

**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**  
**Fax: 718-891-9677**



**St. Margaret Mary Church**  
Ocean Ave. & Oriental Blvd.  
Manhattan Beach NY

**Mass Schedule:**

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

**Email:**  
[stmarkrccbkllyn@aol.com](mailto:stmarkrccbkllyn@aol.com)  
**Website:**  
[www.stmarkbrooklyn.org](http://www.stmarkbrooklyn.org)

## ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor: *Rev. Robert V. Mucci*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Ebenezer K. Abban*

In Residence: *Rev. Joseph P. Quigley*

In Residence: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*

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

**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 Society:**

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:**

Joan Belt, President

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, January 24 St. Frances de Sales**

8:30 AM Theodore & Grace Mucci  
5:00 PM Nicholas Panno



**Sunday, January 25**

8:00 AM Fran McElroy  
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
11:00 AM Mark Bolus  
12:30 PM Members of the Purgatorial Society

**Monday, January 26**

8:30 AM John Di Bernardi

**Tuesday, January 27 St. Angela Merici**

8:30 AM For the Intentions of the St. Clare Home

**Wednesday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas**

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for 14 years of  
Consecrated Life

**Thursday, January 29**

8:30 AM Frank Simmonds

**Friday January 30**

8:30 AM Edward Hogan

**Saturday, January 31 St. John Bosco**

8:30 AM For the Hearts of Young People  
to be Open to Christ  
5:00 PM Violet & Frank Maggi

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

**Sunday, January 25**

11:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Luigi & Silvana  
Cardinale



**Wednesday, January 28**

9:00 AM Glory Gonzalez

**Sunday, February 1**

11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi

**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.

**JANUARY 25, 2015**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**"DON'T HOLD BACK"**

A Christian has to view the world with a certain urgency, so that anything holding us back from being full, faithful followers is set aside.

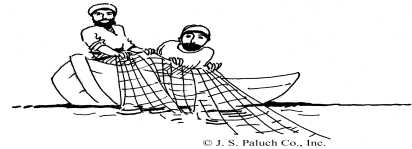
**Today's Readings:**

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalms: 25:4a

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20



**Purgatorial Society:**  
*Marie Battaglia*

*The Rosary Society was able to present Fr. Bob with a check for \$3500. (we collected \$2900 & donated an extra \$600) to help defray the cost of our Christmas display. We would like to thank everyone for your generous participation, without you, this would not be possible. The lucky winners of the raffle were:*

*1st prize- \$750: Carol Webb*

*2nd prize- \$500: Joni Lancos*

*3rd prize- \$250: Stephanie Rizzo*

**Please pray for the sick:**  
**Diane Camacho**  
*who is in need of a kidney donor.*



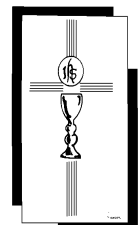
The bread and wine for the month are offered in memory of **Joan Radicella (Bonfonte)** requested by her daughters Lauren Radicella & Robin Radicella -Appiarto.

Mass intentions are available for January 2015 **as early as next week** for both St. Mark & St. Margaret Mary.

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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.**



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## **Pastor's Column January 24-25, 2015**

### **On Being Called and Being Sent**

In last weekend's Gospel we heard how Jesus called his first apostles by inviting them to get to know him and spend time with him. "Come, and you will see," he said to Andrew and John, who after spending the day with Jesus then went and told their respective brothers, Simon Peter and James, that they had found the Messiah. This weekend we discover the natural consequence of that encounter with Christ; Jesus gives them a mission. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men," he tells them. And in much the same way, each of us who are called into an encounter and relationship with Christ are also given a mission or unique role to play in God's great plan of salvation.

There are a number of things we can learn from Jesus' call of Peter, Andrew, James and John. First, he called ordinary people. Fishing was a very common occupation in Galilee in Jesus' day. The great Jewish historian Josephus, a contemporary of Jesus, wrote that 330 fishing boats typically sailed the waters of the lake. Peter, Andrew, James and John were not scholars. They were not drawn from the religious elite or the aristocracy. They were neither learned nor wealthy. They were simple fisherman, ordinary people who in the ordinary course of their day encountered Jesus and their lives were never the same.

