

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:
stmarkrcbklyn@aol.com
Website:
www.stmarkbrooklyn.org

ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor: *Rev. Robert V. Mucci*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Ebenezer K. Abban*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*

Pastor Emeritus: *Rev. Msgr. Gerard J. Arella*

In Residence: *Rev. Joseph P. Quigley*

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

Ministers of Hospitality:

Mr. Tom Scalese

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Mr. Edgar Perez, Coordinator

Lectors:

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

Rosary Society:

Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President

Mrs. Maria Mansuroglu, Vice President

Golden Age Society:

Mrs. Joan Belt, President

Ms. Josephine Bonnano, Vice President

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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week



St. Mark Church

Saturday, Oct 31

5:00 PM Frank & Violet Maggi



Sunday, Nov 1 All Saints Day

8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Michael Pedalino
 11:00 AM Elizabeth Genovese, MD
 12:30 PM Timothy Costanza

Monday, Nov 2 All Souls Day

8:00 AM Jose & Juliana Cuna
 10:00 AM All Living Souls & Those in Purgatory
 7:30 PM Farino & Rizzo Families & Deceased members of St. Mark & St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, Nov 3 St. Martin de Porres

8:30 AM Bradley Francis

Wednesday, Nov 4 St. Charles Borromeo

8:30 AM Peter Warren .

Thursday, Nov 5

8:30 AM Peter Warren

Friday, Nov 6

8:30 AM Frank Cestaro

Saturday, Nov 7

8:30 AM Joseph Wynne for Good Health
 5:00 PM Iside Feola

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, Nov 1

11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi



Wednesday, Nov 4

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Chiarello Family

Friday Nov 6

9:00 AM The People of the Parish

Sunday, Nov 8

11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Mandracchia Family

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.

**NOVEMBER 1, 2015
 FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**


Much modern conversation about heaven, tends to focus on the gratification of personal tastes; but heaven is a celebration shared by a whole community, not merely by individuals.



Today's Readings:

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
 Psalm 24:6
 1 John 3:1-3
 Matthew 5:1-12a


Please pray for the sick:
Linda DeFrancesco, Georgette Scalese, Sal Comodo, Joseph John Buccheri, Sally Frances Buccheri, & Diane Camacho
who is in need of a kidney donor.
 718-284-0704

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Pray for Vocations
NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK
Nov. 1-7, 2015

COME SPEND TIME WITH JESUS
 FIRST FRIDAY
 NOVEMBER 6TH
 HOLY HOUR: AFTER 9 AM MASS AT ST. MARGARET MARY
 EXPOSITION: NOON TO 3 PM AT ST. MARK



Week of Oct 31st to Nov 7
Hosts are offered in memory of Peter DeVito Jr. requested by Jean DiBernardi
Altar wine is offered in memory of Peter DeVito Jr. requested by Stephanie Rizzo
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 Gifts to honor a loved one; living or deceased, are available (bread & wine, candles or flowers).
Please contact the parish office for information.



There are open dates for Mass intentions for 2015:
Dec. 31 at St. Mark
Dec. 8, 30, at St. Margaret Mary.

Pastor's Column October 31– November 1, 2015

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

A couple of weeks ago, a group of us from the parish watched the movie *St. Vincent* in the Lion's Den. The film stars Bill Murray as Vincent MacKenna, a Vietnam War veteran and retiree living in Sheepshead Bay. He is a grumpy and cantankerous alcoholic who smokes and gambles and owes a lot of people money. Melissa McCarthy plays his new next door neighbor Maggie Bronstein, a medical technician and recent single mom who is going through a custody fight over her 12 year old son, Oliver, whom she enrolls in a Catholic school in order to give him hope of a better future. Working late hours to make ends meet, Maggie asks Vincent to watch Oliver after school, which he only agrees to do for a healthy fee because he needs the money. Vincent's ideas of after-school activities involve taking Oliver on visits to racetracks and bars. But while working on a school project to identify saints living among us, Oliver looks into Vincent's past and finds out that he was a war hero awarded a bronze star, that for several years he had been going to a nursing home each week to visit and do laundry for his wife who suffered from Alzheimer's and no longer recognized him, and that he had befriended a Russian “lady of the evening” who was pregnant and had no place else to turn. After Oliver's moving presentation, MacKenna is proclaimed by the class St. Vincent of Sheepshead Bay.

While I doubt Vincent MacKenna would make it through the rigorous canonization process of the Catholic Church to become a declared saint worthy of veneration, the movie does provide much food for thought as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints this weekend. Many of us have an overly idealized notion of a saint as being a perfect person who lived above the fray of daily life. We tend to forget that they were real people with flaws and shortcomings like the rest of us, who faced the same difficulties and challenges we all experience. For as our Holy Father Pope Francis has been wont to point out, the world is not divided into two classes of people, saints and sinners. We are all sinners, striving to one day become saints, for that is the destiny for which we have been created.

But to become a saint does involve perfection; it is about the perfection of charity which is holiness. The Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 2013 states, “All Christians, in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: ‘Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.’ In order to reach the perfection, the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them as Christ's gift, so that doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many saints.”

Our Gospel this weekend gives us the blueprint we must follow to achieve holiness, the Beatitudes. Again, according to the Catechism, the Beatitudes “depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity. They shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life. They are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations, and they proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ's disciples.” So strive to be perfect in charity, to be holy, to be a saint. Then, “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

– Fr. Bob

Sunday Collection: October 25, 2015

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$4,262.00
2nd Collection: \$1,067.00
Attendance: 550
Envelopes Returned: 154

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$428.00
2nd Collection: \$170.00
Attendance: 49
Envelopes Returned: 18



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2015 Annual Catholic Appeal


St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125
Amt. Pledged: \$74,711
Amt. Rec'd: \$58,751
of Donors: 269
% Participation: 31.28%

St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354
Amt. Pledged: \$6,540
Amt. Rec'd: \$6,250
of Donors: 19
% Participation: 20.21%

It's Time to "Light the Bay for Christmas"



Think about memorializing a loved one, expressing a personal sentiment, or sending Christmas wishes to all of Sheepshead Bay by sponsoring a tree to be lit around the church during the Christmas season. Last year we had an outpouring of positive feedback and are hoping to add even more trees to this year's display. If you sponsored a tree last year, check your mailbox. Information and sponsor cards will also be available in church for the next few weeks or call the rectory for more information.

