

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

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Website:
www.stmarkbrooklyn.org

ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor: *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 Society:

Mr. Tom Scalese, President
Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

718-891-0443

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

917-753-1795

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"

Mass Intentions



for the week

St. Mark Church

Saturday, Dec 26

5:00 PM Paula Weber

Sunday, Dec 27

8:00 AM The People of the Parish
9:30 AM Thomas & Natalie Dengler
11:00 AM Mark Bolus
12:30 PM Purgatorial Society Members

Monday, Dec 28 The Holy Innocents

8:30 AM Helen Dubiel

Tuesday, Dec 29 St. Thomas Becket

8:30 AM Angelina Sobanko

Wednesday, Dec 30

8:30 AM Mary Sarni

Thursday, Dec 31

8:30 AM Thomas McLaughlin
5:00 PM Juliana & Antonio Francisco

Friday, Jan 1 Mary the Mother of God

8:00 AM Dolores Caputo
9:30 AM Adolph Bartoli, Jr
11:00 AM Dennis Connor
12:30 PM Victor & Mildred Mucci

Saturday, Jan 2

8:30 AM Theodore & Grace Mucci
5:00 PM Patricia & Charity

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, Dec 27 Irene Stanger

11:00 AM Emma Alba Gloria

Wednesday, Dec 30

9:00 AM Catherine Looney

Friday, Jan 1

11:00 AM Martin & Signe Egeland

Sunday, Jan 3

11:00 AM Giuseppe Gallo

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.



DECEMBER 27, 2015

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Like any family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph had their own complications and fears to deal with, but they were always grounded in the loving faithfulness of their covenant with God and one another.

The child
grew to maturity



and was
filled with wisdom

Today's Readings:

1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

Psalm 84:5a

1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

Purgatorial Society

Ronald La Porte

Dolores Caputo

Gloria Engelbert

On Friday January 1st,
we celebrate the Feast of
Mary, the Holy Mother of God.
It is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Both St. Mark and
St. Margaret Mary will have
a regular Sunday Mass
schedule.

Mary, Mother of God



Please pray for the sick:
Maria Calise, Rachel Marin, Antonia Galli, Linda DeFrancesco, Georgette Scaleso, Sal Comodo, Joseph John Buccheri Sally Frances Buccheri, & Diane Camacho

who is in need of a kidney donor.

718-284-0704

Week of Dec 26, 2015 to Jan 2, 2016:

**Bread and Wine in Memory of
Carolyn Gordon**

9th Anniversary In Heaven

Requested by Joan Belt

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

Please contact the parish office for information.



Pastor's Column December 26-27, 2015

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy!”

Earlier this month on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our Holy Father Pope Francis opened the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica to begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy. In his decree promulgating this Holy Year Pope Francis wrote, “I have chosen the date of December 8th because of its rich meaning in the recent history of the Church. In fact, I will open the Holy Door on the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. The Church feels a great need to keep this event alive... We recall the poignant words of Pope Saint John XXIII when, opening the Council, he indicated the path to follow: ‘Now the Bride of Christ wishes to use the medicine of mercy rather than taking up arms of severity... The Catholic Church, as she holds high the torch of Catholic truth at this Ecumenical Council, wants to show herself a loving mother to all; patient, kind, moved by compassion and goodness toward her separated children.’”

Coincidentally or not, the very next day, was also the celebration of another significant fiftieth anniversary, for on December 9th, 1965 the beloved family Christmas special, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, made its network television debut. I was an eight year old child then, and over the years I have seen most, if not quite all, of the reruns. Even during the time of my seminary studies in Rome, my classmates and I would watch that video on Thanksgiving each year to remind us of home as we tried to make that holiday as American as possible.

The theme of *A Charlie Brown Christmas* is as timely and pertinent as ever. If you recall, as the program opens it's Christmas season, and Charlie Brown is afraid, anxious, and depressed. He confides in Linus this fact, citing his dismay with the over-commercialization and secularization of Christmas and his inability to grasp what Christmas is all about. At the show's climax, in desperation, Charlie Brown loudly asks if *anybody* really knows what Christmas is all about. Linus, standing alone on the stage, states he can tell him, and dropping his security blanket he recites the familiar reading we heard at Midnight Mass about the angel's proclamation to the shepherds: “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ the Lord.”

