



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
In Residence: Rev. Joseph P. Quigley
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Kathy Fackovec President (718) 934-7964

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

Dec 14 – Dec 21

Saturday, December 14

5:00PM John Mc Ginnis

Sunday, December 15

8:00AM For the people of the parish

9:30AM Deceased members of Mona & Perrotta Families

11:00AM Thomas Lo Pinto

12:30PM George Granieri

Monday, December 16

8:30 AM Mollo, Cipriani and Grilli

Tuesday, December 17

8:30AM Ana Maria & Moises Alferez

7:30PM Advent Evening Prayer Services

Wednesday, December 18

8:30AM Angelo Dellano

Thursday, December 19

8:30AM Thomas Benichasa & Marie Benichasa

Friday, December 20

8:30AM Donatilde & Frank Zanca

Saturday, December 21

8:30AM Marie Danner & Jerry Distasio



Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

December 8, 2013

1st Collection: \$ 5,264

2nd Collection: Christmas Gift: \$4,737

Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$7,531.00

Attendance: 768

Envelopes Returned: 188

Envelopes Mailed Out: 763

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$ 725

2nd Collection: \$320

Attendance:41

Envelopes Returned: 13

2013 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. The amount paid for St. Mark has almost reached our goal. Let's try to surpass our goal by the end of the year.

St. Mark Pledges:234

St. Margaret Mary 91

Goal:\$40,125

Goal:\$2,354

Amount Pledged:\$46,672

Amount Pledged:\$5,210

Amount Paid:\$39,714

Amount Paid:\$5,180



St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, December 15

11:00AM Luigi Libetti

Wednesday, December 17

9:00AM Deceased members of Santa Barbara Family

Sunday, December 22

11:00AM Helen & Edward Franznick Jr.

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.



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The Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2013

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting Joy.

—Isaiah 35:10a

MEMORIALS:

Flower Offering

Altar Bread

Altar Wine



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Purgatorial Society

Joseph Palomba

Maria Antonia Frustaci

Inagzio John Giaimo

John Petrizzo

Pete Kunik

Jasmine Calix

Nicholas D'Angelico

Florence Gagliardi

William A Seidenfaden

Elizabeth E. Zahra

John Schwarz

Frank Rella

Bridget Griffin

Joyce Doll

Geraldine White

Violet Maggi

Grace Marie Nieves

Pray for the Sick

Marilynn Heath

Joseph Cumella

Lucy Tagliaferro

Anna Maria Vozzo

Diane Bridgwood

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Joan Springhoffs

Anthony Mc Glone



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.

My brothers and sisters, the Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday.

Gaudete is a Latin word which means "rejoice", which happens to be the first word of the Entrance Antiphon for this weekend's Mass which I have used as the title for this column. It also happens to be a favorite word of our Holy Father Pope Francis whose recent Apostolic Exhortation is titled *Evangelii Gaudium*, or *The Joy of the Gospel* which begins: "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew...I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day."

This past Sunday we unveiled our Adoration of The Christ display during our service of Lessons and Carols. After all the speculation these past few weeks on the part of so many people, myself included, as to what my reaction to this might be, I am not embarrassed or ashamed to admit that this magnificent work of art literally brought me to tears. I found myself sobbing, overcome with emotion, as the entire experience of first listening to the great deeds of salvation history in Scripture and song and then hearing the sweet voices of our Children's Choir sing *Adeste Fideles/O Come All Ye Faithful* while seeing the Angel Tree and nativity scene come to life as the lights of the display were brightened and dimmed, brought me to a renewed personal encounter with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Many thanks again to Carl Oliveri and his crew for assembling the display, to our Director of Music Pat Marvella, Choir Director Brian Kerns, Leader of Song and of the Children's Choir Kimberly Muldoon, Soloist Sister Bernadette Izzo, and all the members of our Adult and Children's Choirs for the beautiful music, to our Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, Altar Servers, and to Tom and Gerri Kubat and The Apostles group for hosting the reception afterwards.

I urge everyone, especially families, to come and spend some time in prayer before The Adoration of The Christ display as part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas during this Advent season. There will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule of the church this weekend for volunteers willing to spend an hour sometime during the week from Monday, December 16th to Saturday, December 21st between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM in order to keep the church open longer so that more people may have the opportunity see the display and encounter Christ and experience his joy anew. Fr. Bob



We will have an **Advent Evening Prayer Service** on **Tuesday evening, December 17th at 7:30 PM.** With all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, please join us and take some time to prepare spiritually for the coming of Our Lord.



