

**St. Mark Church**  
2609 East 19th Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11235

**Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday: 8:00 a.m.**  
10:15 a.m. Family Mass  
12:30 p.m.

**Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.**  
**Holy Days: 7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass**  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

**Phone: 718-891-3100**  
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*"Two Churches - One Community of Faith"*

**St. Margaret Mary Church**  
Ocean Ave. & Oriental Blvd  
Manhattan Beach, New York

**Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday: 11:00 a.m.**  
**Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.**

**Email:**  
**stmarkbrooklyn@gmail.com**

**Website:**  
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## THE PARISH OF SAINT MARK– SAINT MARGARET MARY

**Pastor:** *Very Rev. Robert V. Mucci*  
**Parochial Vicar:** *Rev. Michael Panicali*  
**Deacon:** *Rev. Mr. Paul Morin*

**Parochial Vicar:** *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*  
**In Residence:** *Rev. Joseph P. Quigley*

**Devotions:**

Miraculous Medal Novena every Wednesday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Litany of the Sacred Heart every First Friday 8:20 a.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Baptism:**

Fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m.  
Required Baptism classes take place on the third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. 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.bqonlineformation.org/precana](http://www.bqonlineformation.org/precana) 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 a.m. Mass.

**Confessions:** Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**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 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Parish Office:**

Ms. Jacqueline Biagioni  
Ms. Rosemarie Barbuto

**St. Mark School:**

Mr. Mark Wilson, Principal  
Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

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**Sports Program Director:**

Mr. Wayne Walker

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Mr. David Indyk, Director of Music

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Mr. Tom Scalese, President

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**Homebound Ministry:**

Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

**Ministers of Hospitality:**

Mr. Tom Scalese

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Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

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Ms. Anita Troise, President

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*"With God all things are possible"*

**Mass Intentions**  **for the week**  
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**St. Mark Church**  
**Saturday, December 14**  
 5:00 p.m. James & Louise Godwin



**Sunday, December 15**  
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:15 a.m. Phyllis Straka (Ann.)  
 12:30 p.m. Versace Family

**Monday, December 16**  
 8:30 a.m. Carl Cirillo

**Tuesday, December 17**  
 8:30 a.m. Joseph Chan

**Wednesday, December 18**  
 8:30 a.m. Frank Marsello

**Thursday, December 19**  
 8:30 a.m. Joseph Chan

**Friday, December 20**  
 8:30 a.m. Vocations

**Saturday, December 21**  
 8:30 a.m. Carol Guinan  
 5:00 p.m. Charity & Patricia  
 7:00 p.m. Russian Mass

*Please join our Pro-Life group as we pray the Rosary after daily Mass.*

**St. Margaret Mary Church**  
**Sunday, December 15**  
 11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving Mulle & Mauceri  
**Wednesday, December 18**  
 9:00 a.m. Anna Vaskis  
**Sunday, December 22**  
 11:00 a.m. Silvina & Luigi Cardinali



**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
 Wednesday after the 9:00 a.m. 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.

**DECEMBER 15, 2019**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Though The world around us is filled with lights during this season, sometimes it can still feel very dark. In this darkness, we remember God sending us Light from light.

Today's Readings:  
 Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
 Psalm Isaiah 35:4  
 James 5:7-10  
 Matthew 11:2-11

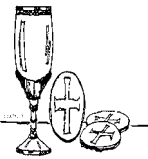


**Please pray for the sick:**  
 Jack Shanker, Tina Cook, Daniel Paluszek, Jimmy Grillo, Lisa Lovbosco, Laura Durant, Hope Schwartz, Al Comodo, Georgette Scalese, Marie Giannotti, Carissa D'Alba, Kimberly Palmo, Alfred DeMola, Walter Brady, Catherine Staren, Jennifer Costa, Romilda Zambelli, John Angelo Buccheri, Raymond Fazio, Mark Aragona, Olivia LaSpina, Saul Godinez, Maria Calise, Rachel Marin, Joseph John Buccheri, Sally Frances Buccheri, Barbara Harris, Sal Comodo, Steven Lentini, Tony Inferrara, Lisa Montalto, Andrea Montalto, Christopher Walker, Alfred DiGrazia, Joanne Newlin, Jennifer Russo, Ann Mollo, Nina Pionegro, Anna Monaco, Robert Fernandez, Rose Chiusano, Diane Camacho who is in need of a kidney donor 718-284-0704.

**Today we light the pink candle of the Advent Wreath. It is called The Shepherd Candle or Candle of Joy. The angels sang a message of joy. (Luke 2:7-15)**



**Week of Dec. 14 to Dec. 21:**  
**The Bread & Wine**  
 are offered in Loving Remembrance of  
**Geraldine & Edward Rizzo**  
 Merry Christmas  
 Requested by their daughter  
**Stephanie**  
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 **Gifts to honor a loved one, living or deceased, are available (bread & wine, candles or flowers).**  
 Please call the rectory office for details.

## **Clergy Column**

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

***Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?***

‘When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” (MATTHEW 11: 2-3)

Are John and his followers seeking forgiveness of sins? Freedom from Roman persecution? Light to overcome their darkness? Possibly all these things. This 3rd Sunday of Advent, the Answer to their question, and really to **our** question, is indeed made manifest in Jesus Christ.

