

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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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*
In Residence: *Rev. Joseph P. Quigley*

Devotions:

Holy Hour 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday
Miraculous Medal Novena every Wednesday after the 8:30 Mass.

Litany of the Sacred Heart every First Friday 8:20 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Baptism:

Fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Classes for parents and godparents are required through Baptism Matters program. Call the rectory to make an appointment with a priest two 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: (Communal celebrations suspended, until further notice.)

First Saturday of the month at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Confessions : Are available by appointment only. Call the rectory office.

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: 718-891-3100

Ms. Jacqueline Biagioni
Ms. Rosemarie Barbuto

St. Mark School: 718-332-9304

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

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Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

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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, July 18

5:00 p.m. Ann Mollo

Sunday, July 19

8:00 a.m. People of The Parish
10:15 a.m. Maryann Casale
12:30 a.m. Patricia Byrne

Monday, July 20

8:30 a.m. Paul O'Neil

Tuesday, July 21

8:30 a.m. Joseph Donnellan

Wednesday, July 22

8:30 a.m. Paul Donnellan

Thursday, July 23

8:30 a.m. Cecil Gomes

Friday, July 24

8:30 a.m. Danny Divirgilio

Saturday, July 25

8:30 a.m. Agnes Natoli
5:00 p.m. Albert Arrieta

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, July 19

11:00 a.m. John Chuchla

Wednesday, July 22

9:00 a.m. Frank Connell

Sunday, July 26

11:00 a.m. Nicola Casiello



Gifts are available to honor a loved one, bread & wine, candles, flowers. Please call the rectory for details.



There are open dates for Mass intentions at St. Mark for: July, 27, 28, 29, & August 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22

**St. Marks 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**

July 19 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We often do not know what we do not know when it comes to making judgements about others, God alone knows us and others, so we rely on God's vision, not our own.

Today's Readings:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalms 86:5a

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43



Please pray for the sick:

Tina Cook, Daniel Paluszek, Lisa Lovbosco, Laura Durant, Hope Schwartz, 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, Nina Pionegro, Anna Monaco, Robert Fernandez, Rose Chiusano, Anthony Ferrero, Marcus Gonclaves, Jennifer Russo, Dominick Landriscina, Lisa Weiner, Anthony Timoney, Diane Camacho who is in need of a kidney donor 718-284-0704.

Coronavirus Update

Bishop DiMarzio, determined that parishes in the diocese can open for daily Mass on June 29 and Sunday Masses on the weekend of July 4- 5 at a limited capacity of 25% under the following guidelines:

- The Bishop's dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Those who are not feeling well or are exhibiting symptoms of cough and/or fever should not come to church. Those who are at higher risk for COVID —19 (the elderly, those with underlying health conditions) are strongly advised not to come to church.
- Entry and exit will be through the main doors only. Please sanitize your hands upon entering the church.
- Masks/face coverings must be worn in church and social distancing protocols (6 feet apart) must be maintained (except for families). Use designated pews following the direction of our ushers.
- It is very strongly recommended that Holy Communion be received in the hand. People should come as directed by the ushers maintaining the 6 foot distancing with masks remaining on for the dialogue ("The Body of Christ." "Amen.")
- There will be no entry or recessional processions and no handshakes or greeting of parishioners after Mass.
- There will be no missalettes. Hymnals, or worship aids in the pews. There will be no bulletins or Tablets available for distribution. There will be an organist and cantor but no choir.
- There will not be an offertory basket passed around for a collection. Instead, there will be a collection box or basket as you enter the church where your offerings may be placed. Electronic giving is preferred. Go to www.GiveCentral.org/stmark or text SUNDAY to 516 619 3100.
- The bathroom will remain closed as it cannot be disinfected during Mass.
- We will endeavor to continue to livestream daily Mass at 8:30 a.m., Sunday Mass at 10:15 a.m., and a Holy Hour from noon until 1:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
- The rectory office will also resume normal hours of operation 9:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on Saturday. However, we continue to ask that you conduct as much business as possible over the phone (718 891-3100) and keep the physical visits to the rectory minimum.

