

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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*The Parish of St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary*



*Two Churches One Community of Faith*

St. Margaret Mary Church  
Ocean Ave. & Oriental Blvd  
Manhattan Beach, New York

**Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 11:00a.m.  
Wednesday: 9:00a.m.

Email: [stmarkbrooklyn@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkbrooklyn@gmail.com)  
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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*  
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](http://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. Michael Davis

**Sports Program Director:**

Mr. Wayne Walker

**St. Mark Choir:**

Mr. David Indyk, Director of Music

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Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

**Ministers of Hospitality:**

Mr. Tom Scalese

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**Lectors:**

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

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*"With God all things are possible"*

**Mass Intentions**  **for the week**  
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**OCTOBER 6, 2019**  
**TWENTY – SEVENTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

It's easy to become discouraged by the events of the world around us, but God's word encourages us to move forward hopefully, toward a fulfillment of God's vision for us.



Today's Readings:

Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2:2-4

Psalms 95:8

2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

**St. Mark Church**

**Saturday, October 5**

5:00 p.m. Andrea, Denise & Patricia Salada



**Sunday, October 6**

8:00 a.m. Marie Danner (Anniversary)

10:15 a.m. Gloria Martinez

12:30 p.m. Rocco & Paul Annobile

**Monday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary**

8:30 a.m. Julian Cleland (Birthday Blessing)

**Tuesday, October 8**

8:30 a.m. Mary & Frank Mercurio

**Wednesday, October 9 Saints Denis, and Companions, Martyrs, Saint John Leonardi**

8:30 a.m. Thomas Mc Mahon (5th Ann)

**Thursday, October 10**

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Friday, October 11 Saint John XXIII, Pope**

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth DeRose

**Saturday, October 12**

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

5:00 p.m. Joseph & Anne Kruzykowski

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

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

**Sunday, October 6**

11:00 a.m. Gerard Gagliardi



**Wednesday, October 9**

9:00 a.m. Joseph Vitanza

**Sunday, October 13**

11:00 a.m. Teresa & Frank Vitanza

**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.

**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, Kathleen Marshall, Sal Comodo, Steven Lentini, Tony Inferrara, Lisa Montalto, Andrea Montalto, Christopher Walker, Alfred DiGrazia, Joanne Newlin, Jennifer Russo, Ann Mollo, Nina Pionegro, Caroline Caffiero, Anna Monaco, Rose Chiusano & Diane Camacho who is in need of a kidney donor 718-284-0704.



**Week of Oct. 5th to Oct. 12th**

**Altar Wine offered & Flowers on the Main Altar**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**Thomas Mc Mahon (5th Ann)**  
**Requested by his Loving Family**

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**Main Altar Candles are Lit in Memory of**  
**Mary & Frank Mercurio**  
**Requested by their Children**

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**St. Joseph Candle Lit in Memory of**  
**Billie VonAhnen**  
**Requested by Michael VonAhnen**

**NEXT MEETING**

**FRIDAY, October 11th**

**Contact Michael Davis 347-574-1828**



**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**

**Sunday Collection: September 29, 2019**

**St. Mark Church**

1st Collection: \$3,202.00

2nd Collection: \$878.00

Attendance: 478

Envelopes Returned: 106

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

1st Collection: \$310.00

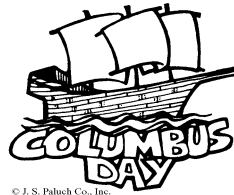
2nd Collection: \$111.00

Attendance: 37

Envelopes Returned: 14



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St. Mark Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2019 in observance of Columbus Day

**St. Mark — St Margaret Mary Friendship Club**  
For those 55 and older,  
We meet every Wednesday  
1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.



The Friendship Club will be taking orders for hand made baby blankets, specialty blankets and prayer shawls if interested contact: Anita Troise (718)648-6488

**Generations of Faith:**

	# Donors	Pledged	Paid
St. Mark	194	\$625,877	\$459,856
St. Margaret Mary	27	\$ 66,750	\$ 48,179

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2018: THANK YOU!!**

	St. Mark	St. Margaret Mary
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!**

	St. Mark	St. Margaret Mary
Goal:	\$38,119	\$2,236
Pledged:	\$68,964	\$9,135
Received:	\$60,404	\$8,125
# of donors:	177	26

**Baron De Kalb Council 1073**



Honoring our Pastor, SK. Rev. Robert Mucci and SK. Thomas Johanesen  
Sunday, October 13th 2:30 p.m.  
Food, Beer, Live Music  
\$45.00 Per Person

Members & Family Only  
New Members Welcome!  
For Reservations & Information Call (718) 743- 6626



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

**October is Pro - Life Month @ the Month of the Rosary**

All of our parishioners are invited to join in a Rosary Rally on Oct 12th at noon We will gather for prayer at Bill Brown Square (Jerome Ave & Sheepshead Bay Rd) We will move to the school for a short reflection by Fr. Michael followed by coffee & cake.

**Suggested Pro-Life Prayer for October**

Dear Father, we ask You to protect our tiny brothers and sisters, now forming their little bodies in the womb. Comfort their mothers and fathers. We pray Your Holy Spirit infuses all their souls with love for You and You bring them to Your heavenly kingdom after long, healthy and loving lives. Amen.



with Fr. Mike on the Acts of the Apostles

TUESDAY EVENINGS  
October 8, 15, 22, 29  
and November 12  
7:00-9:00 P.M.  
Upper Room in the school

BRING YOUR BIBLE & YOUR BRAINS!



