

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:
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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: 718-891-3100

Ms. Angela Scannapieco

Ms. Jacqueline Biagioni

St. Mark School: 718-332-9304

Mrs. Carol Donnelly, Principal

Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

St. Mark Religious Education: 718-769-6311

Ms. Jo Ann Pino

Youth Ministry Coordinator:

Mr. Michael Davis 347-574-1828

St. Mark Choir: 917-650-5704

Mr. Patrick Marvella, Director of Music

St. Vincent De Paul Society: 718-891-0443

Mr. Tom Scalese, President

Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

Homebound Ministry: 718-332-2663

Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

Ministers of Hospitality: 718-891-3100

Mr. Tom Scalese

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

917-753-1795

Mr. Edgar Perez, Coordinator

Lectors: 718-743-5338

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

Rosary Society:

Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President 718-934-7964

Mrs. Maria Mansuroglu, Vice President 718-332-3843

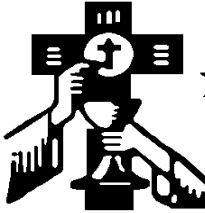
Golden Age Society:

Joan Belt, President 718-646-2146

Josephine Bonnano, Vice President 718-934-2650

"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week



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St. Mark Church

Saturday, October 18 St. Luke

8:30 AM Elvira Sofia
5:00 PM George Granieri (ann.)

Sunday, October 19

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Anna Vozzo
11:00 AM Anthony & Anna Ajello
12:30 PM Margarita Perges

Monday, October 20

8:30 Agnes T. Fratta

Tuesday, October 21

8:30 AM Members of the Brigando & Ciago Families

Wednesday, October 22 St. John Paul II

8:30 AM Frank Cestaro (ann.)

Thursday, October 23

8:30 AM Mary Matthewson

Friday, October 24

8:30 AM Nicholas Panno

Saturday, October 25

8:30 AM Anna Serrone (ann.)
5:00 PM Marie Danner



St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, October 19

11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi

Wednesday, October 22

9:00 AM Angelo Santa Barbara

Sunday, October 26

11:00 AM Michael Mulle

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.



OCTOBER 19, 2014
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“RELIGION AND POLITICS”

Unlike conventional wisdom, today's readings take on the often tricky relationship between these two topics. God uses a pagan ruler as a mashiach (messiah), and Jesus denies a ruler's divinity while remaining a faithful citizen.

It can be done!

Today's Readings: Isaiah: 45: 1, 4-6

Psalm: 96: 7b

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

Matthew 22: 15-21

Please 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.

Patrick M. DiLorenzo, a career detective who after retirement was a funeral director at John J. Healey Funeral Home & others in the Bay and Marine Park area, died on 10/8/14. Being a WWII veteran, he will receive a military burial in upstate NY.

October 19th is World Mission Sunday

On World Mission Sunday, Catholics of the world unite to recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries. We are called in a special way to be missionaries through prayer & participation in the Eucharist & by giving generously to the collection for the Propagation of the Faith.

The candles at the Blessed Mother altar are lit this week in memory of Thomas McMahon: “God’s New Athletic Coach”.

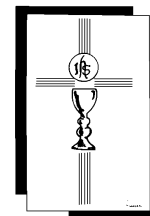
Requested by Tom Bowers & Family
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Gifts to honor a loved one: living or deceased, are available (candles, flowers or bread & wine).

Weekday Masses are available for the following dates:

Nov. 20, 26, 2014.

Please contact the parish office for information.



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Pastor's Column October 18-19, 2014

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Few topics in recent years have ignited as much public debate as the balance between religion and politics. Does religious thought have any place in political discourse? Do religious believers have the right to turn their values into political action? What does it truly mean to have a separation of church and state?

As our readings this weekend demonstrate, these questions though timely are not new. In our gospel, St. Matthew tells us how the Pharisees plotted together with the Herodians to entrap Jesus in speech by asking his opinion: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" It is difficult to imagine two groups any more at odds with each other. The Pharisees were extremely orthodox keepers of Jewish law who resented the payment of the tax to a foreign king as an infringement of the divine right of God. The Herodians were the party of Herod, king of Galilee, who owed his power to the Romans and who worked hand in glove with them. Their amazing pact with each other would be like the Democrats and Republicans working together to defeat a common enemy. It shows how much they must have hated Jesus.

But Jesus was wise. He asked whose image and inscription was on the coin used to pay the tax. When they replied, "Caesar's," he told them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." With his unique wisdom, Jesus never laid down rules and regulations; that is why his teaching is timeless and never goes out of date. Instead, he lays down principles to follow. Jesus can be considered the author of the principle of the separation of church and state. But that principle is meant to protect and guarantee the freedom to express and practice one's religious beliefs, not to restrict or inhibit them.

Every Christian has a dual citizenship; real Christians are at one and the same time good citizens of their country and good citizens of the kingdom of heaven. They will fail in their duty neither to God nor to society. In the introduction to his book *Render unto Caesar*, Archbishop of Philadelphia Charles Chaput writes, "People who take God seriously will not remain silent about their faith. They will often disagree about doctrine or policy, but they won't be quiet. They can't be. They'll act on what they believe, sometimes at the cost of their reputations and careers. Obviously the common good demands a respect for other people with different beliefs and a willingness to compromise whenever possible. But for Catholics, the common good can never mean muting themselves in public debate on foundational issues of human dignity. Christian faith is always personal but never private."

