

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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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 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 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:

Ms. Jacqueline Biagioni
Ms. Rosemarie Barbuto

St. Mark Catholic Academy

Mr. Mark Wilson, Principal
Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

St. Mark Religious Education:

Ms. Jo Ann Pino

Youth Ministry Coordinator:

Mr. Michael Davis

Sports Program Director:

Mr. Wayne Walker

St. Mark Choir:

Director of Music

St. Vincent De Paul Group:

Mr. Tom Scalese, President
Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

Homebound Ministry:

Ministers of Hospitality:

Mr. Tom Scalese

Extraordinary Ministers:

Mrs. Geraldine Kubat, Coordinator

Lectors:

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

Rosary Society:

Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President
Ms. Marie Sommer, Vice President

Friendship Club:

Ms. Anita Troise, President
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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week

St. Mark Church

Saturday, February 20

5:00 p.m. Manuel Marin (3rd Anniversary)

Sunday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Marie Profeta
10:15 a.m. Marie Floretil
12:30 p.m. Tammy Hamann



Monday, February 22

8:30 am. Joseph Bish (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday, February 23

8:30 a.m. Lily D'Souza

Wednesday, February 24

8:30 a.m. Rose Macari

Thursday, February 25

8:30 a.m. Dee Scala

Friday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Frank Danza Sr.

Saturday, February 27

8:30 a.m. Rebecca Anne Young
5:00 p.m. Joseph Frank

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, February 21

11:00 a.m. Gerard Gagliardi



Wednesday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Irene Poupos

Sunday, February 28

11:00 a.m. Frank Chuchla Jr. (Birthday Wishes)

VOCATIONS CORNER

"The Kingdom of God is at Hand" If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, Contact the Vocation Office at (718-827-2454) or email vocations@diobrook.org



**February 21, 2021
First Sunday Of Lent**

Today's Readings: The desert wilderness is a tough place; only the strong survive. God, our strength is with us in the deserts of life and guides us on the Lenten trek.

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalms 25:10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15



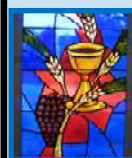
The Act of Spiritual Communion



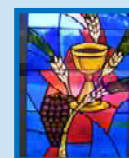
If you are unable to receive Holy Communion in person, you can always make a spiritual communion.

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 presence 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.



*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:
St. Mark- March: 10,15,22,27,29
St. Margaret Mary- March:3,10,*

Start by Calling Sin, What It Is

We hear the call to turn from sin, repent, and believe in the Gospel when Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and indeed throughout the holy and penitential Lenten season.

Ironically, it is healthy to talk about sin. It is only when we adequately identify the cause, can we begin working on the remedy for our sickness. It is only when we address what is truly wrong within our society, that we can begin to affect change – most specifically spiritual change, which is acutely necessary, right now, for our world to heal.

The root cause of the dysfunction in our society is sin. There is no denying it, no sugarcoating it, no disguising it. I would like to borrow from the scholarly and insightful Luke E. Hart Series: Basic Elements of the Catholic Faith (Fr. John A. Farren, O.P., general editor; Catholic Information Service, copyright 2001 – 2021, Knights of Columbus Supreme Council; based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* by Peter Kreeft) and its section entitled, ‘The Forgiveness of Sins,’ to gain a basic understanding of how the effects of sin can be manipulated and misunderstood today. It reads, in part:

“Why do we need forgiveness? Because we are sinners. Sin is life’s greatest problem, for sin is separation from life’s greatest solution, God, the source of all goodness and life and joy. Sin is real. So is justice. Sin deserves punishment. The fear of divine justice is wise because that justice is true. If it is not, every book of the Bible lies. The work of Christ and his Church is ‘the forgiveness of sins.’ Not imperfections, or mistakes, or immaturities, but sins. Brain damage is an imperfection, $2+2=5$ is a mistake, and ‘puppy love’ is an immaturity; but acts of greed and lust and pride are sins.

But the sense of sin, the conviction of sin, is increasingly absent from modern minds. This is a radically new development in the history of Western civilization. Ancient pagans took sin for granted and doubted salvation; modern pagans take salvation for granted and deny sin. Our society’s most popular prophets, the pop psychologists, see sin as a superstition, guilt as a mental illness, and ‘the fear of the Lord’ – which Scripture calls ‘the beginning of wisdom’ – as emotional immaturity.

Why is it ‘the beginning of wisdom’ (Proverbs 9:10)? Because the wisdom of Gospel love presupposes the wisdom of religious fear; the ‘good news’ of the forgiveness of sins presupposes the ‘bad news’ of sins to be forgiven. In fact, Christ said he did not come for those who do not believe they are sinners: ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.... I came not to call the righteous, but sinners’ (Matthew 9:12-13). If there is no confession of sin, there is no forgiveness and no salvation.

‘If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us’ (1 John 1:8). This is Scripture’s constant assumption. Deny that assumption and everything else in Scripture loses its meaning. The prophets become quaint exaggerations, and Christ’s Incarnation and Crucifixion become unnecessary overreactions” (pgs. 6 and 7).