St. Mark Alumni & Friends!  
SAVE THE "LAST DANCE"  
DISCO NITE  
Saturday, November 2, 2019  
For details go to:  
smcaonthebay.org/alumni  
or call 718-332-9305 Ext.5

## **Pastor's Column**

**October 5—6, 2019**

**“Increase Our Faith!”**

Our Old Testament reading this weekend ends with the line, “The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.” In our second reading, Paul exhorts Timothy to “stir into flame the gift of God” and to “take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.” And our Gospel begins with the Apostles saying to Jesus, “Increase our faith.” And then Jesus tells them, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” So it is not a stretch to say that faith is the theme of our liturgy this weekend.

Like many words in our English language, faith is one of those words that can mean many different things depending upon the context in which it is used. It can refer to the contents of what we believe, or the strength or fervor of how much we believe, or the way we live our life and give testimony to what we believe. I am reminded of a situation I encountered almost 20 years ago while I was still in my business career. I was hosting a meeting of the actuaries who worked for me around the world, in London, Paris, Zurich, Hong Kong, Tokyo, and Latin America. I told them that for some enjoyment and entertainment while they were in New York, I would take them to a baseball game in Coney Island. When I told my plan to my colleague from Zurich in Switzerland, he said he would be sure to pack his athletic shoes. I had to tell him that we would only be able to watch the game and that we would not be allowed on the field to play. The person from our Hong Kong office went out and bought a book on the rules of baseball that he brought to the game. I had to tell him he would never understand baseball just by reading the rules, that he would learn it better by watching and experiencing the game.

Our faith is also something that must be experienced to be fully understood. While catechesis and studying and learning the content of our faith is important so that we know what it is we believe, that must necessarily lead us to living the faith in our everyday lives. That is why we call it practicing our faith. But unlike baseball, our faith can never be just a spectator sport. Like my friend from Zurich, we need to be ready to go out on the field and get into the action and participate. Too many people these days view our faith as just a nice story or some fairytale or quaint tradition that we remember by going through the motions. But faith is our response to the God who first loves us unconditionally. I am reminded of the lyrics of a Neil Diamond song popularized by the Monkeys and the movie Shrek, I’m a Believer. “I thought love was only true in fairy tales, meant for someone else but not for me. Love was out to get me, that’s the way it seemed. Disappointment haunted all my dreams. Then I saw her face, now I’m a believer; not a trace of doubt in my mind.”

If we only had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, if only we were truly believers in God’s never failing mercy and in His great love for us just as we are, we would recognize the lies of the world for what they are. Especially in this Respect Life Month of October, we would know that our life is precious and that every human life is precious, from the moment of conception until natural death. We would know that there is nothing we must do or can do to earn God’s love. God loves us for who we are, not for what we do or may one day achieve. As Mother Teresa, now St. Teresa of Calcutta used to say, God does not ask us to be successful, only to be faithful. My brothers and sisters, I’m a believer. Are you?

-- Fr. Bob



# School News

We've made it to October! A special congratulations to our early childhood classes—nursery, pre-k, and kindergarten—for some of them, this is their first school experience away from home, and they've done a great job so far!

Speaking of good job, with the end of September, comes the awarding of our students of month. These students were selected by their homeroom teachers for being compassionate and welcoming to new students. Congratulations to:

Nursery A: Kate Mironenko  
Nursery B: Zoey Chan  
Pre-K A: Maddix Telesford  
Pre-K B: Brianna Cao  
Pre-K C: Logan Thomas  
Kindergarten A: Jacob Cabrera  
Kindergarten B: Lucille Blidgen  
Grade 1-A: Malachi Williams  
Grade 1-B: Mark Bekech  
Grade 2: Selena Tiganas  
Grade 3: Kaylee Popoca  
Grade 4: Darelys Romero-animboza  
Grade 5: Christian Herklotz  
Grade 6: Marianne Compere  
Grade 7: Zaria McNair  
Grade 8: Erin Adiele



**Save the Date:** Our annual Home-Academy Association Halloween Party is set for Friday, October 25th at 6:30pm.

## REGISTRATION FOR 2019-20 IS OPEN AT ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

To learn about the benefits of a Catholic education, please contact  
Principal Mark Wilson  
at 718-332-9304

We're Saving a Seat for You!  
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St. Mark R.C. Parish

**Office of Faith Formation**  
718-769-6311  
[religionseducation1@verizon.net](mailto:religionseducation1@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.

Sunday October 13, no classes observance Columbus Day weekend  
Sunday, October 20th First Communion proximate preparation gathering.

Attend 10:15 Mass, gathering to follow in cafeteria at 11:30 a.m.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help in the office and the classrooms on Sunday mornings. If you can donate an hour of your time on Sunday morning please contact Ms. Pino at 718-769-6311. See the office hours above.



## RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are You Someone or do you know someone who:  
Is interested in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of eight who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic and has not completed the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation? Received Baptism and Communion and never receive Confirmation?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, please contact Ms. Pino at 718-769-6311 for more information.

## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Francis Preparatory School (Grades 9-12)  
Fresh Meadows, Queens  
Sat. Oct 19th, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Visit [sfponline.org](http://sfponline.org) to register for a tour.

St. Edmund Preparatory High School  
2474 Ocean Ave.  
Sat, Oct 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Tues, Oct 29th, 7:00 p.m.  
Visit [admissions@stedmundprep.org](mailto:admissions@stedmundprep.org) or call (718)743-6100