

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:
stmarkrccbkllyn@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 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

Youth Ministry Coordinator:

Mr. Michael Davis 347-574-1828

St. Mark Choir: 917-650-5704

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

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: 347-659-4350

Mr. Edgar Perez, Coordinator

Lectors: 718-743-5338

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



St. Mark Church

Saturday, May 2

5:00 PM Frank & Violet Maggi

Sunday, May 3

8:00 AM Natasha Besarabova

9:30 AM Mary Waisala & Thomas Benichasa

11:00 AM Mary Consalvo

12:30 PM The People of the Parish

Monday, May 4

8:30 Giuseppe Faiello

Tuesday, May 5

8:30 AM Gary Susalis

Wednesday, May 6

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Alexandra Bastien

Thursday, May 7

8:30 AM Joseph Mario Ferraro

Friday May 8

8:30 AM Rebecca—In Thanksgiving

Saturday, May 9

8:30 AM Brian Caffrey

5:00 PM Elvira Sofia



MAY 3, 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“A VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL GOD”

Though we may think of our relationship with God as being only up and down between the two of us, in Christ we are also intimately connected to God through those around us.

Today's Readings:

Acts 9:26-31

Psalm: 22:26a

1 John 3:18-20

John 15:1-8



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

St. Mark welcomes Chris Bell, President & Executive Director, Good Counsel

Good Counsel was founded in 1985 by Christopher Bell and Father Benedict Groeschel, CFR to help homeless, pregnant women in dire need. Good Counsel is a nationally recognized nonprofit leader and innovator in creating supportive residential and community based services for homeless, expectant, and new mothers and their children in the context of the Catholic social tradition. Pregnant and expectant mothers with or without other born children, including mothers with mental health or addiction challenges, from any location, are able to receive help in a Good Counsel home. For more information:
www.goodcounselhomes.org

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday May 3

11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi.

Wednesday, May 6

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

Sunday, May 10

11:00 AM Teresa & Frank Vitanza

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.



*Flowers 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 2-3, 2015

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

Among the most beautiful and fascinating of Rome's churches is the twelfth-century Basilica of San Clemente, dedicated to Pope St. Clement, the third successor to St. Peter as Bishop of Rome. The apse mosaic, which sits above the high altar, is the basilica's crowning jewel. The focal point of this stunning mosaic is Christ on the Cross, depicted as the Tree of Life, from which flow the four rivers of paradise restored. Its most prominent feature is a vast vine sprouting from the base of the Tree of Life which nourishes a breathtaking variety of images: birds, hinds, baskets filled with fruit, a shepherd with his sheep, a peasant woman feeding chickens, and the Doctors of the Church, just to mention a few. Taken together, these images symbolize the fertility and fruitfulness of nature and sacredness of life, most especially all human life, which find its origin in God and the life-generating power of Christ and His Cross.

In our gospel this weekend Jesus says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” And He warns us, “Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.” As Father Robert Barron points out in the May issue of the periodical *Magnificat*, Jesus is not just some great teacher and moral leader like the Buddha, Confucius, or Mohammed claimed to be. Rather he is, in his own person, the divine life, the vine onto which we his disciples are grafted and through which we receive our life sustaining nourishment and participate in God. Created in the image and likeness of God, all human life is sacred and must be protected and treated with dignity and respect.

I am pleased and honored to welcome to our parish and speak at this weekend's Masses at St. Mark a friend and hero of mine for some thirty years now who has done so much to promote and protect the dignity of human life, particularly the unborn, Mr. Chris Bell. Chris is the founder and Executive Director of Good Counsel, a nationally recognized nonprofit leader and innovator in creating supportive residential care and community-based services for homeless, expectant, and new mothers and their children in the context of the Catholic social tradition. I first met Chris when we were both recently graduated from college in our mid-twenties. I was climbing the corporate ladder in my business career while Chris was getting ready to forego his own career in communication and journalism in order to protect and defend human life.

It was while working and living at Covenant House in Times Square that Chris encountered the dire needs of homeless pregnant women. He turned to his spiritual advisor, the late Father Benedict Groeschel, a Franciscan priest and psychologist, and asked, “Why doesn't God do something about this?” And Fr. Groeschel responded, “Perhaps God is asking you to do something about this,” and said he would help him. Fr. Benedict found an abandoned convent in Hoboken, NJ. A group of my friends and I after hearing Chris speak at the Wall Street Catholic Young Adult Club volunteered to help clean the yard of broken glass and garbage and paint the rooms, and on March 10, 1985 what would be called Good Counsel was begun. Today, Good Counsel operates four homes: in the Bronx, Harrison and Spring Valley, New York and in Riverside, New Jersey as well as a national 24 / 7 helpline (800-723-8331) assisting pregnant women.