What is Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary?

Total Consecration to Jesus is an absolutely beautiful exercise to increase your spirituality and ability to truly serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The basic premise set forth by St. Louis Marie de Montfort is simply that Jesus came into the world through Mary and that for us to always be assured of being close to Jesus, even closer than ever before, we should go through Mary.

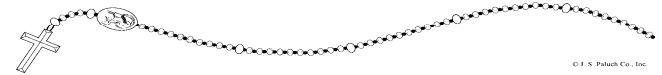
Consecration means to set aside for a sacred purpose. Mary's life was set aside for the sole purpose of serving our Lord. By following her example, we too, can completely give ourselves to Christ in a fundamental way that consecrates us to Him. We give our lives to Him in service and love.

Our parish preparation will begin with a presentation on the Consecration and prayer service on Thursday, Nov. 5th at 7 pm in the Lion's Den. Please join us as we open our hearts to receive God's mercy.

Upcoming Events

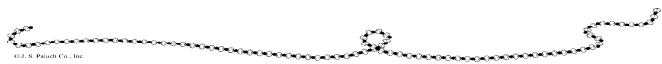
ADULT EDUCATION: PRIEST, PROPHET, KING

Join us as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through Fr. Robert Barron's new DVD based study program. The course will meet Wednesdays from Oct. 14th through Nov. 18th from 7-8:30 pm in the Lions Den. Workbooks have been ordered for all who have pre registered. **If you would still like to be a part of this series & have not registered; individuals may purchase a workbook directly from the website: www.wordonfire.org or at amazon.com**

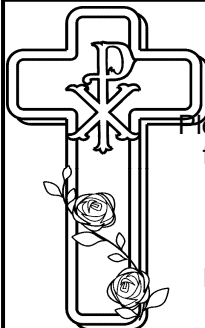


Mark your calendars:

Rosary Society
Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance
Monday, Dec 7th at 7pm
Gargiulo's Restaurant—Tickets \$55.00.
All parishioners are invited to attend.
For info & reservations call
Kathy: 718-934-7964
****Please return your raffle books either by mail or in the collection basket as soon as possible.****



Remember Our Dead



Please join us on Monday Nov. 2nd for a special Memorial Mass for those buried from our parish this past year. Mass at 7:30 PM followed by light refreshments in the school cafeteria.

VENDORS WANTED:

St. Mark Christmas Boutique
Dec 5th & 6th

For information contact
Michael Davis: 347-574-1828

School News

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On Friday, October 30th the
"Saints Went Marching In"
to Saint Mark Parish.

Each class adopted a Saint for the school year. A student from each class dressed up as the adopted saint while another student shared the facts that the class learned about that saint.

The following students have been recognized by their teachers as Students of the Month for October. These students demonstrate tremendous effort in their academics.

Nursery 1; Gianna Cuesta; Nursery 2: Humda Sohail; Kindergarten: Arion Madzar; Grade 1: Justin Lopez; Grade 2: Tiffany Tong; Grade 3: Isaiah Guillaume; Grade 4: Anaya Qayyum; Grade 5: Elijah Guillaume; Grade 6: Aranka Biro; Grade 7: Jennalynn Langaman; and Grade 8: Andrew Knowles "Congratulations!!!"



Our Annual Halloween Party took place on October 30th. There was lots of fun, tons of food, dancing and a spooky haunted house. Needless to say, everyone had fun!

Bishop Kearney at Buckley's
Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 pm
Middle school students & families are invited for an informative & fun evening
RSVP: www.bishopkearneyhs.org/buckleys

PLEASE NOTE:
The St. Vincent de Paul Group *WILL NOT* be collecting any clothing donations until further notice.
THANK YOU!



St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Monday: 1:00- 5:00
Wednesday: 9:00-3:30
Thursday: 9:00- 2:00
718-769-6311

Adult Confirmation: (17 years and older) Please contact Ms. Pino at 718-769-6311 if you are interested in preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This is a one year process, which starts on Saturday, Nov. 7th at 9:30 am . You must provide proof of reception of First Communion.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process which helps a person prepare to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church, leading to reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and also, for those who have been baptized but never received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please contact Ms. Pino at the above number for more information.

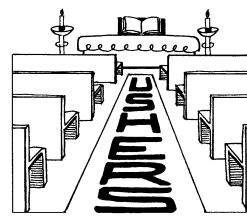
Volunteer: We are in need of a door monitor every other Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10 am. Contact Ms. Pino for details.

SAVE THE DATE
OVERNIGHT LOCK IN
NOV. 13 -14
ENDS WITH 8:30 MASS
SATURDAY MORNING



MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS) NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES 7th GRADERS TO ADULTS

Christ's ministry was one of hospitality, extending a hand and welcoming all with open arms. Following Christ's example, our Hospitality Ministers open doors and warmly greet all that come to worship with us. The role of the Hospitality Minister is extremely important! Often, the Hospitality Minister is the only one to actually speak to many who worship with us each week. They are the ones who make people feel welcome and at home.



If you would like the opportunity to serve your church and others in this important ministry please contact Tom Scalese: 718-891-6498 or call the rectory office.