

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:
stmarkrccboklyn@aol.com
Website:
www.stmarkbrooklyn.org

ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor: *Very 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

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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718-769-6311

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718-743-5338

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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions  **for the week**
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St. Mark Church

Saturday, Mar 5

5:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Cione & Chille Families.

Sunday, Mar 6

8:00 AM Anthony Zito
 9:30 AM Joseph Spinella
 11:00 AM The People of the Parish
 12:30 PM Francesco Cipriani



Monday, Mar 7 Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

8:30 AM Ralph & Rose Memelo

Tuesday, Mar 8 St. John of God

8:30 AM Gabriel Cuna

Wednesday, Mar 9 St. Frances of Rome

8:30 AM John McCarthy

Thursday, Mar 10


8:30 AM Angela Ferraro

Friday, Mar 11

8:30 AM Solange, Claudi, Dasheem & Melissa
 Jean & Julna Toussaint

Saturday, Mar 12

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Tom & Gerry Kubat
 5:00 PM Carmela Rubino



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

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, Mar 6

11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi

Wednesday, Mar 9

9:00 AM Marion Caucig

Sunday, Mar 13

11:00 AM Anna Franznick

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.



MARCH 6, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Many things keep us from seeing, understanding, and reacting to the world around us as God wills. Today is the time to ask God to remove whatever impairs our vision.

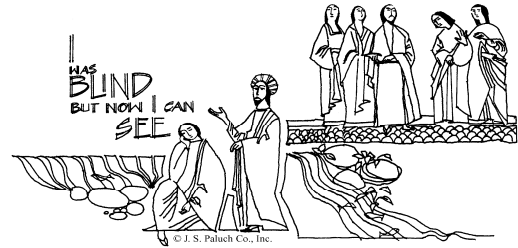
Today's Readings:

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,13a

Psalms 23:1

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41




Please pray for the sick:
Mary Scholz, Fr. Joseph Quigley, Maria Calise, Rachel Marin, Antonia Galli, Linda DeFrancesco, Georgette Scalse, Joseph John Buccheri, Sally Frances Buccheri, & Diane Camacho
who is in need of a kidney donor.
 718-284-0704

Rest In Peace...
 The St. Mark Parish Family would like to acknowledge the entrance into eternal life of **Helen Capriola** our oldest parishioner. Helen died at 106 years old on February 10, 2016.

Week of March 5 to March 12:
Bread & wine and altar candles donated
In Memory of Thomas McMahon
"Happy Birthday in Heaven"
Requested by his Loving Family

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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 March and April for both St. Mark and St. Margaret Mary.

Pastor's Column March 5-6, 2016

The Parable of the Loving and Merciful Father

This weekend's Gospel, the parable of the Prodigal Son, has been called the greatest short story in the history of the world, and not without reason. It has a little bit of everything: rebellion, greed, loose living, pride, jealousy, conversion, redemption, joy, and, most importantly, love, mercy and forgiveness.

I know from experience that most people tend to identify with either the younger son or the older son in the parable at different points in the lives. After all, we have all "been there, done that." There are times that we all have been selfish, that we have hurt someone we love very deeply by disrespecting them like the younger son does to his father when he demands his share of the inheritance while his father is still alive and then foolishly and recklessly squanders it on an immoral lifestyle. The younger son is in a certain sense that person in every age who falls prey to the temptations and lies of our fallen world. His self-centeredness and ingratitude are shocking. And after he blows his money and a famine strikes, he finds himself in dire need which represents the unhappy effects of sin. The young man's hunger evokes the spiritual anxiety and emptiness a person feels when he or she is far from God. But his memory of home and his conviction and trust in his father's goodness cause the prodigal son to reflect on his life and to decide to set out on the right road, the one that leads back to his Father.

But "while he was still a long way off his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion." The father in the parable, who obviously represents God, was watching and waiting for his son's return just as God always hopes for the return of the sinner. He runs to meet his son and with immense compassion does not greet him with reproach but rather embraces him and covers him with kisses. The father does not even let his son finish his apology and request to be treated like one of the hired workers. Instead the father tells his servants to bring him a robe, a ring and sandals, restoring his sonship, and he orders them to slaughter the fattened calf so that they may celebrate his son's return with a feast.

But the story does not end there. The elder son returns from being out in the field and hears the sound of music and dancing. Rather than participate in the celebration, the elder son is filled with anger: "Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends...but for him you slaughter the fattened calf." How often do we identify with the elder brother and fall into the same trap set by those deadly sins of pride and envy that lead to self-righteousness and jealousy?

Human life is in some way a constant returning to our Father's house. We return through contrition, through the conversion of heart, and most of all by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God is waiting for us, like the father in the parable, with open arms, even though we don't deserve it. It doesn't matter how great our sin is or how long we have been away. And just like the prodigal son, all we have to do is open our heart, to be homesick for our Father's house, to wonder and rejoice in the gift of being able to call God Father and call ourselves his children. The parable of the Prodigal Son should really be called the parable of the Loving and Merciful Father, for it tells us more about a father's love than a son's sin. And rather than identify with either the younger or elder son, we are called to emulate the forgiveness and mercy of the father who is the central figure and hero in this story. Especially in this Year of Mercy, let's be "Merciful Like the Father."

