



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

Administrator: Rev. Robert Mucci
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Ebenezer K Abban
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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 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
appointment with a priest.

“With God all things are possible”

Mass Intentions for the week

Oct 26 – Nov 2

Saturday, October 26

5:00PM Sr. Renee Canitrot

Sunday, October 27

8:00AM For the people of the Parish

9:30AM Michael P. Shiel

11:00AM Mark Bolus

12:30PM Purgatorial Society

Monday, October 28

8:30 AM Manny Ortiz

Tuesday, October 29

8:30AM Carol Hanley

6:30PM Sandy Mass

Wednesday, October 30

8:30AM Luisa Ramirez

Thursday, October 31

8:30AM Philip, Marilyn Salvatore and Philip J. Conriegues

7:30PM Elizabeth Genovese

Friday, November 1 (All Saints Day)

8:30AM Michael Pedalino & Teresa Alaia

10:00AM William Frederick

12-3PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, November 2 (All Souls Day)

8:30AM Anna, Alfred and Dolores Holbrook



St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, October 27

11:00AM Michael Mulle

Wednesday, October 30

9:00AM For the Sick of St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, November 3

11:00AM Gerard Gagliardi

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:

Altar Bread

Altar Wine

Flower Offerings



Purgatorial Society

Joseph Palomba

Maria Antonia Frustaci

Inazio John Giaimo

John Petrizzo

Pete Kunik Jasmine

Nicholas D'Angelico

Florence Gagliardi

William A Seidenfaden

Elizabeth E. Zahra

John Schwarz

Frank Rella

Bridget Griffin

Calix Joyce Doll

Geraldini White

Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

October 20, 2013

1st Collection: \$ 5,978.00

Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$7,531.00

Attendance: 579

Envelopes Returned: 223

Envelopes Mailed Out: 763

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$ 361.00

Attendance:75

Envelopes Returned: 16

2013 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

St. Mark Pledges:234

St. Margaret Mary 91

Goal:\$40,125

Goal:\$2,354

Amount Pledge:\$45,742 Amount Pledge:\$5,050.00

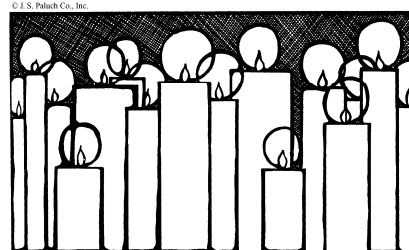
Amount Paid:\$33,206 Amount Paid:\$5,008.00

The 2013 Mass Book

There are still Masses available in the 2013 Mass Book.. Available days for November are 20, and December 3,10,13,18,20,29.

Anointing of the sick, Saturday, November 2, at 8:30AM

Every first Saturday of the month we invite you to come to the 8:30AM Mass and receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. You may receive this sacrament if you have a serious or chronic health issue. Please come and receive the healing grace of God.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2013

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;

it does not rest until it reaches its goal,

nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.

— *Sirach 35:17-18a*



Pastor's Column October 26-27 2013



My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

During the year I spent studying philosophy in minor seminary, one of the more interesting and thought provoking courses I had was called *The Problem of God*. It attempted to reconcile our belief in an all powerful, all knowing all merciful and all loving God with the presence of evil in the world. More specifically, that class tried to find an answer to the question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?"

That question is particularly pertinent as we approach the one year anniversary of Hurricane Sandy. The flood waters of Sandy did not discriminate. They impacted the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the good and the bad. So many of us and our friends and neighbors are still suffering from the effects of Sandy's destructive power and the physical, spiritual, psychological and emotional problems it triggered. People continue to need support, comfort and healing.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Faith in God can be put to the test by the experience of evil and suffering. God can sometimes seem to be absent and incapable of stopping evil. But in the most mysterious way God the Father has revealed his almighty power in the voluntary humiliation and Resurrection of his Son, by which he conquered evil." Our God suffered for us, and He suffers with us, and He manages to bring a greater good out of the most challenging circumstances.

On Saturday evening October 26th at the 5 PM Mass we will pray for those who still need healing, honor those who acted so heroically and unselfishly in helping others, and thank God for being with us through it all. Afterward we will gather to comfort and support one another by sharing a meal together in the school. As of this writing approximately 200 parishioners have indicated they will attend. Canon Law defines a parish as "a certain community of the Christian faithful ... entrusted to a pastor." Thank you for welcoming me as pastor of such a loving, generous and supportive parish community. Fr. Bob



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT,
Wednesday, December 4, 2013 8PM

Following the great success of last year's New York Tenor's Spirit of Christmas Concert at Carnegie Hall, please consider joining us on the parish bus which will leave from St. Mark Church. Please contact the rectory and leave your name if you are interested so we may purchase enough tickets and hire a bus for transportation to the concert. Thank you for all that you do to help promote the good work of **Futures in Education**. **Tickets prices: Prime Parquet \$125, Parquet \$100, Dress Circle \$75, Center Balcony \$55, Balcony \$45. Per person cost for the bus will be separate charge.**

Thank You

Rosary Society—We would like to thank everyone who took home a chance book last to help us raise funds for our beautiful Christmas display.

