

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**

**Email:**  
**stmarkrcbklyn@aol.com**  
**Website:**  
**www.stmarkbrooklyn.org**

## ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor: *Rev. Robert V. Mucci*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Ebenezer K. Abban*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*

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](http://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

**St. Mark School:**

Mrs. Carol Donnelly, Principal  
Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

**St. Mark Religious Education:**

Ms. Jo Ann Pino

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:**

Mr. Michael Davis

**St. Mark Choir:**

Mr. Patrick Marvella, Director of Music

**St. Vincent De Paul Group:**

Mr. Tom Scalese, President

Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

**Homebound Ministry:**

Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

**Ministers of Hospitality:**

Mr. Tom Scalese

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Mr. Edgar Perez, Coordinator

**Lectors:**

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

**Rosary Society:**

Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President

Mrs. Maria Mansuroglu, Vice President

**Golden Age Society:**

Mrs. Joan Belt, President

Ms. Josephine Bonnano, Vice President

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*"With God all things are possible"*

**Mass Intentions for the week**



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**St. Mark Church**

**Saturday, Feb 13**

5:00 PM Elvecia Jodesty

**Sunday, Feb 14**

8:00 AM James Zargari (ann.)  
 9:30 AM Faye Perez  
 11:00 AM The People of the Parish  
 12:30 PM Thomas A. Ahearn

**Monday, Feb 15**

8:30 AM Maureen Flynn

**Tuesday, Feb 16**

8:30 AM Victor & Grace Perrotta

**Wednesday, Feb 17**

8:30 AM Eleanor Stanish

**Thursday, Feb 18**

8:30 AM Eleanor Stanish

**Friday, Feb 19**

8:30 AM Eleanor Stanish

**Saturday, Feb 20**

8:30 AM Nicholas Panno (birthday)  
 5:00 PM Rose Libretti



**St. Margaret Mary Church**

**Sunday, Feb 14**

11:00 AM Frank Chuchla (birthday)  
 & Chuchla Family

**Wednesday, Feb 17**

9:00 AM Girolama Pizzo

**Sunday, Feb 21**

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 14, 2016  
 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jesus undergoes temptation in the dessert so that we can embrace his own conviction. Our temptations are moments of grace, moving us to call on the name of the Lord in our powerlessness and weakness longing to be saved.

**Today's Readings:**


Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
 Psalm 91:15b  
 Romans 10:8-13  
 Luke 4:1-13




*Please pray for the sick:*  
**Lucy Montanaro-Piccolo, Mary Scholz, Fr. Joseph Quigley, Maria Calise, Rachel Marin, Antonia Galli, Linda DeFrancesco, Georgette Scalsese, 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. 15th in observance of Presidents' Day.**

**The Stations of the Cross** Wednesdays during Lent at St. Margaret Mary after 9:00 am Mass. + Fridays during Lent at St. Mark after 8:30 am Mass.



**Gifts to honor a loved one; living or deceased, are available (bread & wine, candles or flowers). Please contact the parish office for information.**



**There are Mass dates available in February and March for both St. Mark and St. Margaret Mary.**

Pastor's Column February 13-14, 2016

**Lead us not into temptation...**

I was talking to a priest friend the other day who was very upset. He had a meeting to attend in the city. He was running late and he couldn't find a parking lot or space at a meter. So he parked his car in a no-parking zone, left his clergy sign on the dashboard and put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block ten times. If I don't park here I will miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with a note that said: "I have circled this block for ten years. If I don't give you a ticket, I will lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

Forgive my feeble attempt at a joke. But isn't that a curious phrase we say over and over again whenever we recite the Our Father? Lead us not into temptation. Our Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent is the story of the temptation of Jesus in the desert by the devil. St. Luke begins by telling us that: "Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

Jesus' temptations reveal the three basic sins with which we all struggle. I like to call them the three "P's": Pleasure, Power, and Popularity. The first temptation was to turn stones into bread. Jesus had been in the desert for forty days. St. Luke writes: "He ate nothing during those days and when they were over he was hungry." The desert in Palestine was not a desert of sand. It was covered by little bits of limestone exactly like loaves of bread. The devil said to Jesus: "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him by quoting Scripture: "It is written, 'One does not live on bread alone.'" The world tells us that we should base our life's meaning on pleasure and comfort, that things will make us happy. But doing God's will is the only thing that will bring us true happiness in this life and eternal happiness in the next.