- Fr. Bob

Sunday Collection: February 28, 2016

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$4,985.00

2nd Collection: \$1,289.00

Attendance: 631

Envelopes Returned: 180

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$256.00

2nd Collection: \$65.00

Attendance: 34

Envelopes Returned 10



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St. Patrick's Presents: "Three Voices"

Daniel Rodriguez—911/NY Yankee Singing Cop

Karl Scully—Original Irish Tenor

Cris Groenendaal—Broadway Phantom

Friday March 11th 7:00 PM \$50.00 per person

St Patrick Auditorium

97th Street & 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, 11209

For info call 718-238-2600

**Multi-Sensory Prayer Room
Lenten Prayer Experience**

God speaks to us through our senses: seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and feeling. Multi-Sensory Prayer Room experience brings all five of our human senses into play, and therefore, can become an engaging prayer experience in which we take an active role in our encounter, communion, and connection to God. Working with this insight, the Lenten Prayer Room will help us to take an hour away from our busy schedule to focus on the most important meaning of our relationship with God, others and ourselves.

Friday March 11, 12:30-7:00 PM

Saturday, March 12, 9:00 AM-8:00 PM

Sunday, March 13, 9:00 AM -2:00 PM

Also, please come and join the parish family, to listen reflect and pray at a Lenten Retreat.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gibino, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, in Whitestone, will lead us in to a two day retreat, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 PM, Parable of Mercy

Wednesday March 16, at 7:30 PM, Prayer of Mercy.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 2000 Flatbush Ave

More information: 718 253-4404

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

April 23, 2016 11:00 am

Saints Simon & Jude Church

All couples who have been married in the Catholic Church are invited. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows & receive a personalized **certificate**. Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Celebrant
Light refreshments to follow.

Please call the rectory office to register before April 4th.

For more information contact

Martha Hernandez at 718-281-9540

Upcoming Events

+Palm Crosses+

All members of our parish ministries are invited to join us on March 11 from 6:30—9:00 pm in the school cafeteria. We will be making palm crosses to be distributed on Palm Sunday & during our Good Friday Walk. Please contact Michael Davis for information: 347-574-1828.

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: 718-934-7964

DON'T BE LATE!! *Set Clocks Ahead*

**Daylight savings
time begins at 2 am
on March 13th.**



**Set your clocks ahead one hour
before going to bed.**

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.

Eleventh Annual Divine Mercy Conference

April 16, 2016

Cardinal Spellman HS Bronx, NY

The featured speaker will be

Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC

For information and registration:

TheDivineMercy.org/bronx

800-462-7426

School News

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On Friday, March 4th Bishop Cisneros celebrated mass for the St. Mark Catholic Academy community. Bishop Cisneros also blessed the academy, wishing us many years of success.

Congratulations to our Second Graders who received their First Penance on Saturday, March 5th. They are busy preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on May 7th.

St. Mark Catholic Academy now has a Facebook page.

VISIT US AT: facebook.com/smsonthebay

Congratulations to:

Cindy Navarro, an 11th grader at Msgr. McClancy Memorial HS and a parishioner of St. Mark; who has achieved First Honors for the second trimester.
God Bless You!

The Tablet Youth Easter Art Contest

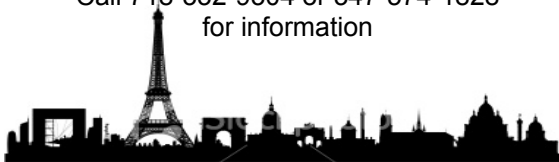
Students in grades 1-12, residing or studying in Brooklyn or Queens are invited to prepare for Easter this year by participating in the annual art contest organized by The Tablet Newspaper and sponsored by the Archbishop John Hughes Knights of Columbus.

The theme for the contest is Christ is Risen. Full details are available at:
thetablet.org/easter-art-contest or call: 718-517-3101

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

religiuoseducation1@verizon.net

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:

*Please keep our candidates:
Arthur Asel, Julian Cleland, &
Kathleen Gerrity and our Elect,
Christopher Monzon
in your prayers, as they are approaching
their final steps in preparation for their
full initiation in the Catholic faith at the
Easter Vigil on March 26.*

The *Scrutinies* are rites for self-searching and repentance and have a spiritual purpose. They are celebrated on Sundays and reinforced by the rite of exorcism in which the elect are free from the effects of sin and the influence of the devil. 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.

2nd Scrutiny - Sunday, Mar 6 12:30 pm Mass

Mar 8 - Presentation of Apostle's Creed

3rd Scrutiny - Sunday, Mar 13 11:00 am Mass

Mar 15 - Presentation of Lord's Prayer

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
MAR. 18TH**



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