

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:
stmarkbrooklyn@gmail.com
Website:
www.stmarkbrooklyn.org

ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor: *Very Rev. Robert V. Mucci*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Ebenezer K. Abban*

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

718-891-3100

St. Mark School:

Mrs. Carol Donnelly, Principal
Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

718-332-9304

St. Mark Religious Education:

Ms. Jo Ann Pino

718-769-6311

Youth Ministry Coordinator:

Mr. Michael Davis

347-574-1828

St. Mark Choir:

Mr. Patrick Marvella, Director of Music

917-650-5704

St. Vincent De Paul Group:

Mr. Tom Scalese, President

718-891-0443

Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

Homebound Ministry:

Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

718-332-2663

Ministers of Hospitality:

Mr. Tom Scalese

718-891-3100

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Mr. Edgar Perez, Coordinator

347-659-4350

Lectors:

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

718-743-5338

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"



APRIL 17, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*We can recognize those closest to us
even without seeing them;
just by hearing them speak.*

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Today's Readings:

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 100:30

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

St. Mark Church

Saturday, Apr 16

5:00 PM Renato Saretta

Sunday, Apr 17

8:00 AM Vicenta Romero

9:30 AM The People of the Parish

11:00 AM Sandra Mandato

12:30 PM Dorothy London

7:30 PM Mass In Russian

Monday, Apr 18

8:30 AM Rose & Vito Perrotta

Tuesday, Apr 19

8:30 AM Healing for Helen Nastro

Wednesday, Apr 20

8:30 AM Nadine Augustin Orcel
In Thanksgiving

Thursday, Apr 21 St. Anselm

8:30 AM Josephine Dellano (birthday)

Friday, Apr 22

8:30 AM Rose D'Anna

Saturday, Apr 23 St. George, St Adalbert

8:30 AM Rafael Stellato

5:00 PM Jole Marcato

*Please pray for the sick:
Tom Scalse, Ann Mollo, Saul Godinez, Vicky Mollo, Thomas Bowers, Maria Calise, Rachel Marin, Antonia Galli, Linda DeFrancesco, Joseph John Buccheri, Sally Frances Buccheri, & Diane Camacho
who is in need of a kidney donor.
718-284-0704*

Good Shepherd Sunday/ World Day of Prayer for Vocations



"In their ministry, priests fulfill the words of Jesus, who said "I am the gate of the sheepfold. I am the Good Shepherd." The pastoral care of vocations is a fundamental part of their ministry."

-Pope Francis

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, Apr 17

11:00 AM Helen Franznick

Wednesday, Apr 20

9:00 AM Edward Franznick, Jr.

Sunday, Apr 24

11:00 AM Edward Franznick, Sr.

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.



**Week of April 16 to April 23:
The Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Lamp
are offered**

***In Loving Memory of Marion Celi
Requested by The McMahan Family
Flowers at St. Joseph altar are offered
In Loving Memory of Joseph Scondotto
Requested by Joan & The Boys***

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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 Mass dates available in May and June at St. Mark and in July at St. Margaret Mary.

Pastor's Column April 16-17, 2016

Hear, know and follow!

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The word “vocation” comes from the Latin verb *vocare* which means “to call.” In traditional Christian usage, vocation refers to a divine call to undertake a particular activity or embrace a certain type of life. All baptized Christians have a vocation in the sense that we are all called to holiness and we are all created by God for a unique purpose, a specific role God has in mind for us to fulfill in his plan of salvation. And our happiness and sense of satisfaction in this life is very much dependent on our hearing God’s call and embracing it and following Our Lord wherever he leads us.

Clearly the words of Jesus at the beginning of our Gospel are meant for us all: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” The three verbs are the key: hear, know, and follow. First, we must be able to hear Jesus’ voice. We have to be able to eliminate all the distractions and background noise our secular culture blares out at us, and we need to be able to distinguish the voice of Jesus from those false prophets who try to lead us astray. Listening is an active skill, not something passive. We need to make our prayer life a priority. Prayer is a dialogue and the listening is the most important part. Our Holy Father Pope Francis once said: “This is important for us: living an intense relationship with Jesus, an intimacy of dialogue and of life, in such a way as to recognize him as “the Lord.”

Thus the first action, hearing, leads to the second, knowing. Of course Jesus knows us; he made us. He knows us better than we know ourselves. As we enter into this intimacy of dialogue and of life with Jesus that Pope Francis mentions, we not only get to know Jesus better, we also get to know ourselves better. We become more in touch with our deepest longings and desires and we discover that person who Jesus created us to be from all eternity. And hearing and knowing together must necessarily lead to following. If we truly believe Jesus to be that whom we profess him to be, if we are convinced that he is the only God, the Lord of our lives, how could we not follow him wherever he leads us?

All this takes place, not in isolation, but within the Christian community, the Church. In proclaiming this 53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis wrote: “It is my great hope that ,, all the baptized may experience the joy of belonging to the Church and rediscover that the Christian vocation, just like every particular vocation, is born from within the people of God, and is a gift of divine mercy. The Church is the house of mercy, and it is the “soil” where vocations take root, mature and bear fruit.” Our Holy Father calls the Church the “Mother of Vocations” and the place where vocations are born, grow and are sustained.