Chris Bell has been and is a great inspiration for me to remain on that vine which is Christ in order to be Christ's disciple and bear much fruit. May he do the same for you. Please be generous and support the work of Good Counsel.

-- Fr. Bob



Sunday Collection:
April 26, 2015

Weekly Offering



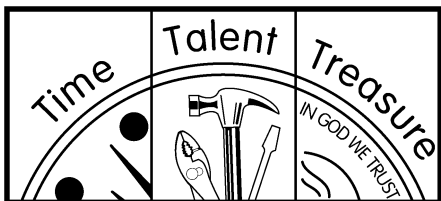
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St. Mark

1st Collection: \$4,058.00
2nd Collection: \$1,193.00
Attendance: 611
Envelopes Returned: 175
Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$251.00
2nd Collection: \$75.00
Attendance: 33
Envelopes Returned: 10



2015 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125
Amt. Pledged: \$45,086
Amt. Paid: \$32,451
of Donors: 135

St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354
Amt. Pledged: \$2,490
Amt. Paid: \$1,915
of Donors: 10

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC FOR BOYS & GIRLS

St Edmund Prep High School Sunday Mornings
May 3, May 10, May 24, & May 31
First session 10 am to 11:30 am for 3rd, 4th & 5th grades
Second session: 11:30 am to 1 pm for 6th, 7th, & 8th grade
Cost: \$20 per session. To register contact SEP volleyball coach Meghan Wheeler at: megwheelervb@gmail.com

FONTBONNE HALL ACADEMY CHEER WITH THE CHAMPIONS 2015

Open to girls grades 4-8 (as of Sept 2015)
Aug. 3-7, 9am to 3pm

For information contact Debra Pepe:
pepe@fontbonne.org

Or visit www.fontbonne.org for an application

The St. John Paul II House of Discernment (341 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn 11207) will be offering **Days of Prayer** for men who may be discerning a vocation to priesthood. These prayer days are held on the second Saturday of the month. The next day is May 9 from 10 am to 12:30 & will include a holy hour, discussions & lunch. For more information contact Fr. Jim King at 718-827-2454 or hod@diobrook.org

Upcoming Events

St. Mark Rosary Society Events:



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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 Edmund High School will host its
Third Annual Family Day/Block Party
Saturday May 9, 2015
Beginning at 11:30 am.

Please join us on Avenue T between Ocean Ave and East 19th Street for a fun-filled day. There will be rides, games, DJ, and much more-something for everyone in the family!
\$20 per person. Special discounts for families.
Contact the Development Office at 718-743-6100 ext. 5080 for details.

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.

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

School News

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The Fourth Graders along with their teacher, Ms. Patricia Daly, were recognized for their participation in the 2015 Holocaust Memorial Contest. These Certificates of Merit were presented by State Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz. Congratulations to all of them for this special honor. Saint Mark School also received a Certificate of Appreciation for our generous contribution to the "Pennies for Patients" campaign of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The following students were recognized by their teachers as Students of the Month for April.

These students were chosen for demonstrating Good Citizenship and Being a Steward of the Earth. Congratulations to:

Nursery: **Sonia Gonchorova**; Kindergarten: **Rehan Malhi**; Grade 1: **Phillip Ramos-Kolchin**;
Grade 2: **Noman Saqib**; Grade 3: **Zachary Cleland**;
Grade 4: **Elijah Guillaume**; Grade 5: **Besjana Kukaj**;
Grade 6: **Kayla Raimey**; Grade 7: **Ashley Beaujuin**;
and Grade 8: **Carlitos Rodriguez**



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Congratulations to all our Second Graders who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2nd. All of us are so proud of you!!!

Christian Andre, Michaela Bowry,
Brianna Duffy, Anais Garduno, Michael Garelick,
Thomas Leewalker, Natasha Leyva,
Joell Paul, Emma Perez

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.



St. Mark R.C. Parish

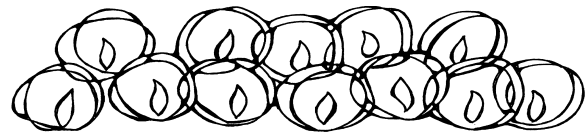
Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Sunday 9AM - 2PM
Monday 1PM - 5PM
Wed. & Thurs. 9AM-2PM
718-769-6311

CONFIRMATION PRACTICES:

May 12th: all candidates
May 19th: all candidates & sponsors
Meet in church at 7:00 pm



COME, HOLY SPIRIT

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
PENTECOST SUNDAY

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL
OUR CANDIDATES



Registration for
Religious Education for
Fall 2015 will begin
in June.
More information will
follow soon.

SAVE THE DATE:
NEXT MEETING:
MAY 15TH



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