

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

ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor: *Very Rev. Robert V. Mucci*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Michael Panicali*

In Residence: *Rev. Joseph P. Quigley*

Deacon: *Rev. Mr. Paul Morin*

In Residence: *Rev. Joseph Zwosta*

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 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Parish Office: 718-891-3100

Ms. Jacqueline Biagioni

Ms. Teresa Zwosta, Ms. Maureen Aoun

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Rosary Society:

Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President 917-517-4260

Ms. Marie Sommer, Vice President 718-743-0977

Friendship Club:

Ms. Anita Troise, President 718-648-6488

Ms. Josephine Bonnano, Vice President 718-934-2650

"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week



St. Mark Church

Saturday, March 30

5:00 p.m. Antoinette Aversano



Sunday, March 31

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:15 a.m. Mark Bolus
 12:30 p.m. Stephen & Catherine Coyle

Monday, April 1

8:30 a.m. Antonia Scarpitta

Tuesday, April 2 Saint Francis of Paola

8:30 a.m. Alyte & Algis Glibauskas

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 a.m. Walter Edward Neil

Thursday, April 4 Saint Isidore

8:30 a.m. Michael Campbell & family

Friday, April 5 Saint Vincent Ferrer

8:30 a.m. In Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes & the Sacred Heart

Saturday, April 6

8:30 a.m. Angela Battista (Deceased)
 5:00 p.m. Ann Grant
 7:00 p.m. Ukrainian Mass

 *Please join our Pro-Life group as we pray the Rosary after daily Mass.*

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, March 31

11:00 a.m. Maria Landriscina

Wednesday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Michael Mulle

Friday, April 5

9:00 a.m. Helen Fransznick

Sunday, April 7

11:00 a.m. Filomena Volpicelli



Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday after the 9:00 AM 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 31, 2019
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

In Jesus, we have an excellent model of someone who constantly reached out to those who disagreed with him, were different from him, who had religious practices that were not his. Let us do the same!

Today's Readings:


Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
 Psalm 34:9a
 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Please pray for the sick:
 Jack Shanker, Tina Cook, Daniel Paluszek, Jimmy Grillo, Lisa Lovbosco, Laura Durant, Hope Schwartz, Al Comodo, Georgette Scalese, Steven Lentini, 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, Kathleen Marshall, Sal Comodo, Tony Inferrara, Lisa Montalto, Andrea Montalto, Christopher Walker, Alfred DiGrazia, Catherine Guillamon, Joanne Newlin & Diane Camacho who is in need of a kidney donor
 718-284-0704.

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 + A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for +
 + Angela Scannapieco +
 + Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. +
 + Light Refreshments to follow in +
 + St. Mark Catholic Academy Cafeteria +
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 COME SPEND TIME WITH JESUS
 FIRST FRIDAY
 APRIL 5
 HOLY HOUR: AFTER 9 AM MASS AT
 ST. MARGARET MARY
 EXPOSITION: 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
 AT ST. MARK

 **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:**
 May 30, June 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

 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

Laetare – Rejoice!

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent which represents the halfway point of our journey towards Easter. It is known as Laetare Sunday, from the Latin word meaning, “Rejoice!” The priest wears rose-colored vestments, and it is permissible to decorate the sanctuary with flowers as a reminder that Easter is coming soon. And as I write this column, the weather is forecast to cooperate, to finally give us a taste of spring.

There are two options for the readings from which the priest can choose. The Gospel for our current Year C Cycle from St. Luke contains the famous parable of The Prodigal Son. It has been called the greatest short story in the history of the world, and not without reason. It has a little bit of everything: rebellion, greed, loose living, pride, jealousy, conversion, redemption, joy, and, most importantly, love, mercy and forgiveness. It is named for the younger son in the story who demands his share of the inheritance while his father is still alive and then foolishly and recklessly squanders it on an immoral lifestyle. After he blows all his money and a famine strikes, he finds himself in dire need, which represents the unhappy effects of sin. But his memory of home and his conviction and trust in his father's goodness cause the prodigal son to reflect on his life and to decide to set out on the right road, the one that leads back to his Father, who not only welcomes him home, but kills the fatted calf to celebrate.

His older brother, however, cannot bring himself to share in the celebration. His jealousy and self-righteousness prevent him from understanding how his father can love so unconditionally that he can forgive and celebrate his brother's return. And while most people identify with either the younger son or the older son at some point in their lives, we are called to emulate the forgiveness and mercy of the father, who represents God and is really the central figure and hero of this parable.

My brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes of the Baron DeKalb will be present at our 10:15 Family Mass for their Fifth Sunday gathering to pray in a special way for people with disabilities. We will use the optional Year A readings which are all about living in faith. First, in our Old Testament reading, we hear how the prophet Samuel was sent by the Lord to Jesse of Bethlehem to anoint one of his sons as king. But Samuel had a hard time picking out the one God had chosen. The Lord tells Samuel, “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.” We need to live in faith to see the disabled as God sees and not as man sees. In our New Testament reading, St. Paul exhorts us, “Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.” When we live in faith, we live in the light of the Gospel.

