

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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"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

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 appoint-
ment 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: Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. or strongly
suggested by appointment. 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

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Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

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Sports Program Director: 347-401-4288

Mr. Wayne Walker

St. Mark Choir: 203-517-6430

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St. Vincent De Paul Group: 718-891-0443

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Mr. Tom Scalese

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Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President 917-517-4260

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

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Ms. Anita Troise, President 718-648-6488

Mrs. Delia Volpicelli, Vice President 718-332-5105

"With God all things are possible"

St. Mark Church



Saturday, September 12

5:00 p.m. Antoinette Scala

Sunday, September 13

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:15 a.m. Hans Anton Hollenstein
12:30 p.m. Donald Koptic

Monday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 a.m. Alfred & Anna Monaco (Wedding Anniv.)

Tuesday, September 15 Our Lady of sorrows

8:30 a.m. Francesco Ali

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Peter V. Warren

Thursday, September 17

8:30 a.m. Lucille Isadore

Friday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Sheila D. Masefield

Saturday, September 19

8:30 a.m. Ezio Croci
5:00 p.m. Antonia Sophia
7:00 p.m. Russian Mass

St. Margaret Mary Church



Sunday, September 13

11:00 a.m. Attilio Barbato

Wednesday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Freda Ubina

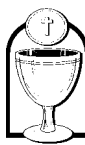
Sunday, September 20

11:00 a.m. Frank Zysk (Birthday Remembrance)

Rosary for Life Annual Mass

Bishop Frank Caggiano, celebrant—Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020
Resurrection Church 2331 Gerritsen Ave., Rosary at 7:00pm
followed by Holy Mass 2020 Honorees:
Fr. William With, Pastor, Resurrection Church,
Ms. Maria Gonzalez
Contact Rosary for Life, Inc. at 718/ 377-6920 for more
information.

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: Sept 24.
St. Margaret Mary: September 30.



September 13, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God has generously provided for us, and continues to shower us with merciful love. We are called to share God's generosity with everyone.

Today's Readings:

Sirach 27:30-28:7
Psalm 103:8
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



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, Marcus Gonclaves, Jennifer Russo, Lisa Weiner, Anthony Timoney, John Maffeo is in need of Kidney Donor -516-781-1324

Coronavirus Update

Bishop DiMarzio, determined that parishes in the diocese can open for daily Mass and Sunday Masses on the weekend at a limited capacity 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

“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?”

“Love means never having to say you're sorry” is a catchphrase based on a line from the Erich Segal novel *Love Story* which was popularized by its 1970 film adaptation starring Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal. The line is spoken twice in the film: once in the middle of the film, by Jennifer (Ali MacGraw's character), when Oliver (O'Neal's character) apologizes to her for his anger; and also as the very last line of the film, by Oliver, when his father says "I'm sorry" after learning of Jennifer's death. The line proved memorable, and has been repeated in various contexts since. It was voted #13 in the American Film Institute's list of top movie quotes. It was the title of a top 40 hit song by the band Sounds of Sunshine in the year 1971. But the line has also been criticized or mocked for suggesting that apologies are unnecessary in a loving relationship. Another character played by Ryan O'Neal disparages it in the 1972 movie comedy *What's Up, Doc?:* in that film's final scene, Barbra Streisand's character says “Love means never having to say you're sorry.” while batting her eyelashes, and O'Neal's character responds in a deadpan voice, “That's the dumbest thing I ever heard.” – a sentiment with which I most wholeheartedly agree.

Our Gospel this weekend begins with Peter asking Jesus the question, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Peter is thinking in limited, legalistic terms. The Jewish people of Jesus' day were notorious for looking for every nuance in order to be able to satisfy the letter of the law, but not necessarily its spirit. It is as if Peter is saying: “At what point am I justified in saying enough is enough? What are the precise requirements expected of me? I will do that, but nothing more.” But Jesus responds by saying, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” According to St. John Chrysostom whose Feast Day is celebrated on Sunday, “When He says seventy- seven times he does not limit a definite number within which forgiveness must be kept; he signifies something endless and ever enduring.”