And that is the second thing to notice, what those first apostles were doing when they were called. They were doing their day's work, catching fish and mending nets. The call of God came to them and can come to any of us not only in church or some sacred place or in our private place for prayer, but in the middle of our ordinary, everyday lives and work. God knows how and where to find us. It is up to us to be alert to hear his call and be ready to respond.

The next thing we should think about is how Jesus called them. His simple summons was, "Follow me!" Jesus did not offer them a theological treatise to investigate. He did not say he had a new ethical system to discuss and teach them. He just said, "Follow me!" It all began with their personal reaction and relationship to himself. It all began with a tug on their hearts which begets unfailing trust and loyalty. Following Christ is like falling in love; we follow Jesus not for anything in particular that he says but for everything that he is.

Finally, we should note what Jesus offers Peter, Andrew, James and John. He does not call them to a life of leisure and ease, but rather to a life of service. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Discipleship necessarily involves mission. To be called means that we will also be sent. Just as Jesus asked Peter, Andrew, James and John to use the skills and abilities he gave them in a different way to build up his church, so does he ask us to use our God given talents to love and support one another in our parish family.

*– Fr. Bob*

## Sunday Collection

### St. Mark

**January 18, 2015**

1st Collection: \$4,012.00

2nd Collection: \$1,671.00

Attendance: 507

Envelopes Returned: 167

Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

### St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$287.00

2nd Collection: \$181.00

Attendance: 32

Envelopes Returned: 12

### 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

#### **St. Mark**

Goal: \$40,125

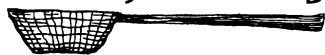
Amt. Pledged: \$75,752

Amt. Paid: \$70,396

# of Donors: 282

% Participation: 34.06%

## Weekly Offering



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#### **St. Margaret Mary**

Goal: \$2,354

Amt. Pledged: \$7,410

Amt. Paid: \$7,410

# of Donors: 22

% Participation: 23.91%

## Upcoming Events

### **2nd Annual Mardi Gras Pot Luck Supper Feb. 7, 2015 6:30pm**



*Tickets:*

**Adults** \$10 + a main dish, dessert or beverages. **Children** (5-13): \$5

Food, Fun, Music, Raffles Door Prize  
Games & Face Painting for the children  
Coffee, tea, soft drinks & ice will be provided.

**BYOB**

*If you would like to volunteer to help, please call the rectory.*

### **Foundations for Ministry Program:**

If you are thinking about volunteering for a parish ministry or are already in ministry and need an update on the teachings of the Church...the Pastoral Institute's Foundations in Ministry Program may be for you. This 10 week program is designed for adult leaders & covers a different topic each week.

Classes begin in February & are being offered in Brooklyn & Queens in English, Mandarin & Spanish. If interested, please go to [dioceseofbrooklyn.org/get-involved/pastoral-institute/foundations-ministry](http://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/get-involved/pastoral-institute/foundations-ministry). Registration online only!

For more information call 718-281-9556

### **For Young Men age 17-35**

Have you considered the possibility that God may be calling you to be a priest?

Consider attending Bishop DiMarzio's

ANNUAL VOCATION RETREAT. March 6-8, 2015.

For information or to register contact the Vocation Office at [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org) or 718-827-2454.

Visit our website:

[www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/bishops-vocations-retreat](http://www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/bishops-vocations-retreat)

### **FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE:**

Brooklyn State Senator Marty Golden is announcing that he 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 office located at 7408 5th Ave on Sundays & Mondays, from Feb. 15th through April 13th. Sunday appointments will be scheduled from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, & Monday appointments will be scheduled from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Services are by appointment only—please call 718-238-6044.

### **Annual Lenten Day of Reflection:**

Sponsored by the St. Mark Rosary and Golden Age Societies

Guest Speaker: Deacon Richard Gilligan

Saturday Feb. 28. 9:00 am Cost: \$20.00

The day will begin at 9 and include a light breakfast & lunch; the day will conclude with Reconciliation & Mass.

Please make check payable to St. Mark Golden Age Society.

To reserve your space call: Vicki Mollo: 718-645-0424, Joan Belt: 718-646-2176, or Kathy Fackovec: 718-934-7964.

