

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.

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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:
www.stmarkbrooklyn.org

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 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

718-891-3100

St. Mark School:

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

718-332-9304

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718-769-6311

Youth Ministry Coordinator:

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347-574-1828

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347-401-4288

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Mr. David Indyk, Director of Music

203-517-6430

St. Vincent De Paul Group:

Mr. Tom Scalese, President
Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

718-891-0443

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718-332-2663

Ministers of Hospitality:

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718-891-3100

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Mrs. Geraldine Kubat, Coordinator

718-769-4514

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Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

718-743-5338

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Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President

917-517-4260

Ms. Marie Sommer, Vice President

718-743-0977

Friendship Club:

Ms. Anita Troise, President

718-648-6488

Mrs. Delia Volpicelli, Vice President

718-332-5105

"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions  **for the week**
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St. Mark Church
Saturday, December 21
 5:00 p.m. Charity & Patricia



Sunday, December 22
 8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society
 10:15 a.m. Gloria Martines
 12:30 p.m. Adam & Priscilla Rosati

Monday, December 23
 8:30 a.m. Sister Gloria Lepere, O.P.

Tuesday, December 24
 8:30 a.m. Salvatore Cestaro (Christmas Remb)
 4:30 p.m. Peter Torres
 12:00 a.m. Lousi Torreos

Wednesday, December 25 The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)
 8:00 a.m. People of The Parish
 10:15 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
 12:30 p.m. Elizabeth Genovese MD

Thursday, December 26 Saint Stephen
 8:30 a.m. Marie & Ronald Danner (Ann.)

Friday, December 27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
 8:30 a.m. Thomas & Natalie Dengler (Wedding Ann.)
Saturday, December 28 The Holy Innocents
 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 5:00 p.m. Karin, Anthony, Rocco & Sophia Palmeri

St. Margaret Mary Church
Sunday, December 22
 11:00 a.m. Silvina & Luigi Cardinali



Wednesday, December 25
 11:00 a.m. Danner, Chuchla, Bruzzi, Laspia & Oszustowicz Families
Sunday, December 29
 11:00 a.m. Frank Connell

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

DECEMBER 22, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Even the most secure lives have some insecurities, and life can change in an instant. Through every possible future, we know that our true place of safety and rest is in God alone.

Today's Readings:
 Isaiah 7:10-14
 Psalm 24:7c and 10b
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-24



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 fourth candle of the Advent Wreath. It is called *The Angel Candle or Candle of Love.*

The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent His only Son to earth to save us because He loves us!
 (John 3:16-17)



Week of Dec. 21 to Dec. 28:
Bread & Wine are offered In Loving Memory of Denise Tinawi Naassana Requested by her children
The Altar Christmas Trees are Lit In Loving Memory of Christina & John Itri and Carolyn Itri Gordon
The Sanctuary Lamp In Loving Memory of James Belt Request by his wife Joan Belt

Main Altar Candles In Loving Memory of Frank Danza Sr. Requested by his family

Clergy Column

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sleeping St. Joseph a Model of Trust

Upon ordination a classmate of mine gave me a beautiful statuette of the Sleeping St. Joseph, and thus introduced me to this devotion. Apropos to today's Gospel, I'd like to share this explanation of the devotion by Prof. Jacqueline Hollcraft, mother of seven and editor for the Daughters of Mary blog. Below are excerpts from her personal story:

“Pope Francis keeps an image of sleeping St. Joseph in his desk. When he has a problem, he writes it down and places it under the image, and he knows St. Joseph is working it out in his dreams. St. Joseph came into my life almost two decades ago. I felt drawn to his faithfulness, obedience, and protection of Jesus and Mary. I also was drawn to his silence and the influence of his example. So I began turning to him in prayer.

The Lord spoke to Joseph three times through dream: [first, when Joseph had decided to quietly divorce Mary after learning of her pregnancy—itself a merciful decision that defied custom; second, when God told Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from Herod; and third, when the Lord called Joseph to bring Jesus back to the land of Israel.]

