

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:
stmarkbrooklyn@gmail.com

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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

St. Mark School:

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

St. Mark Religious Education:

Ms. Jo Ann Pino

Youth Ministry Coordinator:

Mr. Michael Davis

Sports Program Director:

Mr. Wayne Walker

St. Mark Choir:

Mr. David Indyk, Director of Music

St. Vincent De Paul Group:

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

Homebound Ministry:

Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

Ministers of Hospitality:

Mr. Tom Scalese

Extraordinary Ministers:

Mrs. Geraldine Kubat, Coordinator

Lectors:

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

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Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President
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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week



St. Mark Church

Saturday, February 29
5:00 p.m. Matthew Lentini

Sunday, March 1
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:15 a.m. Hilda Maria Cuadrado
12:30 p.m. Carmela Rubino

Monday, March 2
8:30 a.m. Peter Maresma

Tuesday, March 3
8:30 a.m. Victor & Mildred Mucci

Wednesday, March 4
8:30 a.m. Theodore & Grace Mucci

Thursday, March 5
8:30 a.m. Martin & Signe Egeland

Friday, March 6
8:30 a.m. Irene Egeland

Saturday, March 7
8:30 a.m. Patricia Von Ahnen
5:00 p.m. Ralph & Rose Memolo
7:00 p.m. Ukrainian Mass

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, March 1
11:00 a.m. Gerard Gagliardi

Wednesday, March 4
9:00 a.m. Mary Clay

Friday, March 6
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Chille & Cione Families

Sunday, March 8
11:00 a.m. Angelina & Gerry Distasio (Ann.)

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.

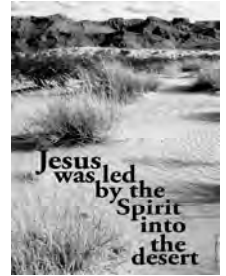


**MARCH 1, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

A new Lent is a new opportunity to examine our relationship with God and to follow the example of Jesus, who remained true to the end.

Today's Readings:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3a
Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
Matthew 4:1-11



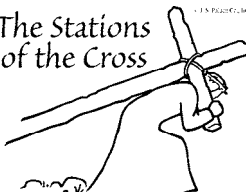
Please pray for the sick:
Tina Cook, Daniel Paluszek, Lisa Lovbosco, Laura Durant, Hope Schwartz, Marie Giannotti, Carissa D'Alba, Kimberly Palmo, Alfred DeMola, Walter Brady, Catherine Staren, Jennifer Costa, Romilda Zambelli, John Angelo Buccheri, Raymond Fazio, Mark Aragona, Olivia LaSpina, Saul Godinez, 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, Ann Mollo, Nina Pionegro, Anna Monaco, Robert Fernandez, Rose Chiusano, Anthony Ferrero, Jennifer Russo, Diane Camacho who is in need of a kidney donor 718-284-0704.

**COME SPEND TIME WITH JESUS
FIRST FRIDAY
MARCH 6
HOLY HOUR: AFTER 9 AM MASS AT
ST. MARGARET MARY**

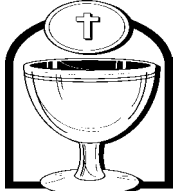


**EXPOSITION:
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
AT ST. MARK**

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent After the 8:30 Mass at St. Mark, & On Wednesdays after the 9:00 Mass at St. Margaret Mary.



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. March 20, 21, 23, 28, 31.



Pastor's Column February 29 – March 1, 2020

“Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.”

Our readings this weekend for the First Sunday of Lent are about temptation and sin. First we hear about the fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve, who are seduced by the serpent in the Garden of Eden. They have everything they could ever want. They can eat the delicious fruit from any of the trees in the garden except from the one in the center, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, from which God had forbidden them to eat. But the serpent tempts them. The Book of Genesis says, “The serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the **LORD** God had made. The serpent asked the woman, ‘Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden? [...] No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil’. The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband who was with her; and he ate it.”

Whether or not the story of Adam and Eve is meant to be taken literally, it is most certainly meant to be taken seriously. It is said that Satan's greatest accomplishment is getting people to believe he is not real, that he does not exist. But temptation and evil are real, and their effects are all around us.

Last week I read an article in the New York Times about the actor Ben Affleck. Although it never mentions God or religion, it illustrates the impact that temptation and the lies of the world can have. Affleck seemingly had it all. He appeared in his first movie at age 7, was the star of a PBS children's series by age 12, and had his first starring role in a film at age 22. Affleck's career really took off at age 25 when the 1997 film *Good Will Hunting*, which he co-wrote and acted in along with childhood friend Matt Damon, won them the Golden Globe and Academy Awards for Best Original Screenplay. He was leading man in the war drama *Pearl Harbor* and the spy thriller *The Sum of All Fears*, he played the superhero Batman, and he won the Golden Globe and Academy Award for Best Picture for the film *Argo* which he directed. Affleck married actress Jennifer Garner in 2005 with whom he has three children. All this success, and yet his marriage and his life fell apart due to his excessive drinking and alcoholism. In the *Times* interview Affleck said, “You're trying to make yourself feel better with eating or drinking or sex or gambling or shopping or whatever. But that ends up making your life worse. Then you do more of it to make that discomfort go away. Then the real pain starts. It becomes a vicious cycle you can't break. That's at least what happened to me.”