Jesus goes on to tell his disciples a parable in which he likens the kingdom of heaven to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. In comparing heaven to a person, Jesus is telling us that heaven is to be involved in an intimate relationship with God which is sometimes expressed as the beatific vision, seeing God face to face. Our God is not some impersonal force or energy but rather a tri-personal relationship of love between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we are invited to share in that love and, ultimately, to live and dwell in that love forever.

But all too often we injure that relationship by our sins. That's when we need to tell God we are sorry and ask for his forgiveness, most especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We all have our particular weaknesses. It is easy to become discouraged when we find ourselves confessing the same sins time and time again. But those feelings of despair certainly do not come from God. They are from the Evil One. As our Holy Father Pope Francis has pointed out, sometimes we get tired of approaching God and asking for forgiveness, but God never tires of forgiving us.

In the parable, the king forgives his servant's huge debt, but when he hears that same servant refused to show mercy to a fellow servant who owed him a much smaller amount, the master had the wicked servant turned over to the torturers until he should pay back his whole debt. The king said, “I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?” Similarly, in the prayer that Jesus taught us, we ask our Father to “forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” So remember, far from love meaning never having to say you're sorry, love means having to ask forgiveness and to offer forgiveness over and over and over again. -- Fr. Bob



Generations of Faith:

	<u># Donors</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>
St. Mark	205	\$627,357	\$508,118
St. Margaret Mary	38	\$66,840	\$54,307

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:	\$68,328
Received:	\$60,864
Number of Donors	124

Received donations have exceeded our goal.

THANKS! Pledges are 87% 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
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**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



The Saint Mark Catholic Academy community is happy to be welcoming our students back to school in September.

We have a full reopening plan in place that can be found on our website: <https://smcaonthebay.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/St.MarkCA-ReopeningPlan.pdf>

There is also an option for online learning through the Diocese of Brooklyn. For more information, visit: <https://smcaonthebay.org/saint-thomas-aquinas-distance-learning-program/>

Registration is still ongoing. However, seats are limited because of social distancing regulations. Please give us a call at (718) 332-9304 if you have any questions.

Thank you
Mark Wilson
Principal



PARISH-WIDE 33-DAY CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH, OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

Beginning September 30, and ending November 1,
All Saints Day.

Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, brings to life the wonders, the power, and the ceaseless love of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and the Terror of Demons. Join Fr. Mike and parishioners in making this 33-day consecration. Book available for \$14.95 at www.consecrationtostjoseph.org. Order one today and join us!

Mass & Holy hour is being live-streamed on our parish website:

<http://www.stmarkbrooklyn.org> and on our parish facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarkchurchbrooklyn>
at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Saturday
and at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday.

Holy Hour noon - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday.



Find us on:
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Office of Faith Formation 718-769-6311

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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.

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21 RELIGION CLASS

Registration can be done online or at the rectory. www.stmarkbrooklyn.org go to Religious Ed /Faith Formation page. Fill out form online and submit. You can go to givecentral.org and give a \$25.00 deposit or pay in full if you are able. Copies of Birth certificate and baptismal certificates are required for first time registrants. They can be mailed to the Rectory c/o Ms. Pino at St. Mark Parish, 2609 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235.

Due to the pandemic we understand there might be financial difficulties. Scholarships are available. Each case is individual, and can be discussed with Ms. Pino.

* Never let financial difficulties prevent you from registering your child.

Registration fee:

1-Child -\$100, 2 -Children -\$175, 3-Children -\$225 & 4 + -Free.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Would you like to be a Catechist to instruct children about their faith? If so, please contact Ms. Pino @ 718-769-6311

Religion classes will be held virtually. Classes will begin Sunday, September 27th. Parents will be notified of meeting regarding the new procedure.



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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.