All the priests, Deacon Paul, and the entire parish staff have missed you dearly during our time apart. We look forward to welcoming you back to The Parish of St. Mark—St. Margaret Mary.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Bob

July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For True Growth to Happen, Wheat and Weed Must Grow Side-by-Side

Bishop DiMarzio's recent column in *The Tablet*, "The Birth of our Democracy," spoke much truth in regard to the recent calls and attempts (some successful) to tear down statues and monuments throughout the nation, of figures, and depictions of figures, that for some, have sparked uneasiness and controversy. He writes that "the statues that are now being taken down with public authority or by acts of individuals betray a misunderstanding of human nature. It is human nature that has been wounded by Original Sin, but it has been redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ. There are no perfect people."

The Bishop adds that the statues of saints that the Church, "well aware of the foibles of human nature," has long erected, all celebrate imperfect, sinful people – except, of course, those depicting the Blessed Mother; for "there is no saint whose statue we honor who was sinless except the Virgin Mary."

I would like to add what I see as a parallel in today's Gospel reading of what is referred to as the "Parable of the Weeds." Jesus, referring to a field where unwanted weeds grow alongside fertile wheat to be harvested, speaks through the voice of the field owner, saying, "If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Today's call to uproot the weeds in the public sphere, so that we are left with only the wheat, not only contradicts the wisdom of the Church, as expressed through Bishop DiMarzio's words above, but also the wisdom of Holy Scripture. This phenomenon is not sound from a practical standpoint, nor from a Biblical one.

Our Judeo-Christian history is replete with murderers, adulterers, liars and thieves who today, through the grace of God, we herald as linchpins of our faith – Saul of Tarsus, King David, Augustine of Hippo, and Matthew the tax collector -- among them. It was to the once-sexually immoral Mary Magdalene that the Lord first appeared after His Glorious Resurrection.

These men and women give us all inspiration to better ourselves, renounce sin, and boldly and loudly proclaim and live the Gospel. Theirs are the stories of redemption that will stir us. These are the men and women, as people of the past, who give us all hope and remind us of who we can be, today.

Not celebrating their repentance and their triumph over sin, made possible by uniting themselves with the Blood of Jesus Christ, would be a great detriment to restoring the broken of today's world and leading those souls to Christ. It would be a great detriment to proclaiming the saving power of Christ!

Today's Parable of the Weeds makes clear that it is up to the Lord to decide and sift through who is weed, and who is wheat. Jesus describes His holy angels taking up this task at the end of time. Until then, we as a society must learn that true strength and progress comes with allowing the wheat and the weed to grow together, if we are to truly learn from our transgressions and advance as a civilization. A wise adage I very recently came across reads, "*History is an excellent teacher with few pupils.*"

Moreover, until that time when the harvest is to be collected, we the faithful have to be cognizant that throughout our lifetimes, we are going to be both weed and wheat. We must not get comfortable and complacent, for this can be our undoing.

Brooklyn priest Fr. Chris O'Connor wrote in a 'Sunday Scripture' column for *The Tablet* several months ago, that the spiritual life is like climbing a steep mountain – at no point are we stationary; we are either going up and advancing, or are being pulled down by gravity, or going in the opposite direction.

Today's parable doesn't serve to remind us that the wicked are going to be inevitably punished, as much as it serves to remind us that we are all sinful and in need of the mercy of God at all times. A great mistake would be to consider oneself as consistently growing wheat in a field. We the Christian faithful can look to imperfect people, the saints, to right ourselves in those times in our lives when we more closely resemble the weeds.



Fr. Michael Panicali

Generations of Faith:

	<u># Donors</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>
St. Mark	206	\$627,507	\$510,493
St. Margaret Mary	39	\$66,850	\$54,467

Annual Catholic Appeal 2019:

	<u>St. Mark</u>	<u>St. Margaret Mary</u>
Goal:	\$38,119	\$2,236
Pledged:	\$72,976	\$9,235
Received:	\$69,653	\$8,485

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020:

	<u>St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary</u>
Goal:	\$40,246
Pledged:	\$60,393
Received:	\$52,400
Number of Donors	109

Received donations have exceeded our goal.
THANKS! Pledges are 77% of last year's result.

*Help us all stay healthy during the
COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak*

Please sign up for online giving so that you can continue to support St. Mark-St. Margaret Mary as we all work together to minimize the spread of coronavirus COVID-19.

Our electronic giving partner, GiveCentral, lets you can safely and securely make donations from home, that are so critical to the financial health of our parish.

