

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
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. Thomas Parayil*
Pastor Emeritus: *Rev. Msgr. Gerard J. Arella*
Deacon: *Rev. Mr. Paul Morin*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*
In Residence: *Rev. Joseph P. Quigley*
In Residence: *Rev. Joseph Zwosta*

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

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of the Eucharist: 718-769-4514

Mrs. Geraldine Kubat, 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, Feb 18

5:00 PM Andrea DiCostanzo

Sunday, Feb 19

8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Cleofe & Ignacio Cevallos (ann.)
 11:00 AM Michael Colavito
 12:30 PM Esteban Clemente

Monday, Feb 20

8:30 AM Nicholas Panno (birthday)

Tuesday, Feb 21 St. Peter Damian

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Marie Florelix

Wednesday, Feb 22 Chair of St. Peter

8:30 AM Dorothy Ciani

Thursday, Feb 23 St. Polycarp

8:30 AM Josephine Iacullo (ann.)

Friday, Feb 24

8:30 AM Nicholas Panno (ann.)

Saturday, Feb 25

8:30 AM Msgr. Gerard Arella
 5:00 PM Marie Profetta



St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, Feb 19

11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi

Wednesday, Feb 22

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

Sunday, Feb 26

11:00 AM Lillian Clay

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.



FEBRUARY 19, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

To love one's enemies may be the most difficult teaching of Jesus, it leads us to act in direct contradiction to the wisdom of the world; yet, this is the heart of His message.

Today's Readings:

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
 Psalm 103:8a
 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
 Matthew 5:38-48



Please pray for the sick:

Jennifer Costa, Kaitlyn Rose Bernhardt, Romilda Zambelli, Donald Deola, John Angelo Buccheri, Raymond Fazio, Mark Aragona, Al Comodo, 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



The rectory office will be closed on Monday, Feb 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.



The feast of *The Chair of St. Peter* is not about furniture, it is an anniversary and celebration of the "authority" of the Papacy, and the particular mission entrusted to St. Peter by Jesus. The Roman Missal explains, the symbol of the chair, emphasizes the mission of teacher and pastor of Christ conferred upon Peter, to whom He formed in His person and in St. Peter's successors, a visible foundation of unity of the Church.

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:
March 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29 at St. Mark, & March 1, 3, 8, 15, 29 at St. Margaret Mary

“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Pastor’s Column February 18-19, 2017

For a bowler to be perfect means rolling twelve consecutive strikes for a 300 game. For a baseball pitcher to be perfect means retiring all 27 batters without allowing any of them to reach first base safely. For a gymnast to be perfect means achieving a score of 10 from the judges for a particular routine. But what does Jesus mean when he tells us in our Gospel reading this weekend, “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect?”

There is a clue as to what Jesus means in our Old Testament reading from the Book of Leviticus in which the Lord says to Moses: “Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God am holy.” Thus in order to be perfect just as God our heavenly Father is perfect, we need to be holy, for our God is holy. Holiness is an attribute of God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, the word for holy is “qodesh” which means “apartness, separateness, sacredness, and otherness” because God is totally above His creation and His creatures, including us. In the New Testament, the Greek word for holy is “hagios” and means “set apart, reverend, sacred, and worthy of veneration.” This word applies to God because God Himself is totally other, separate, sacred, transcendent, reverend, and set apart from every created thing. To be holy is to be like God, and St. John tells us in his first letter that “God is love.” The best definition I have ever heard for holiness is that holiness is the perfection of love.

Chapter V of the Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, is titled, “The Universal Call to Holiness in the Church.” In it the Church Fathers write: “The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and Model of all perfection, preached holiness of life to each and every one of His disciples of every condition. He Himself stands as the author and consummator of this holiness of life: ‘Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’ Indeed He sent the Holy Spirit upon all men that He might move them inwardly to love God with their whole heart and their whole soul, with all their mind and all their strength and that they might love each other as Christ loves them... Thus it is evident to everyone, that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity; by this holiness as such a more human manner of living is promoted in this earthly society. In order that the faithful may reach this perfection, they must use their strength accordingly as they have received it, as a gift from Christ. They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor.”

