

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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"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:
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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 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

St. Mark Religious Education:

Ms. Jo Ann Pino

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Mr. Tom Scalese

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Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions  **for the week**
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St. Mark Church
Saturday, December 7
5:00 p.m. Mary Godwin



Sunday, December 8
8:00 a.m. Peter V. Warren
10:15 a.m. Phyllis C. Keenan
12:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Denise Tinawi Naassana
10:00 a.m. Thomas LoPinto

Tuesday, December 10
8:30 a.m. Josephine & Mary Kunik

Wednesday, December 11 Saint Damasus
8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Regina Family

Thursday, December 12 Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 a.m. Ronald Danner (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday, December 13 Saint Lucy
8:30 a.m. Hans Anton Hollen Stein

Saturday, December 14
8:30 a.m. Caroline Muresco (Anniversary)
5:00 p.m. James & Louise Godwin

*St. Mark welcomes our Ukrainian & Russian speaking parishioners at 19:00 (7:00 p.m.)
Mass in Ukrainian- 1st Saturday of the Month
Mass in Russian - 3rd Saturday of the Month
Contact: Fr. Sergiy 718-569-9455*

St. Margaret Mary Church
Sunday, December 8
11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving Mulle & Mauceri Families



Wednesday, December 11
9:00 a.m. Marie & June Slingsby

Sunday, December 15
11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving Mulle & Mauceri Families

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 8, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our mortal eyes mostly see the here and now. When we immerse ourselves in the life of God, our vision also sees what may be, what may come.

Today's Readings:
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:7
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12



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 second purple candle of the Advent wreath. It is called the Bethlehem Candle or Candle of Preparation. God kept His promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to 'get ready'. Help us to be ready to welcome you Lord. (Luke 3:4-6)



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be observed on Monday, Dec. 9th at the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses at St. Mark Church.

Week of Dec. 7 to Dec. 14:
The Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Candle are offered in Loving Memory of Peter V. Warren Requested by his family. (Birthday)



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

Second Sunday of Advent

God can pave your road!

My dad the late Eugene Panicali had a penchant for blasting the sitting mayor or governor every time he'd go over a pothole or a rut in the road – as if the politician were personally responsible for the crater that threw his wheels out of alignment.

This second Sunday of Advent, when we meet John the Baptist, reminds us of every time we are thrown out of alignment, be it through sin, human weakness, and by not living up to the identity of baptized Christian, which requires a lot of us.

As I have seen in my own life's trajectory of stumbles and fumbles, God always seems to have a way of working through these to get me to where He needs and desires me to be. I once heard it said that God is like a great composer who takes all the wrong notes that we can play in our lives and weaves them into a beautiful symphony -- to the point where it seems those discordant notes were meant to be in the music all along.

Most importantly, this only comes through our willingness (reflecting how much God respects us and our freedom). It only comes with our allowing God's grace to work on us and through our situations. We have to make the decision to accept these graces, or risk spinning to further waywardness and confusion. We need only make the choice to put into practice what the Gospel teaches us, die to pride and our own way, and to pay attention to what people whom we know to have strong faith, wisdom, and experience; tell us. Many times God speaks through them to us.

John the Baptist is one such person. He can be seen as many things – the Rambo of his day, the hardcore consumer of locusts and honey, the wailing prophet on his own street corner who screams the same things and upsets people the same ways Elijah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel did before him. We know how his earthly life tragically concludes, in much the same way as other prophets before him. Before he is beheaded, he screams and shouts – in echoing the prophet Isaiah -- about making a highway, a smooth path, for God. While my dad definitely appreciated smooth roads, life rarely gives them to us -- or rather, because of our errors and sins, we rarely create them for ourselves.

But this is why John the Baptist is so pivotal a figure in Advent. He continually points to Jesus. This is all he does. He insists he is not worthy to loosen Jesus' sandals. He is absorbed by the coming of Christ. Few people in Scriptures are characterized by such humility and ardent convictions. He simply subsists on nothing but the hope of Christ. He reminds us to make the path clear for Christ and to smooth over the potholes and ruts -- some of our own doing, some occurring through no fault of our own. While these potholes and ruts seem to be ever-present in the human condition, they don't have to characterize our lives. This Sunday's message is clear: there is no damage that God cannot overcome and, amazingly, that God cannot incorporate into our individual journey toward Him.