Choose your preferred giving option:

From your computer or tablet:

- Visit our parish giving page at givecentral.org/stmark

From your smartphone:

- Text the keyword SUNDAY to our parish number: 516-619-3100
- Or point your camera at this QR code for a quick link:



Your contributions make a tremendous difference in our ability to fulfill our mission and serve our community—thank you!

As always, you are in our prayers!



Annual Catholic
Appeal 2020
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**WE ARE THE CHURCH,
TOGETHER**

Dear Parishioners of St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary,

I need your help. Our Annual Catholic Appeal's network of services has had to be flexible in this unprecedented time, and we anticipate we will need to maintain this response to meet the growing demand for support. Your partnership is critical as we navigate this situation.

Our mission remains the same, but COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our annual needs.

- We now serve over **100,00 meals daily across our Diocese** in response to the 300% increase in demand.
- Over **120** parishes offer daily **livestream** coverage of **Mass** and **144** parishes communicate daily with parishioners using **social media**.
- Our educators were required to quickly implement **innovative distance learning** tools. They remain Catholic youth.
- We have **30 hospital chaplains** currently deployed across our boroughs consoling the sick and most vulnerable.
- And of course, our devoted clergy, who remain at the frontlines of this pandemic. They continue to enrich our lives spiritually and have partnered with our network of support services to address the local needs developing across our Diocese.

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. I am grateful to the 100 people who have made a generous commitment to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. This unwavering support has allowed us to reach **\$57,593** exceeding our **\$40,246 goal**. All donations in excess of our goal come back to our parish 100%. We need these additional funds now more than ever.

If you have not made a pledge this year and are able to do so, I ask that you join me in demonstrating that **WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER** by considering a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

You may make your gift online at annualcatholicappeal.org or text **ACA** to **917-336-1255** or call **718-965-7375 ext. 1602** and have a pledge card mailed to your home.

We thank you in advance for making a gift commensurate with your means and circumstances!

Very Reverend Robert V. Mucci, JCL
Pastor, St. Mark – St. Margaret Mary

School News

Preparations are currently underway for the fall, and we are still awaiting official guidance from the state, city, and diocese that will assist us in ensuring the best possible educational experience for our children in the safest environment possible.

We are still accepting new registrations for the upcoming school year!

The financial aid deadline has been extended to the end of July!



ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY
ENROLL TODAY 2020-2021

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

- ✓ Nursery - Eight Grade
- ✓ Free Early Morning Drop OFF
- ✓ Full-Day Nursery
- ✓ Free Pre-K For ALL
- ✓ Afterschool Program
- ✓ IT Technology Program

ONLINE: [HTTP://WWW.SMCAONTHEBAY.ORG](http://www.smcaonthebay.org)
 CALL US NOW AT 718-332-9304



Have a great
Summer
 Vacation!

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!

This crisis demonstrates the importance of being able to communicate electronically. Please register at givecentral.org/stmark with your email and cell phone contact information so we can email you the bulletin each week and stay in touch.

Mass is being live-streamed on our parish website:

(<http://www.stmarkbrooklyn.org> and on our parish face book page(<https://www.facebook.com/stmarkchurchbrooklyn>) at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Saturday and at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday.
 noon - 1:00 p.m. Monday -Saturday.



St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation
 718-769-6311
religiouseducation1@verizon.net

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.

Registration is now open. Please go to:
www.stmarkbrooklyn.org

Go to religious ed faith formation page to register. Due to this pandemic, we understand people are out of work. No monies are necessary at this time. Please do not keep your child from faith formation. *We have Scholarships to help.* Hopefully we'll see you in September. It is so important to keep your faith and continue to pray for the strength to help us through this difficult time. ** New comers-we will need copies of your child's Birth & Baptismal certificates when classes begin. Hopeful to see you in September!

***ADDITIONAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS**

As discussed with Father Bob. I would like to begin a class on Thursday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 pm in the school for those who are unable to attend on Sunday. This is not available for the 1st or 2nd graders. Determination of what grades we will have classes for depends on the number of people interested. I will also need volunteers for Thursday afternoon. Without volunteers there can be no classes. Please contact me Jo Ann Pino @ 718-934-0062 for more information regarding these classes.

**** Confirmation and Communion ceremonies are postponed indefinitely at this time.**

CHECK WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR UPDATES



The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.

The ACA is independently audited each year for full transparency.