The second temptation is power. The devil promises Jesus all the power and glory of all the kingdoms of the world if only Jesus worship him. Jesus again quotes Scripture: "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.'" The world tells us that we are measured by our accomplishments; that lofty titles and power will make us happy. But we have inherent dignity because of who we are and who God created us to be, not because of any special thing we do.

The third temptation is popularity or vanity. The devil dares Jesus to throw himself down from the parapet of the temple so that God will command his angels to save him to prove that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus quotes Scripture a third time: "You shall not put the Lord, your God to the test." The world tells us that our life's meaning is based on what other people think of us, that we should go with the flow and follow the crowd to fit in so we may be happy. But pleasing God, not the world, is the only path to true happiness.

The antidote to the three "P's" of pleasure, power, and popularity is the virtue of humility. Like Jesus, we must make God's will our highest priority so that we are not seduced by the temptations and lies of the world. Jesus shows us how to defeat the devil using those tools recommended in Lent of prayer, fasting, and charity. So to fight the three "P's" of pleasure, power and popularity, get in the habit of praying the Our Father often, even several times a day. If we sincerely pray "Thy will be done" and subject our will to His, he will "not lead us to temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen." Have a blessed Lent.

– Fr. Bob

**St. Vincent De Paul  
Monthly Food Collection  
Feb 20 & 21**



We are collecting canned & dry non perishable items (please check expiration dates). Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted.

Thank you for your continued, support!  
The St. Vincent de Paul Group is *unable* to accept any clothing donations until further notice.  
**THANK YOU!**

**Barbara Datillo Memorial Youth Concert  
Our Lady of Grace, 385 Avenue W**

Saturday February 20 at 7pm

ADMISSION IS FREE -- the youth choir of Our Lady of Grace Howard Beach will be performing Broadway, Pop and Sacred Music. Refreshments for sale, raffles, cash prizes. Take an ad in the journal.

Call Steven-917-836-4985

Mary Ann- 718-376-8294.

**FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE**

State senator Marty Golden will again host the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, offering free tax preparation services to residents making less than \$30,000 annually.

Appointments will be available at his district office located at 7408 5th Avenue on Sundays & Mondays from Feb.21 through April 11.

Services will be provided by appointment only & can be scheduled by calling Senator Golden's district office at 718-238-6044.

**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULT WOMEN:**

*Do you desire to serve those less fortunate and are you willing to be transformed by compassion?*

**St. Joseph Worker Program** is the answer you've been looking for! We invite women 21 years of age or older to become a St. Joseph Worker for one year (late August to June.) <http://www.brentwoodcsj.org/application-st-joseph-worker-program/>

The program fosters the self-empowerment of women in leadership, spirituality, community, simplicity and justice. Room and board and a monthly stipend are provided.

Volunteers work 35 hours a week, matched with a placement site whose mission and work support the values of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Placements are in the areas of social service, education, health care, advocacy and systematic change. **Come and see...bring a friend.**

**Open House: Saturday March 12, 2016. 2:00-4:30 PM.**

**Mary Louis Convent**

**176-21 Wexford Terrace**

**Jamaica Estates, NY 11432**

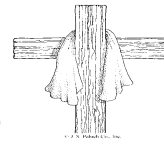
Call Sister Tesa at 718-433-4724 X312 for additional information or visit our website at [www.brentwoodcsj.org](http://www.brentwoodcsj.org)

## Upcoming Events

### LENTEN VESPERS

**FEB 23-25 7:00 PM**

Jim Ryan the author of the book "Simple Happiness, 52 Easy Ways to Lighten Up" will be our presenter.



The focus of this year's retreat will be to work on our human side; to free ourselves of cares and troubles so that we may be open to receive more fully God's Grace during the Holy Season of Lent. Topics for the presentations will be:

*8 Characteristics of Happy People* (Feb 23),  
*Managing Thought, The Key to Experiencing God's Love* (Feb 24),  
*Start to Live Heaven on Earth* (Feb.25)

### PARISH MOVIE NIGHT MARCH 4th



#### FREE ADMISSION

Tickets available starting Feb 13th after Masses  
or at the rectory  
Sponsored by Youth Ministry.

