

**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.

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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*  
**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  
appointment 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](http://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:**

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Ms. Rosemarie Barbuto

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***“With God all things are possible”***

**Mass Intentions for the week**



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**St. Mark Church**



**Saturday, August 21**

5:00 p.m. Kathleen Haran (In Memory)

**Sunday, August 22**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:15 a.m. John Macari  
 12:30 p.m. Samir & Mark Bolus

**Monday, August 23**

8:30 a.m. Lillian Clay

**Tuesday, August 24 (St. Bartholomew)**

8:30 a.m. (For the soul of) Fernande Symby

**Wednesday, August 25**

8:30 a.m. Chi Chim Yong

**Thursday, August 26**

8:30 a.m. (St. Anthony Intercession for) Dominico Calise

**Friday, August 27**

8:30 a.m. Stephen & Michael Carroll

**Saturday, August 28 (St. Augustine)**

8:30 a.m. Rose Louis (Healing Prayers)  
 5:00 p.m. Kam Wan Li

**St. Margaret Mary Church**



**Sunday, August 22**

11:00 a.m. Aida Micelli

**Wednesday, August 25**

9:00 a.m. Tom Mucci & Theresa Swensen  
 (Birthday Blessings)

**Sunday, August 29**

11:00 a.m. Michael Pedalino

**August 22, 2021**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The contexts in which we live our lives ( family, friends, work, neighbors) play an important part in living our faith. Lord, to whom shall "we" go?



**Today's Readings:**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b  
 Psalm 34:9a  
 Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a,25-32]  
 John 6:60-69



**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, 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 Maese Kenneth Smith, Cole Mancini, Ron & Danielle McGrisken, Thomas Ciccone, John Maffeo, John Tenetye, Peter & Cecilia Quinones, Carol Webb, Ann Toussaint, George Marshall, Alfred DiGrazia.*



*Flowers  
 for  
 The Blessed Mother  
 offered for:  
 The People of the Parish*



*Requested by: John Laghezza*

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 + **Week of August 21st- August 28th** +  
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 + *Sanctuary Lamp lit for:* +  
 + **Alfred Monaco** +  
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 + *Requested by: Anna Monaco* +  
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## **“This saying is hard; who can accept it?”**

In our Gospel reading this weekend we hear the conclusion to our Lord's Bread of Life discourse, which was interrupted last weekend by our celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the reading that we missed, Jesus spoke to his disciples using language that was very plain, direct and graphic. He said, “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” And it is in response to this teaching that our Gospel begins, “Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” The scene which began so promisingly with large crowds following Jesus because they saw the signs he was performing by healing the sick, and then even greater crowds searching after him and wanting to carry him off and make him king after he fed the five thousand with the five loaves and two fish, finishes so sadly with many of his disciples walking away and returning to their former way of life, because they found his teaching that he would feed them with his body and blood too hard to accept.

But Jesus does not try to stop them. Jesus does not say, “Wait, you are misunderstanding me. I am not speaking literally. I am speaking metaphorically and symbolically. Don't go!” Instead, Jesus turns to the Twelve and asks them, ““Do you also want to leave?” And Simon Peter, God bless him, once again speaks up for the group of Apostles and answers, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, is a cornerstone of our Catholic faith. That is why coming to Mass each Sunday is so essential. Just as our mortal physical bodies need food and drink in order to be strong, healthy, and alive, so do our immortal souls require the spiritual nourishment provided by the Body and Blood of Jesus to achieve eternal life. Our reception of Holy Communion is not just a symbol of the meal Jesus shared with his Apostles at the Last Supper. It is real food and drink for our souls. It is Jesus whom we consume, who becomes a part of us and who transforms us to be more like him. The great Catholic writer Flannery O'Connor at a dinner party once had a well-meaning friend who was not Catholic remark to her about what a lovely symbol the Eucharist is. O'Connor looked at the woman with disdain and responded, “If it just be a symbol, then I say, to hell with it!”