Speaking from our own faith experience, since I have been old enough to comprehend it, Jesus has been revealed to me, through the witness of others, as the Divine Son of God. Unlike John’s followers, I never had to struggle to reconcile Jesus’ identity, because I had been provided with the knowledge of His Divinity, and of the absoluteness of God, from the time I could take some sort of humanly hold on these things. And quite thankfully so — because in my life I have needed a God that I could rely on, that would hold me when others failed me, and hold all things together for me. A God who is absolute love and fairness and goodness. A God upon which I can base my knowledge and conceptualization of these things— love, fairness, and goodness.

Jesus— God made flesh, in human form so that we know God with our limited faculties and know His plan for us— is the answer to the questions each and every one of us innately ask about why we are here, and where we are going. Jesus, a human being, provides us with the face of God in a way that we can relate to, because He does so in our language. Jesus provides us with the very vocabulary we can use.

We presume that the disciples of John the Baptist would come to recognize Jesus as the one they were looking for. Certainly St. Peter did; he could not turn away from Jesus, for Jesus *bore the words of eternal life*.

As we prepare for the Word to come to us at Christmas, we remind ourselves that Jesus has— or rather. **IS** — what is going to provide us with what we seek. And indeed what every human being innately desires.

**Fr. Michael Panicali**

**Sunday Collection: December 8, 2019**

**St. Mark Church**

1st Collection: \$4,267.00  
2nd Collection: \$1,026.00  
Attendance: 555  
Envelopes Returned: 148

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

1st Collection: \$406.00  
2nd Collection: \$102.00  
Attendance: 28  
Envelopes Returned: 13



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**Generations of Faith:**

	# Donors	Pledged	Paid
St. Mark	196	\$626,377	\$469,711
St. Margaret Mary	30	\$ 66,770	\$ 50,791

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2018: THANK YOU!!**

	St. Mark	St. Margaret Mary
Goal:	\$40,125	\$2,354
Pledged:	\$79,211	\$9,488
Received:	\$72,177	\$8,913

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2019: SURPASSED OUR GOALS. THANKS! NOW LETS SHOOT FOR MATCHING LAST YEAR'S RESULTS!**

	St. Mark	St. Margaret Mary
Goal:	\$38,119	\$2,236
Pledged:	\$71,415	\$9,285
Received:	\$65,331	\$8,485
# of donors:	184	28



**Meets Thursday nights 7:00  
in the "Upper Room"  
St. Mark Catholic Academy**



**ATTENTION: ALL SINGERS  
OUT THERE!**  
**Come join us for Choir  
Rehearsals Saturdays at 6:00  
p.m. in the Church**  
**New members are always welcome!**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Give your spouse a special gift this Christmas by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next Weekends are Sept 18-20, 2020 in Huntington, NY and Jan 31- Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Chuck & MaryJane Young at 877-697- or visit them at <http://bq-wwme.org/>.

**Upcoming Events**

*Light the Bay for Christmas!*



**Blue Lights for Our Lady**

Will be placed around the shrine as part of Light the Bay for Christmas. Donation is \$10.00 per name, which will be listed in the bulletin the week after Christmas. Call the rectory for details

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**



**ST. MARK**

Tues. Dec. 24 – 4:30 p.m.  
Family Christmas Mass

12:00 a.m. - **Midnight Mass**

Wed. Dec. 25 - 8:00 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.  
12:30 p.m.

**ST. MARGARET MARY**

Wed. Dec. 25 – 11:00 a.m.



**Reconciliation Monday**



**Monday, December 16  
12:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
at  
St. Mark Church**

# School News

Dear Families:

First let me thank our families and our teachers for a very successful and productive report card day last Friday. One of the key component of student success is having open and productive lines of communication between schools and families.

Believe it or not, but Christmas is exactly two weeks from today! At Saint Mark Catholic Academy we are certainly in the midst of the holiday season. The second candle on our Advent wreath has been lit, our nativity scenes have been assembled, and our Christmas tree decorated with student created ornaments which grace our front entranceway.

This Friday we continue our preparation for Christmas with our annual Christmas Sale, when our students do some holiday shopping for friends and family. Please join us on Sunday, December 15th for Saint Mark Parish "LIGHT THE BAY" tree lighting ceremony annual Journey to The Inn Presentation. In addition, our students, along with our music teacher, Mrs. Jones, have been hard at work preparing for our annual Christmas Show on Thursday, December 19th. Please get your tickets soon!

Now that Christmastime is here, we often become so busy that we let the true meaning of the holiday season pass us by. Perhaps our bulletin board in the main hallway says it best with a quote from Dr. Seuss: "What if Christmas... doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.."

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal

PS: A Special Thank-You to Shannon Ryan, Saint Mark Class of 2010, for her consistent care and creativity updating our main hallway bulletin board each month!



St. Mark R.C. Parish

**Office of Faith Formation**  
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Mon. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wed., Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Sun. 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.  
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## "A Journey to the Inn"

*St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary Parish in collaboration with the Knights of Baron Dekalb will present "A Journey to the Inn" on Sunday, December 15, Which begins with an Organ Concert at 3:00 p.m..*

## THE GIVING TREE



## Calling All Angels Shepherds And Kings!

All children, all ages, (from Religious Ed, the Academy, the Parish and visiting children) are invited to participate in the portrayal of the Christmas Living Gospel at the Christmas Eve Family Mass on Tuesday Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m..

So boys and girls, please participate in this beautiful portrayal of Christ's birth. Do not be nervous, there are no speaking parts.

If interested please contact Joann Pino at the Religious Education office: 718-769-6311. Leave a message with your phone number & Ms. Pino will get back to you.

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