Jesus' words show that he recognized civil authority and its rights, but he made it clear that the superior rights of God must be respected. Like the classic Hebrew National hot dog commercial used to proclaim, we too must answer to a higher authority. So as we celebrate World Mission Sunday this weekend, let's be both good citizens and good evangelizers.

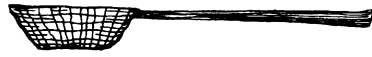
-Fr. Bob

ENTER THE LION'S DEN:

On Sunday Oct. 26th we will be showcasing the Lion's Den after all the masses. Come join us for a cup of coffee and see our state of the art new multimedia resource center.



Weekly Offering



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Upcoming Events

Sunday Collection

St. Mark

October 12, 2014

1st Collection: \$3,878.00

Attendance: 568

Envelopes Returned: 186

Envelopes Mailed Out: 352

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$382.00

Attendance: 46

Envelopes Returned: 17

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Mark

Goal: \$40,125

Amt. Pledged: \$75,217

Amt. Paid: \$64,339

of Donors: 276

% Participation: 33.05%

St. Margaret Mary

Goal: \$2,354

Amt. Pledged: \$7,190

Amt. Paid: \$6,940

of Donors: 19

% Participation: 20.21%



Collection Dates:

Oct. 18 & 19

**Make a difference—
Help stop hunger in our
community.**

Donations of non-perishable dry & canned goods, especially easy open flip top cans, pasta, instant potatoes, socks, soap, toilet paper & toiletries as well as monetary gifts will be accepted at all the masses.

A collection box is located at the main entrance of St. Mark for drop off of your donation whenever the church is open.

God Bless you and thank you for your continued support

-Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society

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**THE
ROSARY
SOCIETY WILL
BE DISTRIBUTING
RAFFLE BOOKS AS A
FUNDRAISER FOR OUR
BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS DISPLAY
AT ALL THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND.
PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE.
THANK YOU
IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

"Parishioner Help Wanted " If you have the time, can use a small hand saw, hammer a nail, and turn a screw, you are needed! There is a short-term, small parish project where such help will be the difference. To learn more, please contact Michael Davis at 347-574-1828 -no heavy lifting involved.

The Futures in Education of the Diocese of Brooklyn presents a Christmas Concert featuring Debbie Gibson.

Thursday, December 18th at 8:00 pm.
St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral- 856 Pacific St
Order Now for best preferred seating
\$100. Premium, \$75. Prime, \$50. General
718-965-7308 Ext. 1628

"Boo-INGO"

Come enjoy an afternoon of Halloween BINGO this Wednesday the 22nd at 1:30 in the school cafeteria. The Golden Age Society welcomes all parishioners to join the fun...and possibly win some prizes. For more information, please call Joan Belt at 718-646-2176 or just show up and join the game!

"BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT"

ST. BERNARD CHURCH

NOV. 10-12, 2014

"Harvesting God's Gifts"

with

Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP & Sr. Patricia Bruno, OP
**All are invited to come to any or all of the
sessions, and renew, or grow in their
relationship with Jesus.**

8:30am Mass & Homily by Retreat Directors
9:45am Light breakfast & Scripture sharing
7:30pm Session of Ritual & Prayer to
nurture & heal

For more information contact the rectory at
718-763-5533



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School News

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Getting into the spirit of the season, we had our annual Pumpkin Patch celebration last Friday. The students were able to "pick" their own pumpkins and have lots of treats.

Our annual Halloween Party will take place on Friday, October 31st. All are invited to attend. Please call the school for further information.



We will celebrate All Saints Day on Friday, October 31st at the 10:00 am Mass. Please join us as we honor our saints.



YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING & MOVIE NIGHT!

OCT. 24, 2014 6:30 PM
featuring

"The Perfect Game"

For youth ages 11 to 18

St. Mark School Gymnasium

All are welcome!!



St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours:

Sunday 9AM - 2PM

Monday 1PM - 5PM

Wed. & Thurs. 9AM-2PM

NEW LOCATION OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION OFFICE:

First Floor of St. Mark School

Phone: 718-769-6311

Religious Education classes begin @ 9:30 am on Sundays. Children should be brought to St. Mark school cafeteria - enter through the schoolyard - Avenue Z & East 18 Street.

There will be no admittance through any other doors.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

For Religious Education and St. Mark School children: our first meeting will be held on October 19 at 9:45 am in the school cafeteria. A parent, guardian or sponsor *must* attend with the young adult who is preparing for Confirmation.

Requirements will be discussed and registration for Confirmation will be taken at this meeting.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The R.C.I.A. is a process which helps a person prepare to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. This process is one of inquiry, evangelization, prayer, study and conversion leading to reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Also, if you have been baptized Catholic but have not completed your sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation you are welcome to join the R.C.I.A. process. Classes will begin in October so please contact Ms. Pino at 718-769-6311.