Finally in our Gospel, we hear the story about Jesus' healing of the man born blind. The Pharisees accuse him of being born totally in sin. But Jesus forgives the blind man his sins and restores his sight so that the man born blind might believe in Him. The healed blind man is able to live in faith. He recognizes Jesus first as a prophet and then worships him as Lord. But the Pharisees are blinded by their own self-righteousness and hardness of heart. Because he cured the blind man on a Sabbath the Pharisees say of Jesus, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath.” They refuse to see the mighty signs that Jesus is performing all around them that the man born blind can see. As a professor emphasized in one of my Pastoral Theology classes in Rome, rather than talking about the disabled, we should perhaps more properly refer to such people as diversely-abled and focus on the special gifts they do have rather than on the ones they don't. – Fr. Bob



Sunday Collection: March 24, 2019

St. Mark Church

1st Collection: \$4,017.00
 2nd Collection: \$1,205.00
 Attendance: 600
 Envelopes Returned: 128

St Margaret Mary Church

1st Collection: \$332.00
 2nd Collection: \$155.00
 Attendance: 28
 Envelopes Returned: 8



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PLEASE CON- NATION TO
 MEMORIALIZE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

<u>Palm</u>	\$1,000
<i>Distributed on Palm Sunday;</i>	
<i>suggestion - 4 gifts of \$250 each</i>	
<u>Congregation Candles</u>	\$400
<i>Distributed to all at Easter Vigil;</i>	
<i>suggestion - 4 gifts of \$100 each</i>	
<u>Holy Water Bottles</u>	\$900
<i>With blessed Easter water; suggestion -</i>	
<i>4 gifts of \$225 each</i>	
<u>Pascal Candle for St. Mark</u>	\$300
<u>Pascal Candle for St. Margaret Mary</u>	\$100

KINDLY CONTACT THE RECTORY IF YOU WOULD
 LIKE TO DONATE TO ANY OF THESE.
 THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
 TO ST. MARK AND ST. MARGARET MARY PARISHES.

Generations of Faith:

	<u># Donors</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>
St. Mark	186	\$626,587	\$421,356
St. Margaret Mary	22	\$66,680	\$45,397

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

The 2018 ACA is winding down. Please pay off your pledges!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2019: ALMOST THERE!!

	<u>St. Mark</u>	<u>St. Margaret Mary</u>
Goal:	\$38,119	\$2,236
Pledged:	\$29,195	\$1,760
% of Goal:	77%	79%

St. Mark Rosary Society Events

*Please join us for our monthly meeting
 April 7th after the 10:15 a.m. Mass
 in the school cafeteria.*

New members are always welcome.

*Reminder that we are collecting canned and non-
 perishable items for St. Vincent de Paul.*

*Our Communion Breakfast will be held on
 May 5th in the school gym after the 10:15 a.m. Mass.*

The cost is \$25.

*Please join us for our Ascension Thursday Dinner on
 May 30th at 6:00 p.m. at Gargiulo's
 (2911 West 15th Street). The cost is \$50.*

For info and reservations please contact:

Kathy Fackovec - 917-517-4260 or

Marie Sommer - 718-743-0977

**St. Mark/St. Margaret Mary
 Family Picnic**

Nansen Park, Staten Island

April 27, 2019

12 Noon - 8 p.m.

**Buses leave school
 yard @ 11:00 a.m.**

**Enjoy a fun-filled day with plenty
 of food & activities.**

**Also, Roaring Lion Raffle Drawing
 will be held!**



**Annual Catholic
 Appeal 2019**
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The Stations
 of the Cross

**Rosary for Life sign-up will be coming to
 St. Mark and St. Margaret Mary the weekend of
 April 6 and 7. Pray for the cause of life each
 week! Details will follow.**




School News




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Youth Ministry

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 5th
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Ages 18 Welcome
Contact Michael 578-28347
Adult Volunteers 18+ Needed

REGISTRATION FOR 2019 IS NOW OPEN AT ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY
Received a scholarship last year? Reply by March 29, 2019
First time scholarship applicant? Apply by April 29, 2019
www.futuresineducation.org
To learn about the benefits of a Catholic education, please contact Principal Carol Donnelly at 738-2304
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BACK AND BETTER!
THE ST. MARK ROARING LION'S 50/50 RAFFLE



Tickets are \$100.00 each with a maximum of 300 tickets to be sold.
1st Prize Winner gets \$5,000 with a chance to win up to \$10,000
If ticket sales exceed 200, a second prize of up to \$2,500 will be offered
If ticket sales exceed 250, a third prize of up to \$2,500 will be offered.
Drawing will be held April 27, 2019 at the St. Mark Parish Picnic
Contact the Rectory to reserve your tickets!

120 TICKETS ALREADY SOLD!
40% OF THE WAY TO THE MAXIMUM.

