

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:
stmarkrccbkllyn@aol.com
Website:
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 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:

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, March 7

8:30 AM Andrea Pisani

5:00 PM Ralph & Rose Memelo



Sunday, March 8

8:00 AM Gennaro & Angelina Distasio

9:30 AM Frances Augello

11:00 AM Christopher Castoro

12:30 PM For the People of the Parish

Monday, March 9

8:30 AM Angela Ferraro

Tuesday, March 10

8:30 AM Frank Magggy

Wednesday, March 11

8:30 AM Brian Caffrey

Thursday, March 12

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for the wonderful work of the St. Vincent de Paul Group

Friday March 13

8:30 AM Arthur Mondella

Saturday, March 14

8:30 AM Mariamma Matthai

5:00 PM Ann Occhipini (birthday)

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, March 8

11:00 AM Carmela Rubino

Wednesday, March 11

9:00 AM Anna Franznick



Sunday, March 15

11:00 AM Joseph L. Mandracchia

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 8, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
"TURNING THE TABLES"

The life and deeds of Jesus often upset or overturned the social and religious expectations of his day. Sometimes this is exactly what we need to do during Lent.

Today's Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: John 6:68c

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 4:5-42



The Stations of the Cross

At St. Mark every Friday during Lent at 9:00; immediately following the 8:30 Mass.

At St. Margaret Mary every Wednesday during Lent following the 9:00 Mass

Please pray for the sick:

Carol Danaher

Diane Camacho

who is in need of a kidney donor.

718-284-0704

The bread and wine for this week are offered in memory of Thomas McMahon for his birthday; requested by his family,

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



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Please contact the parish office for information.

There are open dates for Mass intentions as early as next week for St. Mark & St. Margaret Mary.

If you would like to make a special donation toward the cost of items for use during the celebration of Easter, please consider the following:

Paschal candle which is used throughout the season & for Baptisms & funerals, ***congregation candles*** for use during the Easter vigil, or ***holy water bottles*** for distribution to all our parishioners.

Donations to defray the cost of the above items will be listed in our bulletin after Easter.

Thank you!

Pastor's Column March 7-8, 2015

“The Woman at the Well and the Joy of the Gospel”

On the Third Sunday of Lent we celebrate the First Scrutiny with our Catechumens and Elect who will receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil and we may hear the remarkable story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. For a first century Jew, Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman at the well would have been truly astounding. For starters, that a Jewish man would address a woman in public was unusual enough; that he would ask a Samaritan woman for a drink of water is even more remarkable for, as St. John tells us, “Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.” But Jesus does not let such cultural taboos get in his way. Here was the Messiah, the Son of God, tired and weary and thirsty in his humanity. Here was the holiest of men listening with understanding to the sorry tale of a woman of questionable character. Here was Jesus breaking through the barriers of nationality and gender and orthodox Jewish custom. Here we see the joy of the gospel in its fullest as that Samaritan woman's life is transformed through her encounter with Christ and who then she goes and shares the joy of the gospel by her witness and testimony to the people of her town.

“Share the Joy of the Gospel” happens to be the theme for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. This year's theme captures the call to be Church through our Holy Father Pope Francis's Encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* - the Joy of the Gospel; to go forth as a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. Pope Francis said: “How many people in so many existential fringes of our day are tired and helpless and waiting for the Church, waiting for us! How to reach them? How to share with them the experience of faith, God's love, an encounter with Jesus? This is the responsibility of our communities and of our pastoral care.”

We are encouraged in a special way in this 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal to share the Joy of the Gospel: by teaching and modeling Christian values; by practicing works of mercy, charity, and consolation; by giving to the ACA whose ministries and services share our Catholic faith throughout Brooklyn and Queens. Through our ACA donations we share the Joy of the Gospel with our children, our youth and young adults who benefit from scholarships to our school and aid to our Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs. We share the Joy of the Gospel by supporting our seminarians and retired priests like Monsignor Arella and Father Quigley through our prayers and financial gifts. We share the Joy of the Gospel when we help young couples prepare for marriage and prepare for the baptism and other sacraments of their children like those of our parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday in anticipation of their First Holy Communion in the spring. We share the Joy of the Gospel with our sick and elderly and the most vulnerable among us by the support given to Catholic Charities and Catholic Migration Services. And we share the Joy of the Gospel with each other through the donations in excess of our goal, all of which come back to us and is critical in supporting our needs. Last year those funds paid for new vestments, helped us Light the Bay for Christmas and made our Lion's Den a reality, but we have so much more to do. Please pray to discern how God is asking you to share the Joy of the Gospel by generously supporting this year's Appeal.