Immediately after God spoke to Joseph, he responded exactly as he was told. When Joseph was faced with the dilemma of an inexplicably pregnant wife, we can assume he worked out the solution of a quiet divorce with great care and discernment, for Scripture reveals that he “was a righteous man.” Yet God penetrated Joseph in a vulnerable moment, in a period of rest, to show him another way. No matter how carefully Joseph strove to find a solution while he was awake and alert, God revealed to him the plan of salvation while he was resting. Not only was Joseph able to receive God's astonishing plan, but he received God's plan through the precarious means of a dream. He trusted the message [and] the means in which God gave him direction, [indicating] his strong faith and deep intimacy with the Lord. Joseph knew it was the Lord speaking to him, [and] was familiar with God's voice in his life, which means he must have had a deep, consistent prayer life. It's not enough to just rest, either spiritually or physically. We must know who we are resting with, or rather who we are resting in.

While I've never received a message from the Lord in a dream, when I do sense God speaking to me, I often wonder if I am just imagining things. Or I question whether the prompting is true. I doubt the Spirit and hesitate to act. Yet Joseph awoke assured, ready to respond. He showed a holy animation, inspired and generated during a period of rest, that only comes from deep communion with God. For me, the sleeping St. Joseph image is a model of the trusting, familial, vulnerable attitude I am called to have before the Lord. My prayer, under the tutelage of St. Joseph, is that I can develop a deep intimacy with God along with the ability to rest, so that when God speaks to me in my rest, I can trust His word and readily respond. I pray to follow Joseph's example upon awakening, allowing the Spirit to animate me into holy action that realizes God's divine plan in my life.”

<https://blessedisshenet.com/the-blog/resting-sleeping-st-joseph/>

Father 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:

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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2018: THANK YOU!!

	<u>St. Mark</u>	<u>St. Margaret Mary</u>
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!

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



St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Food Collection

December 21 & 22

We are collecting canned & dry non perishable items (Please check expiration dates). Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted. The Saint Vincent de Paul Group is unable to accept clothing donations.

Bishop DiMarzio invites all to join him in this year's Annual Catholic Charities Collection. The collection takes place at all Christmas Masses. Please return the special Catholic Charities envelope from your envelope packet with your gift. If you did not receive a printed envelope, we ask you to use a Catholic Charities envelope available in the Church or your own blank envelope marked 'Catholic Charities'. Bishop DiMarzio urges all to join in sharing God's love with families and children in need by giving generously to this year's Catholic Charities Christmas Collection.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ST. MARK

Tues. Dec. 24 – 4:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve 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.



PLEASE NOTE:

The rectory office will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 26th

Fr. Bob Mucci,
Fr. Michael Panicali,
Fr. Sergiy,
Fr. Quigley,
Deacon Paul and
the entire parish
staff, wish all of our
parishioners and
their families a very
Merry Christmas
May the blessing of our newborn King
surround you at this special time of the
year and always.



"I gave thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you"

- philippians 1:3-4

School News

Our students did a wonderful job with their Christmas Show this past Thursday. We are especially grateful to all our teachers especially Mrs. Jones, our music teacher, who helped coordinate this special event. The show truly helped everyone get into the Christmas spirit!

Just a reminder to all our families that we return to school from Christmas Recess on **Monday, January 6th.**

Prayers and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our Saint Mark Family to yours!!

PS: check upcoming bulletins for updates on our Catholic Schools Week Festivities! CSW begins Sunday, January 26th.



St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation

718-769-6311

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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.

Last day of Religion classes is Sunday, December 22. One of our Adults, Kashif Gulzar, who is preparing for Confirmation is treating our program to a pizza party after class on December 22.

The faith Formation office and Catechists wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas.

***Classes will resume on Sunday
January 5, 2020**



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.