### **YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT**

**FEB. 13-15 (Friday dinner to Sunday 1pm)**

**Marianist Family Retreat Center**

**Cape May Point, NJ 08212**

**609-884-3829 or [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)**

This weekend is for young adults (age 22-35) married or single who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, coworkers & others.

There will be time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing, & socials as well as free time

## APRIL 25, 2015

### **ST MARK & ST MARGARET MARY FAMILY PICNIC**

Please plan on joining us on the feast of St. Mark for a day to celebrate families, at Nansen Park in Staten Island. Transportation will be provided to and from the park.

A great day is planned for all.

More details to follow!

**If you would like to volunteer to work on the planning committee, please call the rectory office.**



# School News

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Catholic Schools Week begins on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to come in and visit. We love company and like to show off too! Open House is everyday... here is our schedule of events:

**Monday** - we will attend mass to thank God for the gift of Catholic Schools

**Tuesday** - Great Read - come listen to guest readers and other literacy based activities

**Wednesday** - Student Appreciation Day and Sports Day

**Thursday** - come watch us work, various activities planned

**Friday** - Teacher Appreciation Day and Faculty vs. Eighth Grade Volleyball Game

**A few words from our students about St. Mark:**  
"Saint Mark School has been open for 90 years. Our school is a community of faith because we pray every day, attend mass, respect all life and give back to those in need. St. Mark School is awesome because we are all treated like family." - 4<sup>th</sup> grader, Nicole  
"Knowledge is power...obtaining knowledge is an important part of life at Saint Mark School. St. Mark is a good school because we learn about faith, service and knowledge. These characteristics will help us give back to our community and make us good citizens." - 4<sup>th</sup> grader, Elijah

**The following students have been chosen by their teachers as Student of the Month for January.**

These students have given service to their classroom, school and community. Congratulations to:

Nursery: Makayla Blyden; Kindergarten: Aidan Duffy; First Grade: Syed Zulain;

Second Grade: Michaela Bowry; Third Grade: Anaya Qayyum; Fourth Grade: Bainah Robert;

Fifth Grade Aranka Biro; Sixth Grade: Gregory Cleland; Seventh Grade: Jenna Sachs and

Eighth Grade: Nimhan Randeniya

**\*\*\*CORRECTION: Sixth Grade Student of the Month for December is Zachary Lowe\*\*\***

© Youth  what's new.....

**NEXT MEETING: JAN 30TH**



St. Mark R.C. Parish

## Office of Faith Formation

### Office Hours:

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Monday 1PM - 5PM

Wed. & Thurs. 9AM-2PM

### THE ROLE OF A SPONSOR

A sponsor is a witness to those, adult or child, preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and to those entering into full initiation of Christian life through the RCIA process. Through these sacraments the candidates and elect are strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, made a true witness of Christ in word and deed, and invited more deeply into the life of the Church. The sponsor's most significant role is to be a role model of such witness and unifying love. If you are a practicing Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation (known as the Sacraments of Initiation) you can be a sponsor. A sponsor has to be 16 years of age or older and a parent cannot be a sponsor for their own child. If you are interested in being a sponsor for someone who might need one, please contact Ms. Pino at 718-769-6311 or leave a message for her at the rectory 718-891-3100. Sponsors for our young adults are needed for this coming May 2015.

### GIVING TREE NOTE:

#### HOOR HEARTFUL THANKS AND BLESSINGS FOR 2015

Hour Children's Christmas celebration was absolutely marvelous and meaningful. Your beautiful gifts were welcomed and appreciated because they represented the profound generosity of so many of you, the parishioners. A festive Christmas party and reunion was given for all of Hour Children's families-past and present-300 plus! At eight homes, children were delighted that Santa visited and left their wish list presents. Extra gifts were available for families who couldn't attend the party, and for needy families in the community, especially for children visiting their moms in prison throughout the year. The gifts that keep on giving! God's graces for you and your families. With gratitude and love,

-Sister Tesa Fitzgerald and all Hour Children



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**MARCH 21, 2015**  
**ST. MARK SCHOOL**  
**21ST ANNUAL CARD PARTY**  
**"CASINO ROYALE"**  
Tickets available Feb. 2nd.  
\$25.00 per person-lunch included  
Doors open at 10:30 am.