– Fr. Bob

Sunday Collection:
February 22, 2015

Weekly Offering



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St. Mark

1st Collection: \$4,062.00
2nd Collection (Mission): \$1,051.00
Attendance: 497

Envelopes Returned: 156
Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$243.00
2nd Collection (Mission): \$100.00
Attendance: 31
Envelopes Returned: 8

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark	St. Margaret Mary
Goal: \$40,125	Goal: \$2,354
Amt. Pledged: \$75,927	Amt. Pledged: \$7,410
Amt. Paid: \$71,406	Amt. Paid: \$7,410
# of Donors: 284	# of Donors: 22
% Participation: 94.05%	% Participation: 100.0%

10th Annual Divine Mercy Conference
March 21, 2015

9am—5:30 pm
Cardinal Spellman HS, Bronx
Registration \$60.00
www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx
Or call 1-800-462-7426



Little Bethlehem Christians Wood Carving Sale
March 14 & 15 after the Masses.

The Al Sahouri family will be at St. Mark again this year. They earn their living through a trade they depended on in Bethlehem, selling religious figures carved from olive wood grown in the Holy Land.

This mission allows them to support themselves and a group called Little Bethlehem Christians which consists of about 200 Christian families that work as woodcarvers in Bethlehem, the place of Jesus' birth.

From the St. Vincent de Paul Group:

The St. Vincent de Paul monthly food collection will take place at all of the Masses on the weekend of

March 21 & 22.



We are accepting non perishable canned goods and dry items. (Please check the expiration dates.) Financial donations are always appreciated. Once again, thank you to all our parishioners for your outstanding, continued support

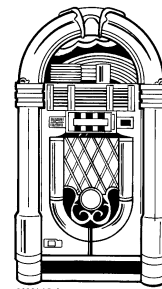
Upcoming Events

St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary
Countdown to Spring Concert
to benefit St Mark School &
Youth Ministry Program
featuring

The Rhapsody Players
Saturday, March 14th 6:30 pm

St. Mark School
\$30 per person includes hot dinner & dessert. Wine, beer & water available for purchase.

50/50 chances & raffles



The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion of Jesus

Sunday, March 15 at 3:00pm

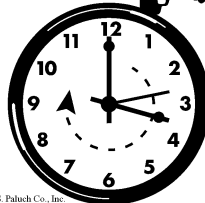
St. Mark Church

"The Journey, Cross & Crucifixion" is a dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross. The service is being offered by Creative Ministries, a troupe of Christian actors, musicians, and dancers. All are invited to relive the Passion of our Lord as we follow and pray the Stations of the Cross.

A free will offering will be taken to support the work of the troupe.



Set Clocks Ahead



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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS ON

SUNDAY MARCH 8

Set your clocks ahead
one hour before bed.

Don't be late for church!

SAVE THE DATE:
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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Our Second Graders who received their First Penance on Saturday, March 7th are busy preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on May 2nd.

CONGRATULATIONS to the

following students who have been chosen by their teachers as Students of the Month for February. These students were chosen because they have shown a kind and loving heart to all they have met.

Nursery: **Kyle Santiago;**

Kindergarten: **Shammah Melanson;**

Grade 1: **Xenia Biro;**

Grade 2: **Grace Madden;**

Grade 3: **Leilani Rivera;**

Grade 4: **Nicholas Rivera;**

Grade 5: **Kenneth Prophete;**

Grade 6: **Adley Guillaume;**

Grade 7: **David Machin;**

and Grade 8: **Madelyn Enriquez.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brianna Kane, Grade 9 at Bishop Kearney HS for achieving Second Honors this past semester.

God Bless you!

ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT!

MARCH 21, 2015

ST. MARK SCHOOL

21st ANNUAL CARD PARTY

"CASINO ROYALE"

For tickets: Carol Donnelly: 718-332-9304

or Michael Davis: 347-574-1828

\$25.00 per person-lunch included

Doors open at 11:00 am.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW



St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Monday 1PM - 5PM

Wed. & Thurs. 9AM-2PM

718-769-6311

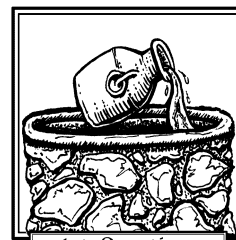
RCIA NEWS:

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. The following is the schedule:

Sunday, March 8 - 9:30 am Mass

Sunday, March 15 - 12:30 pm Mass

Sunday, March 22 - 11:00 am Mass



1st Scrutiny

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REMINDER:

Confirmation Retreat:
Saturday March 14, 2015

8:30 am

St. Columba

2245 Kimball St

Brooklyn, 11234

NEXT MEETING :
MARCH 15: WE'LL MEET
AT 2PM FOR LUNCH

FOLLOWED BY
"THE JOURNEY , CROSS & CRUCIFIXION"
WHICH BEGINS IN CHURCH AT 3PM.



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