That is why our Generations of Faith campaign is so important and is a defining moment for our parish and diocese. Generations of Faith recognizes the central role of the parish in the life of the Church and seeks to strengthen the heart of our diocese by allocating the majority of campaign funds, over \$40 million, directly to parish needs. It will also help us fulfill our promise to those senior priests who have faithfully served and shepherded us by allocating \$30 million to the St. John Vianney and Good Shepherd Funds to ensure they receive adequate care during their golden years. And it will help foster the formation of future generations of Catholics through an additional investment of \$10 million in Youth Ministry programs. Next weekend is Commitment Weekend. Prayerfully consider a five year sacrificial pledge and hear, know, and follow Jesus the Good Shepherd.

- Fr. Bob

Sunday Collection: April 10, 2016

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$3,814.00

2nd Collection: \$1,071.00

Attendance: 593

Envelopes Returned: 161

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$286.00

2nd Collection: \$88.00

Attendance: 38

Envelopes Returned 12



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**St. Vincent De Paul
Monthly Food Collection
April 16 & 17**

*A note from Tom Scalse,
President, St. Vincent De Paul Group:*

It is my great pleasure to announce that our group received a generous donation from a former Parishioner, Ms, Anna Flynn, who recently died. In her will,

Anna left this gift in acknowledgement of the good work done by the St. Vincent De Paul Group. In particular, and with great fondness, Anna expressed respect and admiration for the work Tom Bowers did.

"His love for the poor and compassion for the needy was so admirable." Tom was Anna's real inspiration in making this gift.

We are so grateful to Anna for her generous gift, and we are grateful too, to Tom Bowers for his devoted service to the pantry and to St. Mark Church.

**World Day of Prayer for
Vocations**

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to priesthood & religious life?

-Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout

your life, both living & deceased.

-Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.

-Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest, or religious brother or sister

-Pray a rosary for more young men & women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Join an "Invisible Monastery":

Pledge to pray for vocations at the international website: invisiblemonastery.com. It was inspired by a call from

Rome urging Catholics to "organize an 'invisible monastery' in which many persons, day & night are committed to continuous prayer for priestly vocations."



Upcoming Events



**SATURDAY
APRIL 30th
11 am to 6 pm**

**ST. MARK & ST. MARGARET MARY
PARISH PICNIC**

Nansen Park, Staten Island

Cost: \$35 per adult, \$15 per child

Children under 6 – FREE

Unlimited food throughout the day, cash bar for wine & beer, DJ, sports & activities for all. The day will close with the Vigil Mass for Sunday.

Buses will leave the school parking lot at 10.

Free onsite Parking for private cars.

**For info & reservations call the rectory:
718-891-3100**

Rosary Society Annual Ascension Dinner

May 5, 2016 6 pm

\$45.00 per person

Pizza D'Amore

2147 Mill Ave.

Brooklyn, 11234

All are welcome!

For information and reservations:

Kathy Fackovec 718-934-7964

MONDAY MAY 23RD

TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY RESORTS

*Sponsored by the
Golden Age Society*

*Tickets: \$39
get back \$25*



For information and details

Delia: 718-332-5105

Lorraine: 718-743-0640

JOB OPPORTUNITY: JS Paluch, our bulletin publisher is looking for someone to work either full or part time who is interested in being involved with helping the church as well as making some extra money. This involves working with a company rep on advertising within the church bulletin. Please contact Angela at the rectory for more information.

School News

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Our classes have been studying Poetry all month, and some of our "poets" would

like to share their work with you.

"Ladybugs" by Savannah Franquiz

Ladybug, ladybug fly away.

Please come again another day.

You're covered in red with little black dots.

How many do I count?

You have a lot.

Please grant my wish it's Saturday!

So ladybug, ladybug fly away,

but please come again another day.

"Earth" by Erin Adiele

The Earth is our home.

It is the flowers,
the trees and grass.

Land to build homes
and everything we need.

The Earth is our everything.

**SAVE THE DATE:
NEXT MEETING
APRIL 22nd**



Generations
of Faith

**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER
A SACRIFICIAL GIFT AND PRAY FOR THE
SUCCESS OF OUR CAMPAIGN.**



St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Monday: 1:00-5:00

Wednesday: 9:00-2:00

Thursday: 9:00- 2:00

718-769-6311

religiouseducation1@verizon.net

Registration 2016-17 Faith Formation Classes

Please register your child early for a discount;

Fees will increase after July 31st.

Classes start Sept. 18, 2016

Flyers are available in the church for information. For children new to the program, please bring the birth certificate & Baptism certificate (if baptized) & a deposit or payment in full. If coming for another program please bring transfer papers. Fees: 1 child \$100, 2 children \$180, 3 children \$240, 4 or more children are free. Little Catholics (age 4-5) \$25.

Please never let financial difficulties prevent you from registering your child to learn about God.

Registration may be done online at www.stmarkbrooklyn.org or call the office 718-769-6311, leave a message if no one is available.

Our Religious Education Ministry will begin a new class for adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sessions will begin in October and are open to those 16 years of age or older who have been baptized and received First Holy Communion. Prior registration is necessary. Please call our Religious Education office during the hours listed above. Baptism & Communion certificates are needed in order to register.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) is a process by which people who are considering membership in the Catholic Church come together for weekly classes to experience a journey of faith and share in the Christian Community.
FOR WHOM IS IT INTENDED?

1. Unbaptized adults who wish to learn more about the faith and Christian life, with the possibility of becoming a Catholic Christian.
2. Baptized Christians from other denominations who would like to learn more about, and join the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholic Christians who wish to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

God calls people in different and mysterious ways! Some to proclaim the Word, some to teach, some others to be companions on the journey. Do you think God is calling you to be a companion with those on the journey? If so, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in our parish is asking you to be a faith companion on an individual basis.