

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

Phone: 718-891-3100
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St. Margaret Mary Church
215 Exeter St.
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Mass Schedule:

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

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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*

Visiting Priest: *Rev. Richard Dordunu*

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:

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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

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

Mrs. Maria Mansuroglu, Vice President

718-934-7964

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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week

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St. Mark

Saturday, July 26-Sts. Joachim & Anne

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM John Pendolino

Sunday, July 27

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM Luis Smith

11:00 AM Mark Bolus birthday

12:30 PM Purgatorial Society

Monday, July 28

8:30 AM Mary Waisala

Tuesday, July 29-St. Martha

8:30 AM Ari Hooganbaum & Ed Rubinchuck

Wednesday, July 30-St. Peter Chrysologus

8:30 AM Venerdi Family

Thursday, July 31 St. Ignatius Loyola

8:30 AM Ronald & Marie Danner

Friday, August 1-St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30 AM Grace DeMarco ann

Saturday, August 2

8:30 AM Robert Polito

5:00 PM Iside Feola

St. Margaret Mary Church



Sunday, July 27

11:00 AM Helen Franznick

Wednesday, July 30

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Chille
& Cione Family

Sunday August 3

11:00 AM Nicola Cosiello

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.

JULY 27, 2014 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“VALUING WHAT IS TRULY VALUABLE”

What do we value in life? Our daily living requires us to be aware of the worth and value of things, but the things of this world are not, conversely, what are truly valuable.

Today's Readings: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

Purgatorial Society:

Anthony Passaro

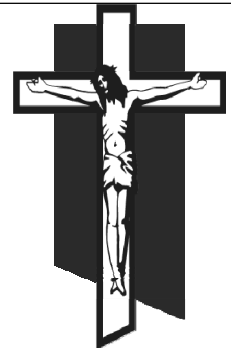
Joseph Biondillo

Rudof Loehr

Robert DeJonge, Jr.

Richard Chrzanowski

Margaret Spinella



Reminder: Pray for the sick.: Names will be listed in our bulletin for 2 weeks. If you are aware of a parishioner who needs to be added to, or kept on our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

GIFTS

The candles on the Blessed Mother altar are lit this week *In honor of Jean Hogan for her Christian Charity* requested by Tom Bowers.

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

Please contact the parish office for more information.



Pastor's Column July 26 – 27, 2014

The Buried Treasure and The Pearl of Great Price.

In our Gospel this weekend Jesus teaches us about the kingdom of heaven through various analogies. He tells us, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it" (Matthew 13:44-46). Jesus certainly knows how to grab our attention. In our materialistic culture that measures success by what a person owns and is worth, people often think that things will make them happy. But as the great Scripture scholars have taught throughout the ages, that buried treasure and pearl of great price does not represent something, but someone, Jesus Christ. He is that hidden treasure in the field. He is that pearl of great price. Jesus reveals to us that God is a community of love, Father, Son and Spirit, and He calls us to share in and participate in that love by loving and serving Him through loving and serving one another. That and that alone, will truly make us happy.

I read an excellent article last week in, of all places, the Sunday Review section of the New York Times titled *Love People, not Pleasure*. In it, author Arthur C. Brooks writes about what makes us happy and unhappy. He states: "We look for these things to fill an inner emptiness. They may bring a brief satisfaction, but it never lasts, and it is never enough. And so we crave more. This paradox has a word in Sanskrit: upadana, which refers to the cycle of craving and grasping... This search for fame, the lust for material things and the objectification of others — that is, the cycle of grasping and craving - follows a formula that is elegant, simple and deadly: Love things, use people... You want to be free of the sticky cravings of unhappiness and find a formula for happiness instead. How? Simply invert the deadly formula and render it virtuous: Love people, use things. Easier said than done, I realize. It requires the courage to repudiate pride and the strength to love others — family, friends, colleagues, acquaintances, God and even strangers and enemies. Only deny love to things that actually are objects. The practice that achieves this is charity. Few things are as liberating as giving away to others that which we hold dear."

My brothers and sisters, while Christ is that buried treasure and pearl of great price to us, we are that buried treasure and pearl of great price to Him. He purchased us by giving up everything for us, shedding His blood and offering His life for us on the Cross. He loved us first with an infinite love; and the only appropriate response is to love Him in return, which necessarily means loving one another. For as St. John writes in his first letter, "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20).

