

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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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: after the 8:30 a.m. Mass: (**Suspended till further notice.**)

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: (**Family members only, until further notice**)

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: (**Family members only, until further notice**)

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 will continue on Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Mark Church or by appointment at the rectory.

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

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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week



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St. Mark Church

Saturday, March 21

Catherine & Stephen Coyle

Sunday, March 22

Denise Tinani Naasana
People of the Parish
David & Juan Jose Pena



Monday, March 23

Franshun Beard

Tuesday, March 24

Fr. Michael Panicali (Happy Birthday)

Wednesday, March 25

Edward & Fedele Rizzo

Thursday, March 26

Mari Pasquaioisa

Friday, March 27

Orlando Abrenica (5th Anniversary)

Saturday, March 28

Peter Maresma

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, March 22

Michele Voipicelli

Wednesday, March 25

Living & Deceased members of the
Chille & Cione Families



Sunday, March 29

Lillian Lipner & Bindy Palmer

Corona virus update

The Centers for Disease Control has given the recommendation to avoid social gatherings of 10 persons or more. For this reason, and to promote the health and safety of all, including clergy who must continue to attend to the spiritual needs of God's people, the Diocese of Brooklyn is implementing the following until further notice:

1. All public Masses are suspended. Mass intentions are to be celebrated privately.
2. The suspension includes devotions or other services such as communal recitation of the Rosary which could gather crowds.
3. Churches may remain open for silent adoration, always bearing in mind the need to limit groups.
4. Holy week Services and Liturgies will not be celebrated publicly in the parishes.

Let us continue to pray for healing, strength and courage as we continue to serve God's people in Brooklyn and Queens during this crisis. May Our Lady intercede for us.

**MARCH 22, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jesus, the Light of the world, leads us out of darkness, a beacon of God's merciful care and love for us.

Today's Readings:

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalms 23:1

Ephesians 5:8-14

Psalms 33:22

John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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, Marcus Gonclaves, Jennifer Russo, Diane Camacho who is in need of a kidney donor 718-284-0704.

ST. MARK- ST. MARGARET MARY



"ROARING LION"



50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets are \$100-maximum of 200 to be sold (may be purchased individual or group).

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

64 tickets already sold, 32 % 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.(718-891-3100)

Drawing will be held April 25, 2020

The Act of Spiritual Communion

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion in person, you can always make a spiritual communion.

1. *Make an act of faith. The key here is to express to the Lord: our faith in his merciful love and his real presence in the Eucharist.*
2. *Make an act of love. O Lord God, I love you above all things. ...*
3. *Express our desire to receive him.*
4. *Invite Jesus to come into our hearts spiritually.*

"My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee." St. Alphonsus Liguori

Pray, hope and don't worry

“Pray, hope, and don't worry.” These wise and simple words of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina have much to offer us as the spread of the coronavirus has forced the closure of schools, restaurants, and -- as we are all painfully dealing with -- the suspension of public Masses throughout Brooklyn, neighboring dioceses, and dioceses throughout the country, and the world.

Also particularly devastating is the recent news that our diocese has painfully announced that liturgies throughout Holy Week – the most sacred time of the liturgical year -- will not be publically celebrated. There is no denying this was a decision that was rendered with much deliberation, and with a heavy heart, by Bishop DiMarzio and his office.

The words of St. Padre Pio, echoing those of Christ, direct us as Christians in our response to all things – even the spread of a deadly virus and the dramatic restructuring of our everyday lives. **Pray, hope, and don't worry.** St. Pio did this as a war ravaged his world, as had no war ever fought before it.

We can also look to the words of St. Patrick, and the example of St. Joseph -- two great saints whose feast days we celebrated this week -- for steadiness and calmness in these trying, perilous, and confusing days. These men, too, lived in and overcame trying circumstances, demonstrating fidelity to Christ and steadfast, unwavering faith. The Breastplate of St. Patrick reads:

**Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me.
Christ over me, Christ to right of me, Christ to left of me.
Christ in lying down, Christ in sitting, Christ in rising up.
Christ in the heart of every person who may think of me.
Christ in the mouth of every person who may speak of me.
Christ in every eye, which may look on me!
Christ in every ear, which may hear me!**

We the faithful rest on the shoulders of these great saints -- who each rested on God alone. We observe that the sun is still rising, the buds are opening, the trees and flowers are blooming, and the waves are still crashing against the shores. We observe these manifestations of God's control and sovereignty. We respond in prayer, look to victory over disease and death with certain hope, and render all fear and anxiety as immaterial.

And we look to what eternally endures and can never be defeated – the love and triumph of Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer.

