St. Mark Church
2609 E 19th St.
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00, 10:15 AM, 12:30 PM
Weekdays: 8:30 AM
Holy Days: 7:30 PM Vigil Mass
8:00, 10:00 AM

Phone: 718-891-3100
Fax: 718-891-9677

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. Michael Panicali
**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Paul Morin

**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:** 347-574-1828
Mr. Michael Davis

**St. Mark Choir:** 917-650-5704
Mr. Patrick Marvello, Director of Music

**St. Vincent De Paul Group:** 718-891-0443
Mr. Michael Davis
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:** 718-769-4514
Mrs. Geraldine Kubat, Coordinator

**Lectors:** 718-743-5338
Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

**Rosary Society:** 718-934-7964
Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President

**Golden Age Society:** 718-646-2176
Mrs. Joan Belt, President
Ms. Josephine Bonnano, Vice President 718-934-2650

**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.

"With God all things are possible"
St. Mark Church

Saturday, Aug 12
5:00 PM Gennaro Tommaselli, Angelina Cafiero & Alberto Cafiero

Sunday, Aug 13
8:00 AM The People of the Parish
10:15 AM In Thanksgiving
12:30 PM Michael Romeo

Monday, Aug 14 St. Maximillan Kolbe
8:30 AM Michael & Ange Davis (Wedding Ann.)
7:30 PM Al, Concetta, Daniel & Joseph Conti

Tuesday, Aug 15 Assumption of The BVM
8:00 AM Hans Johan Hollenstein
10:00 AM Anna Sweeney & Sophia Cassisi

Wednesday, Aug 16 St. Stephen of Hungary
8:30 AM Jenny & Frank Inferrera

Thursday, Aug 17
8:30 AM Maureen Flynn

Friday, Aug 18
8:30 AM Teresa Pisani

Saturday, Aug 19
8:30 AM Julie Kim
5:00 PM Bruce H. Willner

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, Aug 13
11:00 AM Intentions of Albert G. Dieujuste, Jr

Wednesday, Aug 16
9:00 AM Roseanna Lazisera

Sunday, Aug 20
11:00 AM Intentions of Vito Lanzisera

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.

August 13, 2017
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We ask God to give us our daily bread, but prayer is the nourishment necessary for our spiritual life.

Today’s Readings:
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm 85:8
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

It is I; do not be afraid.

Please pray for the sick:
Mary Perrotta, Steven Lentini, Marie Giannotti, Carissa D’Alba, Kimberly Palmo, Alfred DeMola, Walter Brady, Catherine Staren, Jennifer Costa, Kaitlyn Rose Bernhardt, Romilda Zambelli, John Angelo Buccheri, Raymond Fazio, Mark Aragona, Olivia LaSpina, Saul Godinez, 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

Gifts to honor a loved one; living or deceased, are available (bread & wine, candles or flowers). Please call the rectory office for details.

There are open dates for Mass intentions at
St. Mark: Aug. 25,26 & Sept. 1,2,5,6,11,12,17,18,20,22,30
In this Sunday’s First Reading from the First Book of Kings, we hear that the Prophet Elijah did not encounter God in the wind, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire, but rather in the “tiny whispering sound.” Most priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters would tell you that they came to know their vocations over time by listening to the Lord’s voice in prayer. This has certainly been my own experience.

Looking back, I recognize that the Lord planted the seeds of my vocation early in my life. I grew up in Gerritsen Beach, a neighborhood very close to Saint Mark Parish. From an early age, my parents and grandparents taught me about what Catholics believe, how Catholics live, and how Catholics pray. I received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation) at Resurrection Church, which has been my family’s parish for generations. I learned more about my Catholic faith in the CCD program. I went to Mass every Sunday and came to love the Church’s liturgy. I couldn’t wait to become an altar server when I reached the required age. I came to know the priests of my parish and I admired them for dedicating their lives to God and to His Church.

I began to hear God’s call to the priesthood more clearly when I left home to attend Georgetown University in Washington, DC. When I arrived, the Lord moved my heart to make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday and to take my faith more seriously. I soon got involved in the campus council of the Knights of Columbus, which organized many Catholic events, such as adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I started to attend weekday Mass frequently. I took classes that exposed me to the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition. I came to know and to admire several faithful and holy Jesuit priests.

All of these experiences at Georgetown helped me to realize that God wanted me to become a priest. Specifically, I discerned that He was calling me to return home to serve as a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn. I learned more about the process of priestly formation through conversations with priests of the diocese and through events such as Project Andrew and the bishop’s vocation retreat. After being accepted as a seminarian, I began my studies at Cathedral Seminary Residence in Douglaston. The bishop then asked me to continue my studies in Rome at the North American College, the Gregorian University, and the University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum). After 4 years of formation in the Eternal City, I was ordained a priest on June 23, 2012 by Bishop DiMarzio at Saint James Cathedral Basilica in Downtown Brooklyn.

I have now been a priest for over five years. From 2013 until 2016, I served as parochial vicar of Saint Helen Parish in Howard Beach. At the same time, I also served as Associate Vicar for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the diocese. In 2016, the bishop asked me to return to Rome to obtain a doctorate in theology. I am grateful that I have been able to serve as a priest here at Saint Mark during the past two summers.