Today, the great Baptizer shouts at us to not shut God out of our lives! Prepare, make ready, pray, do penance. In this way we allow God to smooth over the ruts and grooves in ways that are going to utterly amaze and captivate us. And lead us to Him, where all roads lead.

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Fr. Michael Panicali

Sunday Collection: December 1, 2019

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$3,687.00
2nd Collection: \$1,069.00
Attendance: 443

Envelopes Returned: 130

St. Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$453.00
2nd Collection: \$122.00
Attendance: 25

Envelopes Returned: 10



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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

Mary

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



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

**NEXT MEETING
FRIDAY, December 13th**



**Tuesday, Dec. 17th:
Spirit of Christmas Concert at
(BAM) Howard Gilman Opera
House**

**Featuring: THE IRISH TENORS
Tickets: Prime Orchestra \$125, Orchestra \$100,
Mezzanine \$75. Rear Mezzanine \$50.**

**Balcony \$30. A group discount is available.
A bus will be available . Please call the rectory
office to reserve your space on or before
Tuesday, December 10th.**

(718)-891-3100

Upcoming Events

It's time to Light the Bay for Christmas!



If you would like to participate, please call the rectory.
**Gift levels are \$2000 (Gold) \$1000 (Silver), 750 (Red),
\$500 (Green) and \$200 (White)**

A personal message (5-10 words) will be placed on an
individual sign near your tree.

**Please Note: There are a limited number of trees
available so please make your pledge early.**

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.

**COME CELEBRATE
THE JOURNEY TO THE INN
& THE UNVEILING OF THE
ADORATION OF THE CHRIST
DISPLAY AT
ST. MARK CHURCH**

**SUNDAY DEC. 15TH
BEGINS WITH ORGAN CONCERT AT
3:00 PM**

**FOLLOWED BY THE
OUTDOOR CEREMONY
"LIGHT THE BAY FOR
CHRISTMAS"**

*BLESSING OF THE TREES, MUSIC,
LIGHT SHOW & HOT CHOCOLATE*

ATTENTION: ALL SINGERS OUT THERE!



**Come join us for Choir
Rehearsals
Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.
in the Church
New members are always**

School News

I hope you and your families had a very nice Thanksgiving. If you haven't already, please visit our Facebook page to check out all the pictures from last week's feast. Thank you again to all of our St. Mark families who cooked, donated, served, and assisted! We are truly thankful!

I am happy to announce our students of the month for November. The following students were selected by their teachers for showing generosity and thoughtfulness. Congratulations!

Nursery A: Zoey Adames
Nursery B: Aria Wu
Pre-K A: Zoe Kudaibergen
Pre-K B: Nina Jones
Pre-K C: Emily Gertsik
Kindergarten A: Enzo Szeto
Kindergarten B: Bogdan Lutenco
Grade 1-A: Ethan Igla
Grade 1-B: Skylar Stephens
Grade 2: Zaara Shah
Grade 3: Lucas Crespo
Grade 4: Anna Havrylyak
Grade 5: Zuley Leyva
Grade 6: Aiden Horne
Grade 7: Priya Simpson
Grade 8: Anaya Qayyum

Since Thanksgiving was so late this year, Christmas is right around the corner—in fact, it's exactly three weeks from today. So that means there's going to be a lot of activity and a lot of fun going on in this short time we have before the holidays. Here are a few reminders...

- This Friday is a 12:30pm dismissal for all students, including pre-k, because of report card conferences. Our after-school program is available.
- This weekend is our annual Christmas Boutique. Please stop by to make a purchase or two. Your support helps our school.
- Sunday, December 15th is Saint Mark Parish's Journey to the Inn presentation and annual tree lighting ceremony.
- Tuesday, December 17th is pictures and pancakes with Santa. Please reserve your spot now.
- Our annual Christmas Show for students in kindergarten through grade 8 is Thursday, December 19th. Please get your tickets now. Check the flyer in today's folder for more information.

As you can see, it's going to be a busy month. In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, let's not forget that Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas.



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.

"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.