

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

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St. Margaret Mary Church
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Manhattan Beach NY

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 11:00 AM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM

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ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Ebenezer K. Abban*

In Residence: *Rev. Joseph P. Quigley*

In Residence: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*

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

Visiting Priest: *Rev. Richard Dordunu*

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.

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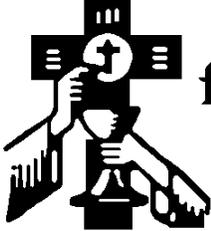
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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week



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St. Mark Church

Saturday, August 16

8:30 AM John Senanot
5:00 PM Richard Mosca (ann)

Sunday, August 17

8:00 AM Mary Sciabarra
9:30 AM Sofia Forginone
11:00 AM For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM Rosemarie Beeker

Monday, August 18

8:30 AM Margie Havens

Tuesday, August 19

8:30 AM John Powers

Wednesday, August 20 St. Bernard

8:30 AM Joseph Powers

Thursday, August 21 St. Pius X

8:30 AM Michael Powers

Friday, August 22 The Queenship of the BVM

8:30 AM Edmund Powers

Saturday, August 23 St. Rose of Lima

8:30 AM Emma Flynn
5:00 PM Salvatore Gagliardi

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, August 17

11:00 AM Marianna Rogall by Rosary Society

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 AM Michele Mazza

Sunday, August 24

11:00 AM Emily Anna Marie Mannarino

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 17, 2014
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
“INSIDERS AND OUTSIDERS”

Too often we allow the things that differentiate us as individuals or groups to become barriers that exclude and alienate. Jesus shows us how to overcome those barriers.

Today's Readings: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*

Psalms 67:4

ROMANS 11:13-15,

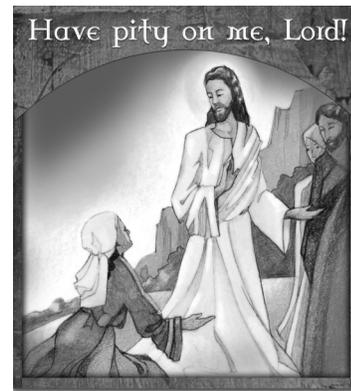
29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

Please pray for the sick:

Marilynn O'Donnell

Names will be listed in our bulletin for 2 weeks. If you are aware of a parishioner who needs to be added to, or kept on our prayer list, please contact the parish office.



Gifts to honor a loved one: living or deceased, are available (candles, flowers or bread & wine).

There are also Masses available during the months of October through December.

Please contact the parish office for information. The 2015 Mass book has arrived, please contact the rectory if you desire a specific date..

Pastor's Column August 16 –17, 2014

“My House Shall be Called a House of Prayer for All Peoples”

I don't know about you, but I find it difficult to watch the news or even surf the internet these days. It is hard, if not impossible, to escape all the images of conflict and war in Iraq, in Israel and Gaza, and in the Ukraine. Violence only begets more violence, and everyone suffers whether they are Christians, Moslems or Jews. It is no wonder that people can become fed up with organized religion when so much suffering and bloodshed is perpetrated in the name of God. But those who use violence to achieve their ends cannot be people of God. As our readings this weekend demonstrate, God is a great gatherer and unifier. It is Satan or the Devil, whose name means to divide and separate, who looks to spread discord rather than peace.

In our Old Testament reading, Isaiah prophesies how foreigners who join themselves to the Lord will be brought to his holy mountain. The Lord says, “Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7). And we are those foreigners, the Gentiles to whom St. Paul speaks in our second reading. He says, “For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all” (Romans 11:32). And it is in our Gospel that these sentiments are vividly illustrated in Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman.

St. Matthew begins by telling us that Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. This is the only occasion in Sacred Scripture where Jesus ventures outside of Jewish territory. For Jesus, this was a time of deliberate withdrawal. The end was coming near, and Jesus wished some time of quiet in which he could prepare his disciples for the day of the cross. But the cries of the Canaanite woman seeking help for her daughter interrupted his plans. This woman was not only a Gentile, but the Canaanites were ancestral enemies of the Jews. The disciples urged Jesus to send her away, but our Lord, filled with compassion, engages her in a dialogue. While Jesus' words are provocative, if not insulting, they allow the woman to demonstrate her understanding (she calls him Lord and Son of David), her humility (“even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters”) and ultimately her perseverance and faith (“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”) If only the adversaries in the trouble spots of the world could resolve their differences in a similar manner.

The chairman of the Committee of International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop, Bishop Richard Pates, has asked the U.S. bishops to invite the people of their dioceses to pray for peace in Iraq this Sunday, August 17. The following is the text of a prayer written by the Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq, His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sako:

Prayer for Peace in Iraq

Lord, the plight of our country is deep,
and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening.
Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives, and to grant us patience,
and courage to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope.
Lord, peace is the foundation of life; grant us the peace and stability
that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety,
and with dignity and joy. Glory be to you forever. Amen.

-Fr. Bob

School News

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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Saint Mark School is gearing up for the beginning of the new school year! Recently I wrote to our school parents about Catholic education and some of the recent developments here at St. Mark School. I would like to share this with the parishioners of St. Mark as well. -Carol Donnelly

There is still time to register for the year ahead.

Why a Catholic School for your child?