What a great lesson for all of us who find many of the things that Jesus said and taught hard to accept. Whether it be this discourse on the Eucharist, or Jesus' and his Church's teaching on divorce, on marriage being between one man and one woman, on chastity, on the sanctity of all human life, on loving our enemies, on forgiving one another, on serving the poor and the marginalized, how many people today say that these teachings are hard and must change in order to conform to society's standards?

Jesus says, “The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.” He alone can tell us what life is really all about because He is the author of life. He alone can give us the grace, his Spirit dwelling in us, to provide the courage and strength we need to live it well. He alone can reveal to us our true purpose in life and give us the power to work out that purpose against the constant opposition that comes from the world without and our own stubborn pride within. Let us echo the words of Peter and say, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” --  
Fr. Bob



## Sunday Collection: August 15, 2021

### **St. Mark Church**

Collection: \$3,181  
Attendance: 306  
Envelopes Returned: 68

### **St. Margaret Mary Church**

Collection: \$255  
Attendance: 23  
Envelopes Returned: 4

### **Give Central**

Online giving: \$1,216  
# of gifts: 48



### Generations of Faith:

	<u># Donors</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>
St. Mark	191	\$600,337	\$536,078
St. Margaret Mary	50	\$69,040	\$63,820

### Annual Catholic Appeal 2021:

#### St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary

Goal:	\$38,976
Pledged:	\$80,596
Received:	\$67,415
Number of Donors	158

*\* Our 2021 pledged amount now exceeds last year's excellent result. Thanks!*

### ***Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Choir members & Altar Servers.***

## **VOLUNTEER**



*Pray about where God may be calling you to serve.*

### **VOCATIONS CORNER**

*"You have the words of eternal life."  
Will your path of holiness be as a  
priest, deacon, or in the consecrated  
life?*

**Contact the Vocation office @  
(718) 827-2454) or  
email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)**



### **Diocesan Pilgrimage**

*World Meeting of Families, Rome  
Visits to Assisi, Siena, & Florence*

Join Pope Francis  
The Office of Family Life  
&  
The Diocese of Brooklyn  
June 20-30, 2022

For a Brochure call: *Regina Tours*  
1-800-Catholi(c) x 232  
[fciraolo@groupist.com](mailto:fciraolo@groupist.com)

*There are open dates for Mass intentions.*

### **St. Mark**

**September~2,11,15,16,18  
23,24,29**



### **St Margaret Mary**

**September~8,22,**

### **Memorials Gifts**

*Gifts are available to honor  
a loved one.  
Altar Bread, wine, candles, flowers*



### **IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

*God calls people in different and mysterious ways!  
Some to proclaim the Word, some to teach, some  
others to be companions on the journey. Do you  
think God is calling you to be a companion with  
those on the journey? If so, the Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults in our parish is asking you to  
be a faith companion on an individual basis.*

# School News



Dear Families:

I hope the first half of your summer is going well. Despite some rainy days, we've had some very nice weather!

While many of us don't want to rush August along, we are just over a month away from the first day of school, and there's some important information that we need to share with you.

First off, I hope you all got my postcard in the mail letting you know this email was coming! As I mentioned, starting this school year, we're going to move toward a "greener" Saint Mark Catholic Academy, with many of the papers and flyers you would have received moving to a digital format. Thank you in advance for your patience as we begin this new endeavor!

In preparation for September and the beginning of a new academic year, please visit the following link some important updates and reminders...

<https://smcaonthebay.org/summer-update-8-4-21/>

Thank you for taking the time to read through this important information for September. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office at (718) 332-9304.

The past year and half has been a trying time for our students. However, our entire school community faced that adversity head-on, and they did a wonderful job. Some uncertainty still lies ahead, but I'm confident our Saint Mark family will once again rise to the occasion.

There's a saying that "The flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of all." We look forward to welcoming our students back in September and seeing how much they've bloomed!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Mr. Wilson



**REGISTRATION & FINANCIAL AID**  
for  
**2021 - 2022**  
IS NOW OPEN AT  
**ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

## Office of Faith Formation

718-769-6311

[religiouseducation1@verizon.net](mailto:religiouseducation1@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.