Please remember to return them as soon as you can. Please use the envelope that we provide to either mail to us or to return in the collection Basket. Our next meeting is Sunday, November 3rd. Please remember our collections for Baby Love and Sisters of Life.

2013 Annual Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 9, 2013, 7pm at Gargiulo's Restaurant. \$50 per person includes dinner and dancing!

All are invited to join us for this lovely evening. To make your reservation please call Joan (718) 646-2176 or Kathy (718) 934-7964.



School News

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School News:

All the ghosts and goblins were out this past Friday, as St. Mark School celebrated our Annual Halloween Party. It was a howling good time... lost of food, dancing and good friends.

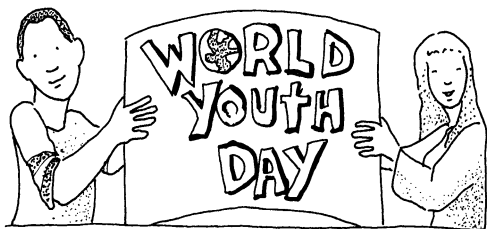


Please join us at the 10:00 a.m. mass on Friday, November 1st as the Saints Go Marching In.

We will celebrate ALL SAINTS DAY with the parish community. Come and listen to what we have learned about the Saints.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; National World Youth Day (U.S.); Priesthood Sunday
- Monday: Ss. Simon and Jude
- Thursday: Halloween
- Friday: All Saints; First Friday
- Saturday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day); First Saturday



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St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Phone: 718 769-6311

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Monday 1PM - 5PM

Wed. & Thurs. 10AM - 3PM

Volunteers

Young adult and adult volunteer are always needed to help with our program on Sundays, either in the office or in the class. We are also in need of trained teachers to work with special needs children. Please contact Ms. Pino in the Faith Formation office at (718) 769-6311.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Any adult who has not received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist or those who were baptized in another faith, and would like to participate in the process to become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church is asked to contact Ms. Pino at 718-769-6311.

GOD'S LOGIC IS NOT OURS

Nobody will ever mistake the Bible for a logic textbook. We need to remember this when we approach today's readings. How can a God who knows no favorites have a chosen people, or give us the disciplines of fasting and almsgiving and then instruct us not to talk about them? God, in love and tenderness, knows how quickly we can get "into a rut." The Spirit inspires passages like the instruction from Sirach and the parable in Luke to help drag us out of the rut of thinking that God's ways are our ways.

Sirach poetically uses contrast to answer the question, "Whose prayer will reach the lofty clouds of heaven?" The answer? Those who are lowly on earth. Jesus amplifies this in his parable of the Pharisee and the publican. It is Spirit-inspired illogic that communicates today's message: God hears the voices of those who are ignored by the rest of the world.



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Flatlands Guidance Center,

located at 2037 Utica Avenue - second floor, Brooklyn, NY 11234, provides psychotherapeutic and psychopharmacological therapy as well as individual, group, family therapy, crisis intervention, medication management, case management and collateral sessions. Hours are Monday through Friday 9AM - 8PM - telephone (718) 377-5755.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul Gives Back

St. Mark should share in the profits! For each car, truck or van, running or not, the Society of St Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 **per vehicle**. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor does have an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to donate. Call the Society of **St. Vincent de Paul at (718) 491-2525**. Thank you for your participation.

Altar Server

October 2013

Oct	5:00PM Saturday	8:00AM Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday	11:00AM Sunday	12:30M Sunday
26/27	Group 4	Group 7	Group 5	Group 3	Group 7
Group 1. Patron, St. Aloysius			Katie Cash Brianna Cash Syrina Ganpatt Allison Nicole Louie		
Group 2. Patron, Maria Goretti			Janissa Diaz Jasmine Diaz Katlyn Guidice		
Group 3. Patron, St. John Berchmans			Chris Donlan Deondre Thomas Arthur Camacho John Bao		
Group 4* Patron, St. Agnes			Cassidy Andre Christine Andre Gianela Campos Chloe Jobity		
Group 5* Patron, St. Stanislaus Kostka			Jonathan Louis Nathanael Louis Natalia Ozoemena Nimhan Randeniya Tiana Randeniya		
Group 6* Patron, St. Therese of Lisieux			Jade Quiles Michael Frasca Gregory Cleland		
Group 7* Patron, St. Dominic Savio			Jennifer Falco Alexis Romain		

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Friday's Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts.



Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

Join Fr. Bretone on Saturday November 9, 2013

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Pray for the Sick

Marilynn Heath
Josephine Andrews
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Steven Calandriloo
Violet Maggi

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