In today's economic climate, parents may wonder why they should send their children to Catholic schools. I offer a most compelling reason: to learn how to make the right choices in a world where choices are counter-cultural. Through our Catholic worldview, we give children the tools they need to analyze the world in which they live through the lens of a morality and spirituality that comes through our Lord Jesus Christ. We teach our children to show their love in action by willing the good of the other and acting on it.

With a solid curriculum, dedicated teachers and staff, and the desire to change the world one child at a time; we provide your child with a strong academic foundation. With morning prayer each day, daily mass for classes, special liturgies, celebration of the sacraments, a religion curriculum based on diocesan standards, a desire to help those in need through charity and social justice, and a joy for the blessings given to us, we do so much more than educate the mind. Children of other faiths are welcomed and enrich our understanding of all that is possible through God who loves us.

Did you know?

The percentage of high school graduates who attend a four year college:

84.9% Catholic School graduates	
61.3% Other Religious Schools	
57.2% Other Private Schools	
39.5% Public Schools	Cath-
olic Schools enroll nearly half of all students	in
U.S. private schools.	

Yes, there is a cost associated with Catholic education, but there is help for families who are interested; most especially from the support of our St. Mark parishioners and school alumni. Lots of exciting things are going on. Just recently, we have been granted two Universal Pre-K programs to begin in our school this September.

What is UPK? UPK is a free full day program for 4 year olds. It is an opportunity for your child to develop the knowledge, skills and approaches to learning to be ready for school. We follow the New York State Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core, an educational approach to maximize learning. All of this is done through play, running, drawing, acting, building, cooking, cleaning, singing, reading, dancing, examining, sorting and eating, are all supported by a monthly theme. Some seats are still available. Contact Mrs. Ryan in the school office for further information at 718-332-304.

Registration for 2014-15

Faith Formation

Classes begin Sunday, September 7, 2014.

For children new to the program, Please bring in the Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate (if baptized) of your child and a deposit or payment in full. If coming from another parish program please bring transfer papers.

The Religious Ed Office will be open to take registrations on the following days:

Thursday, Aug.14 from 10 am to 1 pm

Thursday, Aug.21 from 10 am to 1 pm

Sunday, Aug.24 from 9:30 am to 10:45 am and 12:30 pm to 2 pm

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED:

In September, we will be looking for volunteers to monitor the school entrance door during Religious Ed classes..

Catechists/Instructors: Are you willing to give a few hours a week on Sundays beginning in September to help children learn about God? Please contact Ms. Pino for more information about these opportunities.

Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

August 10, 2014

1st Collection: \$4097.00
2nd Collection: \$1337.00
Attendance: 555
Envelopes Returned: 188
Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$384.00
2nd Collection: \$154.00
Attendance: 49
Envelopes Returned: 16

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125
Amt. Pledged: \$74,017
Amt Paid: \$60,989
of Donors: 271
% Participation: 30.90%

St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354
Amt Pledged: \$5,845
Amt Paid: \$5,495
of Donors: 18
% Participation: 19.15%

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM 5TH Month Progress Report

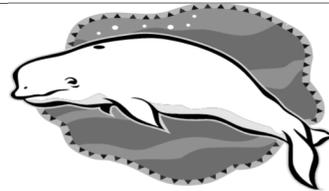
Mom is now in her second trimester and will probably feel more energetic. This is a wonderful period in a pregnancy. Mom's uterus is expanding, so loose fitting clothes will soon be changed to maternity clothes. To meet the demands of her baby, her heart has increased its output of blood volume by roughly 40%. She may get some minor nosebleeds or bleeding gums since there is more pressure on small blood vessels. The baby's placenta is matching the incredible growth rate of the baby. It is large and contains a dense network of its own blood vessels which exchange nutrients and waste. Even during these hot summer months and while on vacation, please continue to pray daily for your Spiritual Baby.



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Upcoming Events



Friday, August 22nd Whale & Dolphin Watch

There will be 2 buses going out for this great day on the water! Buses will be at the St. Mark schoolyard at 10:00 am. You must have a reserved spot to ride the bus that morning. A free will offering will be taken up that day to offset the cost. For those who are taking their own vehicles to the dock, please meet the buses at the pier by 11am. We will board the cruise as a group to maintain our discounted rate.

The 33rd Annual Great Irish Fair of New York

**Sponsored by The Irish American Building
Society Charities (IABSC)
Sept. 13 & 14**

**Surf Ave and West 21st St., Coney Island
Admission: \$12.00, children under 12 free**

*Live music, arts & crafts,
Rides for kids, delicious foods*
100% of all net proceeds will
be donated in support of
Brooklyn/ Queens Diocesan
Elementary Schools



The 26th Annual PO Hoban Run

The Hoban Run, a 5 mile run, a September tradition in Bay Ridge, will take place on Sunday, Sept. 21st at 10 am (ceremony at 10, race starts at 10:30). Enthusiastically supported by the Xaverian Police Alumni, the NYPD and the community, the Hoban Run supports a memorial scholarship fund honoring Christopher Hoban, '80, an NYPD officer who lost his life in the line of duty in 1988 at age 26. Questions? Please contact Xavaerian's Office of Advancement at 718-836-7100 x197. Register for the race and/or the after-party at www.hobanrun.com

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