We launch into this holy and penitential season of Lent by first admitting that we as a society have falsely mislabeled what is indeed sin. Only in starting there, can we make any real progress – which must involve repairing our relationship with Almighty God, ruptured by our disobedience to His commandments.

I will have more from the wonderful Luke E. Hart Series in the coming weeks as Lent unfolds. May God bless us with wisdom and perseverance throughout this holy season.



Sunday Collection: February 14, 2021

St. Mark Church

Collection: \$2,585
Attendance: 190
Envelopes Returned: 62

St. Margaret Mary Church

Collection: \$209
Attendance: 17
Envelopes Returned: 5

Give Central

Online giving: \$1,801
of gifts: 54



Generations of Faith:

	# Donors	Pledged	Paid
St. Mark	191	\$599,342	\$529,418
St. Margaret Mary	47	\$69,010	\$62,830

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020:

St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary

Goal:	\$40,246.
Pledged:	\$77,609
Received:	\$75,866
Number of Donors	165

***Received donations exceed our goal by \$35,620 which all comes back to the parish. Thank you!**

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!



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, 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, Al Comodo, John Maese, Kenneth Smith, Cole Mancini, John Maffeo, Anthony Inferraro



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

School News



Enjoy your winter recess!



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St. Mark R.C. Parish

Office of Faith Formation
718-769-6311

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.

Protecting our Children - Child Lures

The Diocese of Brooklyn requires that any one working with children take a *Virtus class*, which focuses on keeping *God's children safe*. To date all of our catechists have complied with this regulation.

In addition, we have to present to the children a child lures session to help them recognize the lures that are in this world. We have held sessions every year in the school building. Due to this pandemic, we will be doing a power point presentation, which will be emailed. This is a difficult and delicate issue but something we must all face.

Ms. Pino has sent out an email regarding the Child Lures presentation. Please review it with your children and then let me know you reviewed it with them by emailing Ms. Pino

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

**THIS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
FEBRUARY 24TH.**

Ms. Pino has to submit to the Diocese. Thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation to this very important matter.

To report sexual abuse involving diocesan personnel there is a toll-free, confidential reporting number 1-888-634-4499

Ms. Pino



**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>
at 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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Annual Catholic Appeal 2021

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Each year St. Mark – St. Margaret Mary Parish and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the *Annual Catholic Appeal* which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods in addition to benefiting our parish.

How Does Our Parish Benefit?

In order for our parish to function, we need well trained **priests and deacons** who can celebrate the sacraments and administer the parish. Without the **\$2.5 Million** from the Appeal allocated to vocations, we would not have the clergy our parish needs.

Our Children are the future of our parish and we are called to support them as they grow in faith. The Appeal provides funding which supports every parish **religious education program** as well as tuition assistance to those seeking **Catholic Education** at Catholic Academies and Schools. Over **\$2 million** from the Appeal is invested in the faith of our children in addition to also providing **adult faith formation**. Instruction programs for lay people, including those in our own parish, provide training in ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors or prepare others for sacraments.

The Appeal also provides the salaries for the trained Youth Ministers working in parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens. **\$150,000** each year from our donations sustains the **Youth Ministry Initiative**, which has been supported by Generations of Faith, ensuring that young people encounter Christ through the Church, forming life-long bonds of faith which will sustain our parishes for years to come.

Christ Himself has called all of us to care for those among us in need, but as one parish we lack the time, space, skills and volunteers that it takes to address the needs of our brothers and sisters who need our help. This is why, through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish supports the work of **Catholic Charities** and **Catholic Migration Services** which receive a total of **\$1.4 million** from the Appeal. Together we are able to welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, feed the hungry and shelter the homeless in the name of our Church.

In our efforts to spread the Gospel of Christ we also have a responsibility as Catholics to minister to those who are ill, students in high schools and colleges as well as those who are imprisoned, just as Christ directed us to. The Appeal provides **\$1.9 million** to ensure that **chaplains** bring the sacraments of the church to those who are ill, imprisoned or are studying in high school and college.

Why is my participation important?

As followers of Jesus here at St. Mark – St. Margaret Mary Parish, we understand our responsibility to our parish implies a responsibility to the diocese which unites us together with the entire Catholic community as the one body of Christ.

When one part of the body does not participate, the entire body suffers and makes it harder to function. Likewise, your participation in this Appeal, over and above your regular Sunday offering, will determine the ability of St. Mark – St. Margaret Mary Parish to faithfully support the mission of Christ while also providing the needed support we receive as one parish, which is part of the larger Catholic Church.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE Annual Catholic Appeal AND HOW CAN WE HELP?

Please join with us to respond as the Church of Christ together in Brooklyn and Queens through a pledge to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* today at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text **ACA** to **917-336-1255**

Thank you and God bless you.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* seeks to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

The goal at St. Mark – St. Margaret Mary Parish is \$38,976.

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.

For questions regarding the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the Parish Office –
718 891 3100.

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TOGETHER**