### Registration

Registration is on going. Go to [stmarkbrooklyn.org](http://stmarkbrooklyn.org) to register, click on religious education/faith formation and choose the form you need. Fill out and submit. Payment can be made through [givecentral.org/stmark](http://givecentral.org/stmark) or you can go to the rectory to register and leave Payment in full or a deposit. **As of August 1, there is a late fee of \$25.00. Never let financial difficulties prevent you from enrolling your child to learn about God.**

[Religious Education class start date-September 12,2021](#)

**Adult Confirmation & RCIA classes** will begin October 2021. Adult Confirmation classes are for anyone ages 18 and over. If under 18 years old you must enroll in **catch up class** in the Religious Education program., which starts in September.

### **RCIA - THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN**

**INITIATION FOR ADULTS** is a process which helps an individual become a member of the Roman Catholic Church, a process of inquiry, evangelization, prayer and study leading to the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you know someone who falls into this category, Please encourage them to sign up. You must contact Ms. Pino to register. See bulletin for Ms. Pino's office hours.



Volunteers are always needed to work with children or to help in the office. Young adults are welcomed to help to do service hauls. Please contact Ms. Pino for more information at

[religiouseducation1@verizon.net](mailto:religiouseducation1@verizon.net)

Call Ms. Pino with any questions @ 718-769-6311



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Columbus®**

### 4 Principles, 4 Reasons to Join

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

**Charity** – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**Unity** – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another.

**Fraternity** – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely.

**Patriotism** – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it’s in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

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Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See.

A practical Catholic accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

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## Amended Covid Guidelines

The State of New York, following recommendations from CDC, lower rates of infection and higher numbers of people being vaccinated against COVID-19, has relaxed many of the restrictions which were in place. Because of that, with the pastoral care of the people of Brooklyn and Queens in mind, Bishop DiMarzio is issuing the following guidelines.

1. Our Churches may open to full 100% capacity. Social distancing is still required for those who are not vaccinated. Unvaccinated parishioners should distance themselves from others who are not members of the same household.
2. Hand Hygiene is still required and disinfectant use is encouraged.
3. **For those who are not vaccinated, masks are still mandatory in Church. However, everyone is encouraged to wear masks in Church.**
4. Hymnals and missalettes can once again be used.
5. Lectors may begin reading from the main ambo or pulpit in Church.
6. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may resume their ministry, using correct hand hygiene before and after Communion.
7. Offertory collections may resume with offertory baskets as usual.
8. The Offertory Procession with the gifts of bread and wine can begin again.
9. Altar Servers may resume their ministry, observing necessary hygiene procedures.
10. Holy Communion is still to be given under the form of Bread only. There are no shared Communion cups. Receiving in the hand is still the recommended practice.
11. Holy Water Fonts in Churches should remain empty for the time being.
12. The exchange of peace through a handshake should still be avoided.

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

<http://www.stmarkbrooklyn.org> and on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/stmarkchurchbrooklyn>  
8:30 a.m. Monday - Saturday, and at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday.  
**Holy Hour noon- 1:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday.**



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**Summer Hours**  
*The rectory office will be closed  
Fridays during the months  
of  
July & August  
Have a great summer!*

# The Parish of St. Mark – St. Margaret Mary



*Cordially invites you  
to attend a*



## **Dinner–Dance at Gargiulo’s Restaurant**

**On Sunday, October 10, 2021**

**Celebrating the**

**100th Anniversary of St. Margaret Mary Parish**



**(1920–2020)**



**And the**

**160th Anniversary of St. Mark Parish**

**(1861–2021)**

**Cocktail Hour with Open Bar at 3:00 pm**

**Followed by a sit down dinner with beer, wine,  
soda, dessert and coffee**

**Donation: \$125 per person for adults**

**\$50 for children under 16**

**For reservations call the rectory 718.891.3100**

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