Like any vocation, the priesthood has its joys and its challenges. People often think that the greatest challenges of the priesthood are a modest income, celibacy, and obedience. While these can sometimes be difficult, they are usually not our greatest concerns. Rather, most parish priests worry most about how they can best teach, sanctify, and lead the people entrusted to them. In today’s society, the obstacles to our mission are many. However, priests experience so much joy and satisfaction whenever we can help anyone to grow closer to God.

In recent years, the Church has become more aware of the need to promote and to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In the past, this work was most often done in a quiet way by religious sisters in Catholic schools. Today, more people recognize that every member of the faithful has a part to play in promoting vocations. We often pray for vocations in general. I would like to suggest that our prayers should be more specific. We should pray for vocations from our parish and from our families. We should pray for specific individuals whom we think may be called to the priesthood or the religious life. Aside from prayer, we must lay the groundwork for vocations by teaching children to be good Catholics. The simple truth is that most priests and religious come from faithful Catholic families. A child that attends Mass every Sunday, that prays every day, that knows what Catholics believe and how Catholics live will be able in the future to discern God’s will and to follow it. Such a child will be able to hear the Lord’s voice speak to his or her heart.

- Fr. Joe
St. Vincent De Paul
Monthly Food Collection
August 19 & 20

We are collecting canned & dry non perishable items (please check expiration dates). Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted. The St Vincent de Paul Group is unable to accept clothing donations.

Generations of Faith:

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St. Mark Church
1st Collection: $4,396.00
2nd Collection: $980.00
Attendance: 503
Envelopes Returned: 152
St Margaret Mary Church
1st Collection: $254.00
2nd Collection: $49.00
Attendance: 19
Envelopes Returned: 7

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Sept. 6th:
Video Series: The Pivotal Players (once per month) The Lions Den

Saturday Sept. 30th:
St. Mark Homecoming Event

Monday, Dec. 18th:
Spirit of Christmas Concert at Lincoln Center

A Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage to
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico
Fr. Jorge Ortiz
Spiritual Director

March 2-8, 2018
For a brochure call Lucille at Regina Tours
1-800–CATHOLIC x208
Lucille@groupist.com

Post Abortion Healing:
Countless women & men are suffering in silence as a result of a past abortion. Hope & healing are possible. We invite you to experience the unconditional love and mercy of God. The Sisters of Life host Days of Prayer and Healing. For confidential registration please call the Sisters at 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.
For additional information visit: www.sistersoflife.org/days-of-prayer-healing-testimonies.faqs.

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Don’t take time off from God.
Get the local mass times wherever you travel:
www.masstimes.org.

Men’s Ministry
Fr. Mike is organizing a group for men 18 years of age and older for prayer & fellowship.
Meetings will be held on Thursday evenings starting in September.
If interested, please leave your name & number at the rectory office.

“A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people.”
- Pope Francis

Year of Vocations
Aug. 4, 2017—Aug. 4, 2018
Be a Vocation Missionary...

We are looking for volunteers to form a Vocation Committee at St. Mark. There will not be many meetings required; just a willingness to pray for vocations. If you are interested, please call the rectory office.
The first saint depicted on the Jerome Avenue side of the church is St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, whose feast day is a few weeks away.

ST. AUGUSTINE of HIPPO
Patron of Theologians
August 28

Born November 13, 354 at Tagaste (modern Algeria) in Africa, the very bright Augustine fell into sin in his youth, notably promiscuity. His mother St. Monica prayed fervently for his conversion. He opened a school of rhetoric in Carthage, and then made his way to Rome and to Milan, where he continued as a rhetorician. It was here, through the grace of God and the prayers of his mother, who had followed him to Italy, that his conversion to Catholicism took place. This conversion was also aided by the instruction of saintly friends, notably St. Ambrose, who administered to him the Sacrament of Baptism at Easter of 387. Augustine gave his whole life over to God and amended his former ways.

He was ordained to the priesthood in 390 and established a community in the prominent north African city of Hippo with a group of his friends who had followed him on his return to Africa. By 395 he was ordained a bishop and became the principal bishop of Hippo a year later.

A tireless worker, it was during his episcopacy that he made the greatest contributions to the Church. He preached, shepherded his flock, and wrote voluminous works that have received the admiration of the ages. His Confessions were written in 397, detailing his early years before his conversion. This ancient document is still widely-read today and details how, with the grace of God, anyone who falls into sin can find repentance and renewal and new life in Christ.

He zealously fought against the false teachings of his day and proved himself an intrepid defender of the Faith. This multi-faceted religious genius and devout servant of God died on August 28 in the year 430, leaving behind a tremendous legacy of theology and teachings.

PRAYER: Lord, renew in Your Church the Spirit which You inspired in St. Augustine, Your bishop. Filled by this Spirit, may we thirst after You as the true Source of wisdom. Amen.

Office of Faith Formation
Office Hours:
Monday: 1 PM–5 PM
Wednesday & Thursday: 9 AM–2PM
718-769-6311
religiouseducation1@verizon.net

***REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR’S RELIGION CLASSES HAS BEGUN***

Please contact Ms. Pino for information at the above number. If you are registering for the first time, please bring your child’s birth & baptism certificates. If your child has not been baptized, please bring the birth certificate. If your child is transferring from another parish, please have their last progress report and parish transfer papers.

CHECK THE BULLETIN DURING THE SUMMER FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM. Classes begin on Sunday, September 17th. We will attend mass and then go to the school for classes. Report no later than 10:00 AM to the school cafeteria. We encourage parents to attend mass with their child. The first day is a mandatory parent meeting which will be held in the school cafeteria after Mass.

Summer Prayer
Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.