

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:
stmarkrcbbklyn@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 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



St. Mark Church

Saturday, Feb 6

5:00 PM Frances Corace

Sunday, Feb 7

8:00 AM Thomas Trezza (birthday)
 9:30 AM Julia Munday
 11:00 AM Vincent DiGregorio
 12:30 PM Claire J Kennedy

Monday, Feb 8 St. Josephine Bakita

8:30 AM The People of the Parish

Tuesday, Feb 9

8:30 AM Denise Libretti

Wednesday, Feb 10 Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Rocco & Vincent Napoli
 10:00 AM Patricia Rhatigan
 7:30 PM Anthony King

Thursday, Feb 11

8:30 AM Eleanor Stanish

Friday, Feb 12

8:30 AM Eleanor Stanish

Saturday, Feb 13

8:30 AM Healing for Helen Nastro
 5:00 PM Elvecia Jodesty

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, Feb 7

11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi.

Wednesday, Feb 10

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

Sunday, Feb 14

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

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 7, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How often do our own ideas, doubts and negative attitudes cause us to miss the miracles of Christ in our midst? Mindful of all this, Christ commands:

“Put out into the deep.” The Gospel that is being preached saves us from what would otherwise shame us. Do not be afraid.

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Psalm 138:10

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.



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

Ash Wednesday SCHEDULE

St. Mark:
 Masses: 8am, 10am, 7:30pm
 3pm: Prayer Service with distribution of ashes

St. Margaret Mary:
 9am Mass with distribution of ashes
 Stations of the Cross at St. Mark every Friday during Lent following the 8:30 Mass.
 Please be sure to pick up a Lent 2016 prayer book: *Five Minutes with the Word* this weekend to aid in your prayer as Lent begins.



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 6-7, 2016

By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective.

At the risk of revealing how much of my childhood I spent sitting in front of the television watching cartoons, I have to admit that when I heard St. Paul say in this weekend's second reading that "I am what I am," my mind was immediately drawn to the cartoon character Popeye who often said the same thing, only he pronounced it, "I yam what I yam." Originally appearing in a newspaper comic strip and popularized in the animated cartoon series I used to watch, Popeye is the one eyed, unrefined sailor with huge forearms who is constantly trying to impress and often save his girlfriend Olive Oyl from one predicament or another. In every episode, the sailor is put into what seems like a hopeless situation during which a can of spinach appears. Popeye immediately pops open the can and gulps the entire contents of it into his mouth. Upon swallowing the spinach, Popeye's physical strength immediately becomes almost superhuman, and he is able to save the day.

Not to belittle the nutritional value of spinach, but for St. Paul and for all of us, it is not some vegetable that brings about our transformation, but rather the grace of God. St. Paul says he is the least of all the apostles and is not fit to even be called an apostle, because he persecuted the church of God. "But," he says, "by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me."

This theme of the transformative power of God's grace is present in our other two readings as well. In describing his vision of the Lord seated on his throne, the prophet Isaiah exclaims, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips." But then an angel brings to him an ember from the altar and touches Isaiah's mouth with it and says, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." And when the Lord asks whom he can send to speak His word, Isaiah is able to answer, "Here I am, send me."

And in our Gospel, we hear the familiar story about when our Lord got into Simon Peter's boat and asked him to put out a short distance from the shore so that Jesus could teach the crowds from the boat. When he finished teaching the people, Jesus, the carpenter turned preacher said to Simon Peter the fisherman, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Peter replied: "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." After catching so many fish that his boat and his partners' boat were both filled and in danger of sinking, Peter's initial reaction was one of fear. He fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." But Jesus tells him, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And St. Luke tells us, "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

The reactions of Isaiah, Paul, and Peter are quite typical. The closer we get to God, the more we become aware of our sinfulness and unworthiness before Him. The season of Lent, which begins this coming Wednesday, is a great time to take stock of our lives and examine our consciences to see if our response to God's love is everything it should be. Let's use the tools of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that God's grace may not be ineffective and thus transform us into that person of heroic virtue He created us to be.

– Fr. Bob

Sunday Collection: January 31, 2016

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$4,871.00

2nd Collection: \$1,119.00

Attendance: 680

Envelopes Returned: 208

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$499.00

2nd Collection: \$102.00

Attendance: 33

Envelopes Returned: 18

2015 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125

Amt. Pledged: \$76,381

Amt. Rec'd: \$69,489

of Donors: 282

% Participation: 32.94%

Weekly Offering



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St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354

Amt. Pledged: \$7,775

Amt. Rec'd: \$7,775

of Donors: 24

% Participation: 25.53%

**Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program
For Lent...for life**

For more than 40 years this faith-in action program for families & faith communities has helped to transform the lives of the poor around the world. Please consider this as part of your Lenten sacrifices. Rice bowls will be available in the church this weekend. .



Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting & abstinence for Catholics.

In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. Abstinence from meat is binding on Catholics from age 14 onward. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night as the 'paschal fast' to honor the suffering & death of the Lord Jesus, & to prepare ourselves to share more fully & celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE

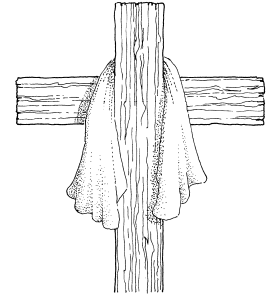
State senator Marty Golden will again host the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, offering free tax preparation services to residents making less than \$30,000 annually.

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.

Upcoming Events

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



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Talk presented by Jim Ryan
"Living a Life of Joy by Following Christ"
Jim will speak at most of the Masses on the weekend of Feb. 20-21.

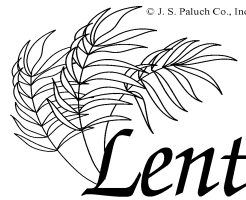
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Year of Mercy Lenten Retreat Day
sponsored by the Golden Age Society

Saturday March 12th

9am -3pm.

Fr. Stephen Saffron will lead our day of reflection and prayer. See flyer for more information.



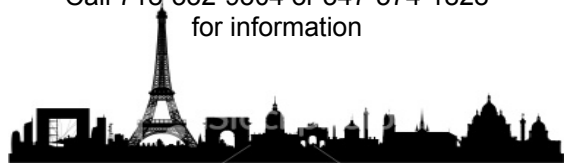
**St. Mark Catholic Academy
22nd Annual Card Party**

April in Paris

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Tickets on sale now!

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



**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.

School News

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What a great few days we have had as we celebrated Catholic Schools Week - a beautiful opening mass, The Great Read for grades 3 - 8, "Saints Among Us" were recognized by several seventh graders, favorite character presentations in grade 2, famous people presentations in grade 1, and the Wild Things inhabited our Kindergarten class, Sports Day, historical presentations by our 3, 4, 5 graders and a fabulous winter show Wintux by our youngest stars - Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and grades 1 and 2. **Congratulations to Arianna Trama of Grade 7 the winner of the Upper Middle School Math Bee. She will be representing St. Mark School at the Diocesan Math Bee on February 9th.**

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.

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



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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

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.

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.

For Catechumens (unbaptized)

The Scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. This is a time of intense spiritual preparation and interior reflection for the elect (preparing to receive all the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil).

The Scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance and have a spiritual purpose. They are celebrated on Sundays and reinforced by an exorcism. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect, and to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. These rites complete the conversion of the elect. They inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ.

The following is the schedule for the Scrutinies:

First Scrutiny- Sunday Feb 28 - 12:30 Mass

Second Scrutiny - Sunday, Mar 6 - 12:30 Mass

Third Scrutiny - Sunday, Msr 13 - 11:00 Mass