FOOD COLLECTION

December 21 & 22, 2013

Make a Difference. Please Help Stop Hunger in Our Community, Give What You Can. Thank You for your continued Support. St Vincent De Paul Society will be collecting Dry Foods, Hygiene items and Money. God Bless you



School News

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School News:

We have begun the second trimester of school and have just received our Report Cards.

Advent is here and we are busy preparing ourselves for the gift of Jesus.

Classroom are bustling with activity and we are also practicing for our Christmas pageant on Thursday evening December 19th.

PROMISE FULFILLED

Today's readings address the faithful one, the one who waits on God but may not feel God's presence. Every person who seeks God has at one time or another experienced the absence of God. Jesus himself cried out during his dark night of the soul.

The Epistle of James speaks to this. The author says that we must be as patient as the silent, fallow earth that awaits the slow, soaking rains of winter and the hard, necessary rains of spring. As the farmer is sure of the precious yield of the land, we can be sure of the precious yield of our patient waiting. God is never far away.

The messengers from John the Baptizer asked Jesus if he was the one whose coming John had announced. The messengers wanted to hear the answer that the imprisoned John already knew. Everything that John said was finally happening: because of Jesus, light shines in eyes; words of promise are received; people leap and dance. The promise of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus.

Wobbly knees and feeble hands are strong, the desert blooms, the savanna and steppe flower, the darkness is chased away.



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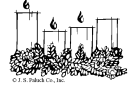
Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Phone: 718 769-6311

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Wed. & Thurs. 9AM - 2PM



The third week of Advent

A Family prayer to say as you light the Advent candle or at dinner or bedtime.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your church; the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and removed the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

All Are Welcome

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 4:30PM

Children and Family Mass

Special presentation of the Gospel by the Religious Education and St. Mark School children

CALLING ALL ANGELS, SHEPHERDS & KINGS!

All children of St. Mark Parish are invited to participate in the portrayal of the Christmas Living Gospel at the Christmas Eve Family Mass on Wednesday, December at 4:30pm. Participation forms are in the bulletin and around the church. Please involve your child.



These forms must be returned by December 15th. Contact Ms. Pino for further information at 718-769-6311.



ADVENT

During Advent we should follow the light of the advent wreath, faithfully observing its signs of Christ's coming. We light candles rising from the evergreen of God's constancy, positioned in the pattern of God's cyclical birth among us, and growing in brightness weekly until the true Light of the World is revealed.

St. Mark Rosary Society - We would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Christmas Dinner. A wonderful time was had by all and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year! We would also like to thank everyone from the parish who so generously bought our chance books. This week at our Christmas dinner we were able to present Fr. Bob with a check in the amount of \$5,000, thanks to all of you. The winners of our raffle were as follows:
 1st prize - Stanislaw Mazurek; 2nd prize - Andrew Fackovec; 3rd prize - Quiles. Please contact me to claim your prize - Kathy Fackovec 718-934-7964. The Rosary Society wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.



Parish Christmas Cards

Our parish Christmas cards have arrived and are available for purchase after the weekend Masses or at the rectory. One has a picture of the Angel Tree and the other has a close-up picture of the creche at its base courtesy of George Pompilio and Gothic Press. The cards will be sold in sets of 10 cards and envelopes for \$10, or for you bargain hunters, sets of 20 cards and envelopes (ten of each picture) for \$15. Send these beautiful cards and help support your parish.



Vocation Corner

Third Sunday of Advent- Dec 15, 2013.

“I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.” Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priests, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or Email:

vocations@diobrook.org

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.

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Altar Server

December

Mass Time	5.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	12.30pm
Dec, 14,15	Jennifer Falco Gianela Campos Katie Cash Brianna Cash	Jade Quiles Nimhan Randeiya Tiana Randeiya Allison Nicole Louie	Cassidy Andre Christine Andre Michael Frasca Syrina Ganpatt	Gregory Cleland Arthur Camacho Janissa Diaz Jasmine Diaz	Natalia Ozoemena Chloe Jobity Chris Donlan Deondre Thomas
Dec, 21,22	Jennifer Falco Chris Donlan Syrina Ganpatt Katlyn Guidice John Bao	Jade Quiles Allison Nicole Louie Katie Cash Brianna Cash	Nimhan Randeiya Tiana Randeiya Cassidy Andre Christine Andre	Gregory Cleland Arthur Camacho Janissa Diaz Jasmine Diaz	Gianela Campos Natalia Ozoemena Chloe Jobity Deondre Thomas
Dec., 24th	Jennifer Falco,				
Vigil @ 4.30pm	Jade Quiles, Michael Frasca, Natalia Ozoemena, Cassidy Andre				
Dec, 25 Mid-night	Nimhan Randeiya, Tiana Randeiya, Chris Donlan, Gianela Campos, Gregory Cleland				