### Year of Mercy Lenten Retreat Day

sponsored by the Golden Age &  
Rosary Societies

**Saturday March 12th 9am -3pm**

\$20 donation



Fr. Stephen Saffron will lead a day of reflection and prayer. For more information and reservations:

Vicki Mollo: 718-645-0424

Joan Belt: 718-646-2176

Kathy Fackovec: 917-517-4260

**Camp Veritas 2016:** a one week play-and pray summer camp for teens going into 7-12th grade. It will be held at 3 locations: July 24-30 at Mt. St. Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 31-Aug 6 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD; & Aug 14-20 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY.

Enrollment open 1/1/16, the price for each week is \$400 per camper. Early bird rates are \$370 for all sites. More details & enrollment forms for campers & volunteers (18 & over) can be found at [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).

# School News

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This past Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Ring Day for our Eighth Graders. This is one of the many special events planned for our Graduating Class. I am also proud to announce over \$90,000 in scholarship money has been offered to members of the Eighth Grade Class for entrance into the Catholic High Schools they have applied to.

## **Congratulations to the Class of 2016:**

James Adiele, Ricardo Alleyne, Ashley Beaujuin, Brianna Biggs, Mervyn Bowry, Renzo Caballero, Gianela Campos, Mia Charles, Maritza Cuateco, Eugene Druchuk, Kalil Harris, Earnest Jacobs, Andrew Knowles, Besjan Kukaj, Shemar Latty, David Machin, Jason Palmer, Jade Quiles, Jenna Sachs, Skye Skeffrey, Catherine Solovey, Mishelle Titova and Ana vanGoodman.

As part of our religion curriculum, the students in the Fourth Grade study the Ten Commandments. A recent study of the Ninth Commandment asked students to create a recipe for a Pure Heart. The following are some recipes you might want to follow.

### Recipes for a Pure Heart

**Ingredients:** 5 cups of kindness, 4 cups of peace, 3 cups of respect, 4 cups of friendship, 6 cups of love, 5 cups of faith, 1 cup of responsibility

**Directions:** First pour love and kindness into a bowl together. Next add peace, respect and responsibility. Mix again. Carefully add friendship and faith. After mixing thoroughly pour into a pan. Bake in oven for 45 minutes at 350°F. Let it cool for 10 minutes. This is best served warm. People love to have a "Pure Heart." Enjoy.

**Chef: Jayla Grant**

**Ingredients:** 1 pinch of loving, 2 cups of kindness, 1 tablespoon of trustworthiness, 1 teaspoon of passion, 3 gallons of modesty, 2 gallons of respect, 2 quarts of faithfulness

**Directions:** Mix all of these ingredients for 10 minutes.

Pour into a pan and bake in oven for 30 minutes. If you follow these directions and serve to your family and friends you will have a "Pure Heart." Enjoy!

**Chef: Matteo Trama**

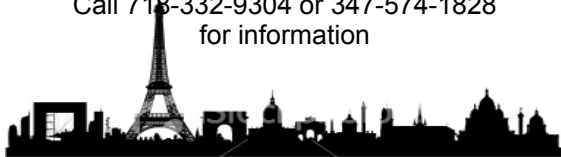
**St. Mark Catholic Academy  
22nd Annual Card Party**

## *April in Paris*

Saturday, April 16, 2016

\$25.00 Tickets on sale now!

Call 718-332-9304 or 347-574-1828  
for information



St. Mark R.C. Parish

## Office of Faith Formation

### Office Hours:

Monday: 1:00-5:00

Wednesday: 9:00-2:00

Thursday: 9:00-2:00

718-769-6311

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:

### *Rite of Sending to the Rite of Election with the Bishop:*

The Rite of Sending will be celebrated on Sunday, February 14, 2016 at the 11:00am Mass.



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The parish community will witness one of the important steps in the life of our catechumen and candidates. This Rite sends the catechumen and candidates to be received by the Bishop and the community at the Rite of Election. This Rite is a testimony of their faithfulness to this process. They will walk forward into a new life with Christ and now be ready to become in full communion with the Catholic community. At the Rite of Election, they are elected to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 26th.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES:

**Sunday, February 28** Communion Proximate Preparation III gathering for parents and children in the school cafeteria.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION PRACTICES IN THE CHURCH:

**Wednesday, March 2:** 4:00-5:30 pm

**Thursday, March 3:** 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

### FIRST RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday, March 5**

Please be in the church at 10:45 am.

After reconciliation there will be a sale of communion items in the school.

### PRESENTATION OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

**Sunday, March 6** at the 11:00 am Mass

The children will be presented to the parish community and they will be given a Bible.

**SAVE THE DATE:  
NEXT MEETING  
FEB. 26TH**



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