My brothers and sisters, the world of 2015 is still a scary place, and most of us find ourselves grasping to something temporal for security, whatever that thing may be. In a world plagued by terrorist acts and our politicians stoking our fears and appealing to our baser instincts, 2015 is a world in which it is very difficult for us to "fear not." But in the midst of fear and insecurity, this simple cartoon image from 1965 continues to live on as an inspiration for us to seek true peace and true security in the one place it has always been and can always still be found. Having enjoyed Christmas and this weekend celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, now is the time to return to our Church family to experience ever anew the good news of God's peace, joy, mercy and love. *A Charlie Brown Christmas* concludes with the characters singing the beautiful carol: “Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.” During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may we come to know God's mercy in a special way and share that mercy with a world that needs His mercy so very much.

-Fr. Bob



In Matthew's gospel, Magi from the east go to Judea in search of the newborn king of the Jews, having "seen his star in the east". The King, Herod the Great, directs them to Bethlehem, and asks them to let him know who this king is when they find him. They find Jesus and honor him, but an angel tells them not to alert Herod, and they return home by another way.

The Massacre of the Innocents is found in Matthew 2:16-18, although the preceding verses form the context:

When the Magi had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. Get up, he said, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him. So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old or under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

A Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop DiMarzio

The Holy Doors of Rome, Assisi and The Holy Land In the Year of Mercy

Italy Portion: September 15-23, 2016
Optional Holy Land Extension
September 23-29, 2016
For a Brochure:
Susan: 1-800-842-4842



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Upcoming Events

Mass Schedule

ST. MARK:

Dec. 31st : 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Jan. 1st: 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM

ST. MARGARET MARY:

Jan 1st: 11:00 AM

**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY DEC 31 &
FRIDAY JAN. 1ST.**

*The Rosary Society
Regular Monthly Meeting January 3rd
following the 9:30 Mass
(weather permitting).
All are invited to attend.*



We would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Christmas Dinner at Gargiulo's on December 7th. A wonderful time was had by all, and we are looking forward to seeing you all again next year!

We would also like to thank everyone who purchased a chance book. With your generosity, we were able to donate \$2,600 toward our beautiful Christmas display.

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

1st place: Marie Genovese

2nd place: Janice Dubiel

3rd place: Amelia Knowles

The Rosary Society would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

School News

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We trust that everyone had a blessed Christmas and spent time with family and friends.

The entire St. Mark Catholic Academy family wishes everyone a New Year filled with God's blessings, health and happiness.



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JANUARY 1ST:

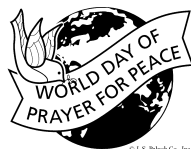
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE: OVERCOME INDIFFERENCE & WIN PEACE

Every day, we hear of issues like war, poverty, or persecution that affect our brothers & sisters around the world. The problems can seem so large, complex, & remote that they can leave us paralyzed, overwhelmed, or even numb. We may wonder, "What can I possibly do?"

In his message for the 49th World Day of Peace, celebrated on Jan. 1, 2016, Pope Francis urges us to overcome such challenges by replacing isolation with community, & indifference with solidarity.

In our families, schools & institutions, we must foster awareness about problems, such as intolerance, religious persecution, slavery, war & the plight of refugees. We must encounter our neighbors, engage in civil dialogue, cooperate, & build skills to together address these problems in meaningful ways. Working together we can creatively overcome inaction & indifference & work toward peace & respect for the lives & the dignity of all people.

**YOU CAN BE A
PEACEMAKER.**



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Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Monday: 1:00-5:00

Wednesday: 9:00-2:00

Thursday: 9:00- 2:00

718-769-6311



St. Mark R.C. Parish

Confirmation Parents and Candidates: Proximate Preparation II gathering will be held on Sunday, January 10 at 9:45am in the school cafeteria.

Sunday, January 17 is Martin Luther King weekend—no classes.

The Giving Tree:

The gifts purchased for the needy at Christmas time was a great success. Gifts were purchased for over 500 less fortunate children and adults.

The Sisters of Life, Hour Children, Catholic Charities and the St. Vincent de Paul Group are very grateful for your generosity. May you always be blessed for your giving hearts.



A special *THANK YOU* to our parents, children and young adults who participated in the dramatization of the Gospel at the Christmas Eve Family Mass on December 24, 2015

May the peace, love and joy of Christmas stay with you, not only during Christmas time, but throughout the year!

SAVE THE DATE

**NEXT MEETING:
JAN. 15TH**



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