AM Victor & Mildred Mucci  
 12:45 PM Deceased Members of  
 The Golden Age Society  
 7:30 PM Grace & Theodore Mucci

**Thursday, May 14 Ascension of the Lord**

8:00 AM Martin, Signe & Irene Egeland  
 10:00 AM Lucy Carta

**Friday May 15**

8:30 AM Pete Kunik (ann.)

**Saturday, May 16**

8:30 AM Dr. Adolph Bartoli  
 5:00 PM Frank & Violet Maggi

**St. Margaret Mary Church**



**Sunday May 10**

11:00 AM Teresa & Frank Vitanza.

**Wednesday, May 13**

9:00 AM Pauline Chiarello

**Sunday, May 17**

11:00 AM Robert Bradford Stewart

**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.

**MAY 10, 2015**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**


“LITTLE CHILDREN, LOVE ONE ANOTHER”  
 Simple to say, yet difficult to live—the heart of the disciple’s life is to love one another, as Christ first loved us

**Today’s Readings:**

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48  
 Psalm 98:2b  
 1 John 4:7-10  
 John 15:9-17



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

 **THURSDAY, MAY 14TH  
 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**MASSES: MAY 13TH 7:30 PM  
 MAY 14TH 8:00 & 10:00 AM**

*Candles at the Blessed Mother altar this week  
 are offered in memory of  
 Anna Pozzuoli.  
 Requested by The Mitchell Family*  
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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, & later this year for St. Margaret Mary.**



Pastor's Column May 9-10, 2015

### **“A Mother's Love**

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day, and our readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter give us the image of a God who loves us not only as a Father, but also with a Mother's love. In the second reading from his first letter, St. John tells us: “God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.” Just as our mothers, cooperating with God's creative love give us the gift of life, so too does God, through the gift of His Only Begotten Son Jesus, give a share in His own divine life.

The great fourteenth century mystic Juliana of Norwich picks up on this theme in her book *Revelations of Divine Love* where she says, “It is a characteristic of God to overcome evil with good. Jesus Christ therefore, who himself overcame evil with good, is our true Mother. We received our ‘Being’ from Him - and this is where His Maternity starts. And with it comes the gentle Protection and Guard of Love which will never ceases to surround us. Just as God is our Father, so God is also our Mother. And He showed me this truth in all things, but especially in those sweet words when He says: *“It is I,”* as if to say, *“I am the power and the Goodness of the Father, I am the Wisdom of the Mother, I am the Light and the Grace which is blessed love, I am the Trinity, I am the Unity, I am the supreme Goodness of all kind of things, I am the One who makes you love, I am the One who makes you desire, I am the never-ending fulfilment of all true desires.”*

In our gospel reading, we hear how Jesus said to his disciples the night before he would give up his life for them: “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.” I can picture my own dearly departed mother, whom I still miss so much even though she has been gone for more than thirty-three years, saying pretty much the same thing. Just as a mother delights in her children, so does God delight in us. And just as a mother has compassion for her children, so does God have mercy and compassion on us. At an Angelus early in his pontificate Pope Francis compared God's love to motherly love. “The Lord feels compassion for us, like a mother does for her children,” he said. Our Holy Father continued: “This “compassion” is God's love for man, it is mercy, thus the attitude of God in contact with human misery, with our destitution, our suffering, our anguish. The biblical term “compassion” recalls a mother's womb. The mother in fact reacts in a way all her own in confronting the pain of her children. It is in this way, according to Scripture, that God loves us.”

For those of us who struggle with the image of God as Mother, not to worry! God gives us His own Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be ours as well and to be the visible image of the divine motherly love. This month of May is dedicated to Mary. Last Sunday our Rosary Society and our First Communion children crowned the statue of Our Lady, and this week our school children will do the same. As Pope Francis exhorts us: “Let us turn to the Virgin Mary: her Immaculate Heart, a mother's heart, has fully shared in the ‘compassion’ of God, especially in the hour of the passion and death of Jesus. May Mary help us to be mild, humble and merciful with our brothers and sisters. ”

Happy Mother's Day! - - Fr. Bob



## Sunday Collection:

April 26, 2015

### St. Mark

1st Collection: \$2,516.00  
2nd Collection: \$1,890.00  
Attendance: 674  
Envelopes Returned: 189

### St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$324.00  
2nd Collection: \$134.00  
Attendance: 45  
Envelopes Returned: 17



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#### A Prayer for Mothers:

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for our mothers to whom you have entrusted the care of every human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with you in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to know the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear and for all your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in time of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers you have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others—of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in your image and likeness.