God’s own perfection should be the model that every faithful Christian tries to follow. Even though we know that there is an infinite distance between us and our Creator, this does not reduce the force of this commandment, it simply sheds more light on it. Left to our own devices and the lies of this world we are doomed to fail. We need His help. We need His grace. That is why coming to Mass and participating in the Eucharist every Sunday and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly is so important. This weekend we are blessed to host a Youth 2000 NY retreat for young people. May it bring them and all of us closer to Jesus and lead us on our path to perfection

-Fr. Bob



Sunday Collection: February 12, 2017

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$3,067.50

2nd Collection: \$950.00

Attendance: 653

Envelopes Returned: 140

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$308.00

2nd Collection: \$64.00

Attendance: 28

Envelopes Returned: 12



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Generations of Faith

	# Donors	Pledged	Paid
St. Mark	171	\$630,000.00	\$209,620.65
St. Margaret Mary	17	\$71,300.00	\$18,526.00

Upcoming Events

**St. Vincent De Paul
Monthly Food Collection
Feb. 18 & 19**



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.

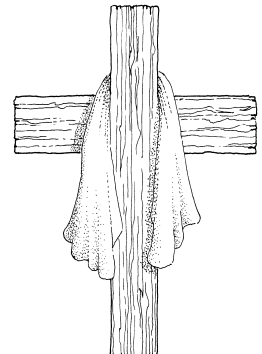
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SAVE THE DATES:

Lenten Prayer service for
all Ministers
Wednesday, March 8th

Day of Recollection
sponsored by
Golden Age & Rosary
Societies

Saturday, March 18th



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Details to follow soon.

*A Diocesan Pilgrimage to
Fatima and Lourdes
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary
of the
Fatima Apparitions
Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio
Spiritual Director*

August 30—September 8, 2017

For a brochure call
The Catholic Tour
1-855-564-1008 or
jimadair@thecatholictour.com

**SAVE THE DATE:
NEXT MEETING
March 3rd**



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PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG MEN

JEREMIAH PROJECT:

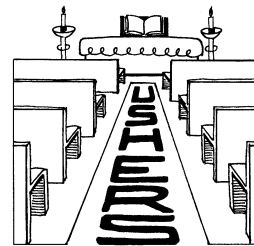
This program is for high school boys who show some interest in a vocation to the priesthood and/or college seminary. The program invites students to participate in a monthly overnight experience and share in the fraternity of our college seminarians.

For more information visit the web site at
www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/jeremiah-project.

FRATERNITAS:

This program is for middle school students (6th to 8th grade) and is dedicated to instilling Christian values in young men with the goal of fostering true Catholic gentlemen. Our monthly encounters allow us to accomplish this mission through prayer, catechesis, sports and sacraments. For more information visit the website at:

www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/fraternitas



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There will be an important meeting for all ushers on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:30 PM in the rectory basement.

All current members are encouraged to attend
NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

School News

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Our students have had a great week celebrating the 100th day of school with Sports Day on Wednesday, and Social Studies fair on Thursday. Our Eighth Grade ended the week with their beautiful Ring Ceremony on Friday, Congratulations to the Class of 2017 upon receiving your rings!



School will be **closed** the week of February 20th for Winter Break. Open enrollment & re-registration is ongoing. Please come visit & take a tour.

School resumes on Monday, February 27th.

The following graduate of St. Mark Catholic Academy has achieved First Honors for the second quarter at Msgr. Mc Clancy Memorial High School:

Cindy Navarro

CONGRATULATIONS!



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Office of Faith Formation



Office Hours:

Monday: 1 PM-5 PM
Wednesday & Thursday:

9 AM-2PM

718-769-6311

religiouseducation1@verizon.net

FIRST COMMUNION:

Final Proximate Communion Preparation Meeting
Sunday, February 26th at 9:45 AM

Note: Saint reports are due by March 6th

RCIA:

On Sunday March 5th at the 11:00 Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Sending, Our catechumen & candidates will then go to Bishop Ford High School to celebrate the Rite of Election with the Bishop.

The Rite of Election is a testimony to their faithfulness to the process of coming into full communion with the Catholic Church. They will sign a book of Elect & the bishop will receive them into the family of Christ.

SPONSORS: The Role of a Sponsor

A sponsor is a witness to those, adult or child, preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, and to those entering into full initiation of Christian life through the adult RCIA program.

Through these sacraments the Candidates and Elect are, strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, made a true witness of Christ in word and deed, and invited more deeply into the life of the Church.

The sponsors most significant role is to be a role model of such witness and unifying love. If you are a practicing Catholic, who has received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, you can be a sponsor.

Sponsors are needed for adults who are becoming fully initiated Catholics. This ceremony will be at this years Easter Vigil on April 15, 2017. Sponsors are also needed for children who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year in May 2017. A sponsor has to be at least 16 years of age and a parent cannot be a sponsor for their own child. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Ms. Pino at 718-769-6311 for further details.