Fr. Michael Panicali

Sunday Collection: March 15, 2020

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$1,586.00

2nd Collection: \$489.00

Attendance: 231

Envelopes Returned: 124

St. Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$203.00

2nd Collection: \$51.00

Attendance: 20

Envelopes Returned: 9



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LETS 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.

Generations of Faith:

	# Donors	Pledged	Paid
St. Mark	202	\$626,907	\$490,633
St. Margaret Mary	35	\$ 66,810	\$ 53,579

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:	\$10,750
Received:	\$9,294
Number of Donors	40

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!



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.

**St. Mark Catholic Academy
26th Annual Card Party!
*RESCHEDULED TO May 16***



DONATIONS OF: Wicker baskets & trays greatly appreciated! Tickets are \$30. includes full lunch & beverages. Please call 347-574-1828 for information

School News

Dear Families and Parishioners:
 Out of an abundance of caution, Saint Mark Catholic Academy and all Diocesan schools are following New York City Public Schools and will be closed until at least April 20th.

Saint Mark Catholic Academy has implemented distance/remote learning for all of our classes. Google Classroom pages have been set-up for students in kindergarten through grade eight. Today, all of our teachers were in school preparing and scheduling assignments. Please know that the work they are posting is not merely "busy work." Rather, it is material that would have taken place in the classroom. Of course, nothing can replace the daily face-to-face interactions students have with their teachers. That said, teachers will be checking their emails frequently throughout the duration of this closing. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email your child's teacher and/or me. We will be happy to help you in any way we can.

As the father of a three-year-old, I have a special place in my heart for our early childhood students. All of them have made such tremendous progress academically, socially, and emotionally. Again, nothing can replace the interactions our students have with their classmates and teachers. So much of their learning at this age is through experiencing and "doing." However, during these extraordinary times, we will do our best to ensure our children's continued progress. Google Classroom pages are currently being created for our Pre-K for All students. As soon as they are up and running, parents will receive an email notification. Ms. Norma and Ms. Sam have also been preparing work for our nursery students to complete. These packets can be found on our school website at <https://smcaonthebay.org/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>, and I will also be sending a separate blast just to our nursery students.

This month, we would have distributed report cards. I just received information from the Diocese that they are working on distributing report cards digitally. Once I have more information, I will pass it on to you.

The ELA State Test for Grades 4, 6, and 7 during the week of March 23rd is now cancelled. We are unsure if they will be made up at a later date.

Many of you have been asking about the financial aid application process. To date, we have not been given any updates regarding the application deadlines. We understand that it has been a longstanding practice for families to meet with Mr. William Bunch to work on their applications. Obviously, since the school building will be closed, Mr. Bunch cannot meet with families in person. However, calls made to his desk will be forwarded to his cell phone. He will be available to speak with parents over the phone and walk them through the financial aid applications. You can also contact him via email. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Of course, because of the closure, Mr. Bunch will not be in the office to accept cash tuition payments. Please log on to your Smart Tuition account to make payments. Again, if you need any assistance with this, please call Mr. Bunch. Thank you.

Again, thank you for your cooperation, patience, and understanding. Although this is my first year as your principal, since I started here in 2013 as teacher, I quickly learned what a caring, loving, and special place Saint Mark Catholic Academy is. I am proud to be your school leader, and I am certain that we will get through this together. I will be in constant contact with all of you as I receive various updates. At the very least, I will send a message out every Wednesday, just as I would have done in our weekly folders. Please know that you are all in my prayers. Stay safe and be well
 Sincerely, Mr. Mark Wilson, Principal

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



St. Mark R.C. Parish

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.

As the Bishop has directed, all in person religion classes are suspended until further notice. You will be notified with updates. Be safe & God Bless

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.

Faith Formation Program is in need of Volunteers. For the safety of our children and catechists, we could use a gentleman or two who would stay at the entrance door before and during classes from 10:15a.m. to 12:30p.m. We also need adults who will be able to instruct children, there is training available. We are mainly in need of substitutes. Classes begin after the 10:15a.m Mass and end 12:30p.m. Please contact Ms. Pino at 718-769-6311 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Spiritual Tips & Ideas for Families

- Family rosary at home for Coronavirus victims
- Praying the divine mercy chaplet for an end to the pandemic
- Read the daily readings for Mass at USCCB.org
- Use social media to share how your family or community is praying
- Take time on Fridays to pray the stations of the cross on your own, connecting your struggles with isolation with Jesus' solitude in carrying his cross to Calvary
- Watch a movie about the life of Christ and spend time reflecting on this image of Jesus and what it can teach about your faith and your life.