Affleck's story is the classic case of falling for the lies and distortions of this world and the temptations of the evil one. When we try to fill our deepest desires, those which can only be truly satisfied by God, with things like pleasure or power or money or material things, we are bound to be disappointed, unfulfilled, and ultimately left in a worse condition than when we started. But Jesus shows us a different way. In our Gospel we hear that “Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.” Satan tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger; to prove He is the Son of God by throwing himself off the Temple parapet; to receive all the riches of the world if He would only worship Satan. But Jesus is able to resist the devil's temptations. Jesus says, “Get away, Satan! It is written: ‘The Lord your God shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’”

The Church follows Jesus' footsteps by giving us this holy and penitential season of Lent. It is our time to be tried and tested in the desert, using the tools of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to strengthen ourselves spiritually in order to resist those temptations that do come our way. Pope Francis says, “Watch out, the devil exists! The devil exists even in the 21st century. And we must not be naïve. We must learn from the Gospel how to battle against him.” Have a blessed Lent.

– Fr. Bob

Sunday Collection: February 23, 2020

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$3,331.00

2nd Collection: \$954.00

Attendance: 542

Envelopes Returned: 134

St. Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$303.00

2nd Collection: \$54.00

Attendance: 33

Envelopes Returned: 11



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SAVE THE DATE!

Fish Fry

March 13th
at 7:00 pm



in the school cafeteria

tickets : \$15.00 adults & \$5.00 kids.

Includes: fries & beverage.

Contact Michael Davis– 347-574-1828

Generations of Faith:

| | # Donors | Pledged | Paid |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| St. Mark | 201 | \$626,757 | \$482,073 |
| St. Margaret Mary | 34 | \$ 66,780 | \$ 53,469 |

Annual Catholic Appeal 2019:

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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020:

| | St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| Goal: | \$40,246 |
| Pledged: | \$0 |
| Received: | \$0 |

SAVE THE DATE

St. Mark Catholic Academy
26th annual Card Party!

MARCH 28TH

DONATIONS OF: Wicker baskets
& trays greatly appreciated!
Tickets are \$30. includes full
lunch & beverages.

347-574-1828



Set Clocks Ahead



Day light Savings Time begins
NEXT WEEKEND

March 8th

Set your clocks ahead one hour
before you go to bed.

Don't be late for church!



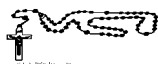
The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

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.

Rosary Society



REMINDER: The March 1st meeting has been changed to March 8th. Please join us for the monthly meeting March 8th after the 10:15 Mass in the school cafeteria. Reminder we are collecting canned and non-perishable items.

New members are always welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mark—St. Margaret Mary
Annual Parish Picnic!!
April 25th



ST. MARK— ST. MARGARET MARY

“ROARING LION”



50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets are \$100, maximum of 200 to be sold (may be purchased by an individual or a group).

Winner gets at least \$5,000,
with a chance to win up to \$10,000.

57 tickets already sold, 29% of the maximum!

Please do not hesitate to buy your tickets, especially if you would like to choose your ticket numbers.

Contact the rectory office.

Drawing will be held at the parish picnic

School News

Before we know it, Easter and spring will be here. How appropriate that these seasons occur at the same time. After all, they are both times for rebirth and renewal!

Coincidentally, this is also the time of year when we begin to notice how much our children have “grown and blossomed” since September. Personally, I can’t believe how much my daughter has grown and developed both physically and intellectually since she began school five months ago. I’m sure our faculty and staff will all say that seeing our children grow and develop is one of the greatest benefits of working at Saint Mark!

A few reminders as we approach a new month...

- Raffle books went home a few weeks ago. The money for this **mandatory fundraiser** is due tomorrow.
- Registration is ongoing. If you haven’t done so already, please get your paperwork in.
- The deadline for financial aid is right around the corner. Families interested in reapplying and those interested in applying for the first time should make an appointment with Mr. Bunch.

Have a great week. Next week, be on the lookout for our February Students of the Month!

REGISTRATION & FINANCIAL AID

For
2020-2021
IS NOW OPEN AT
ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY
<http://smcaonthebay.com/>
(718) 332-9304



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.

LENT: A time for new life to appear within us as well as around us. Lent is a season when springtime’s rebirth of nature should reflect the growth taking place within us. New attitudes and fresh ways of looking at things are born. Old attitudes and unhealthy habits disappear. The dying and rebirth that takes place within our hearts – both reflect the great mystery of the death and Resurrection of the Lord.

Sunday, March 1,-Communion Proximate Preparation Gathering in St. Mark Academy 11:30am for parents & children

FIRST COMMUNION: Upcoming Dates:

Practice for First Reconciliation will be held the following days. Monday, March 2 & Thursday, March 5 from 4:00pm-5:30pm in the Church.

First Reconciliation is Saturday, March 7th at 11:00 am. Children must report to church by 10:30 am. There will be a sale of First Communion items in the cafeteria.

* **Sunday, March 1-**@ 10:15 Mass, *Clyde Barruos & Sean Jaramillo* will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith!

Lenten Day of Reflection



The St Mark—St. Margaret Mary Friendship Club will present
Frank Danza Author of
“Now I know I Am Not Alone,”
as speaker on our
Lenten Day of Reflection
Saturday, March 14th.

For more information contact
Anita Troise at (718)648-6488
Surprise gifts for early registrants.