So remember: love God, love people, and use things, and the kingdom of heaven's eternal happiness will be yours.

Fr. Bob

School News

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Summer School is busy with lots of activity. The academic program is moving along and the students are reinforcing needed skills to move ahead. Our Extended Day Program is lots of fun. Our students not only work hard at their academics in the morning, but they are busy having fun in the afternoon. Just a reminder, REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR is still underway. Come learn about our school and see what we have to offer. Financial assistance is available.

Registration for 2014-15 Faith Formation

Register your child early to avoid a late fee. Classes begin Sunday, September 7, 2014. There are flyers in the church with more information. For children new to the program, Please bring in the Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate (if baptized) of your child and a deposit or payment in full. If coming from another parish program please bring transfer papers.

Fees: 1 child \$100,
2 children \$180, 3 children \$240.
Little Catholics (ages 4-5) \$25.00
After July 30 the fees will be increased, please register your children soon.

Registration can also be done on line at our website - www.stmarkbrooklyn.org. Financial assistance is available for those in need. Please call the rectory for more information.



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VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED:

In September, we will be looking for parents of our religious education children, or any other parishioners, who would be willing to give an hour of their time. While Sunday classes are in session, volunteers are needed to monitor the entrance door. If we have more than a few volunteers the weeks can be alternated. Please contact Ms. Pino.

Catechists/Instructors: Are you willing to give a few hours a week on Sundays beginning in September to help children learn about God? Please contact Ms. Pino for more information.

ST. MARK ROSARY SOCIETY

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

Just a reminder...

Please join us next Sunday, August 3rd for our monthly meeting following the 9:30 Mass.

-Kathy, Maria, Ninetta & Johanna



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM **Progress Report:** **Fourth Month-13 to 16 wks**

During this period, mom will be thinking about a birth plan, (hospital, birthing room, birthing chair, etc.). She will probably have some strange mood swings due to high hormone levels; darkened pigmentation will likely show upon some areas of her skin. She may feel much warmer than usual due to a rise in her metabolic rate. She should do some exercises to keep fit & be careful about posture to keep backache in check. The baby is now a fetus & the brain is growing at a phenomenal rate. Thank you for your prayers.

Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

July 20, 2014

1st Collection: \$4687.00

2nd Collection: \$1562.00

Attendance: 608

Envelopes Returned: 189

Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$322.00

2nd Collection: \$107.00

Attendance: 38

Envelopes Returned: 16



2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125

Amt. Pledged: \$72,017

Amt Paid: \$56,679

of Donors: 262

% Participation: 29.94%

St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354

Amt Pledged: \$5,845

Amt Paid: \$5,495

of Donors: 17

% Participation: 18.28%

COME SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

**FIRST FRIDAY
AUGUST 1ST**

FROM NOON UNTIL 3



Donations in Memory of Fr. Walter Mitchell

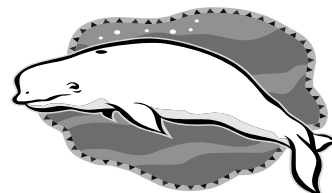
A generous parishioner at St. Margaret Mary would like to donate money for vestments in memory of the beloved Pastor Emeritus of the parish, Father Walter Mitchell, and has offered to match whatever funds we raise up to \$3,000.

To date we have received \$2,500 in donations.

If anyone else is interested in making a donation in honor of Fr. Mitchell which will help in reaching the maximum matching gift; please contact the parish office.

Upcoming Events

WHALE WATCHING



PARISH OUTING SAVE THE DATE

Friday, August 22nd

American Princess Cruises

Sailing from Riis Landing, Rockaway

**A special day for all of our parishioners,
families & friends with a 20% discount!**

Adults \$36, Seniors \$28, Children \$20.

Children under 5 years FREE.

Boarding at 11 am. Return to pier at 4 pm.

Bus transportation to & from the pier
will be provided if enough people are
interested for an additional nominal fee.

Please call the parish office on or before
Aug. 7th to reserve your space.

The 33rd Annual Great Irish Fair of New York

**Sponsored by The Irish American Building
Society Charities (IABSC)**

Sept. 13 & 14

**Surf Ave and West 21st St., Coney Island
Admission: \$12.00, children under 12 free**

*Live music, arts & crafts,
Rides for kids, delicious foods*
100% of all net proceeds will
be donated in support of
Brooklyn/ Queens Diocesan
Elementary Schools