We beseech you to send your Holy Spirit, the Comforter to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children. We ask your blessing on all those to whom you have entrusted motherhood. May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self giving love.

May all mothers receive your grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in your presence in the life to come. We ask this through Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## Upcoming Events

### St. Mark Rosary Society Events: Annual Ascension Thursday Dinner

May 14th 6:00 PM

Pizza D'Amore Restaurant

2147 Mill Ave.

\$45.00 per person

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Communion Breakfast

Sunday, May 31st after 9:30 Mass

St. Mark School Gym

Adults: \$25. Children under 12: \$15.

All are invited!

For information about either of these events, contact

Kathy Fackovec at 718-934-7964

### St. Brendan Parish Annual Card Party

Friday May 15, 2015 7:30 PM (Parish Hall)

\$25.00 per person includes food, coffee, cake

Contact St Brendan Rectory Office:

718-339-2828 to purchase tickets.

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

May 16 & 17

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.



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### Biking for Vocations

The Dioceses of Brooklyn, New York & Rockville Centre are joining forces to promote vocations across 11 states on a 29 day biking pilgrimage. Three seminarians from the

Cathedral Seminary House of Formation, Fr. Marc

Swartvagher of Brooklyn & Fr. Joe Fitzgerald of

Rockville Centre will begin their 1400 mile pilgrimage in

St Augustine, FL on Sunday May 17 & conclude in Rockville Centre on June 14. There will be a special Mass

for vocations & our pilgrims as they pass through Brooklyn on Saturday June 13 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph at 5 pm. Bishop Cisneros will be the main celebrant and all are

invited to attend. For more info or to follow the pilgrims trip log on to [www.biking4vocations.org](http://www.biking4vocations.org)



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# School News

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Many exciting activities are planned as we are approaching the end of the school year.

On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> the school children will be at the 8:30 a.m. mass to honor the Blessed Mother at our annual May Crowning. Our Second Graders who just received their First Holy Communion will have the honor of crowning Mary.



Our Eighth Graders are busy preparing to receive Confirmation on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM Progress Report – 1<sup>st</sup> Month May 2015

Approximately one month has passed since you spiritually adopted your baby. During this first amazing month of life, your baby has grown 10,000 times larger than it was at conception. He or she is now approximately a half-inch long and weighs less than one ounce.

The baby is totally dependent upon mother. Between the mother and baby lies the vital organ called the placenta. Here, vessels from mother and baby intertwine. The foundation for the brain, spinal cord and nervous system has begun. Simple kidneys, a liver and digestive tract are already taking shape. By the third week the baby's precious heart began to beat and is pumping blood through the circulatory system.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all St. Mark Biological and Spiritual Mothers. We have 245 people praying for 236 babies, i.e. 106 boys and 130 girls.

Thank you all very much.



## Office of Faith Formation

### Office Hours:

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Monday 1PM - 5PM

Wed. & Thurs. 9AM-2PM

718-769-6311

St. Mark R.C. Parish

## **CONFIRMATION PRACTICES:**

May 12th: all candidates

May 19th: all candidates & sponsors

**Meet in church at 7:00 pm**

OUR CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY  
MAY 22, 2015 AT 4:00 PM  
WITH BISHOP CHAPPETTO

ADULT CONFIRMATION WILL TAKE  
PLACE ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

Wishing all God's Blessings to those who received  
First Communion on May 2, 2015

Vincenzo Ali  
Christian Andre  
Cobie Jay Buckmire  
Michaela Bowry  
Alyssa Cesario  
Brianna Marie Duffy  
Anais Garduno  
Michael Garelick  
Jonathan Godinez  
Emily Kovac  
Olivia Kovac  
Jerome Khokhar  
Amos Kokhar  
Thomas Leewalker  
Natasha Leyva

Vivian Louis  
Nicholas Marino  
Christian Malek  
Elias Malek  
Kevin Morales-Medina  
Melissa Morales-Medina  
Joell Paul  
Juliana Peralta  
Emma Perez  
Frank Petitto  
Elvin Philip  
Isabella Rosselli  
Nayelli Ramos  
Emma Lee Rittenhouse  
John Schiano



Happy Mother's Day  
from the  
Religious Education  
Office

SAVE THE DATE:  
NEXT MEETING:  
MAY 15TH



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