

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 718-891-3100

Ms. Rosemarie Barbuto

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Mr. Mark Wilson, Principal

Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

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Ms. Jo Ann Pino

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Sports Program Director: 347-401-4288

Mr. Wayne Walker

St. Mark Choir:

Director of Music

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

Mr. Tom Scalese, President

Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

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Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

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Ms. Anita Troise, President 718-648-6488

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"With God all things are possible"

Mass Intentions for the week



St. Mark Church

Saturday, February 6

5:00 p.m. Christine Mary Dario
(Happy Birthday)



Sunday, February 7

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:15 a.m. Ann Agatasa
12:30 p.m. Lillian Clay

Monday, February 8

8:30 am. Louise Pope

Tuesday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Pat Perrone

Wednesday, February 10

8:30 a.m. Frank Bones

Thursday, February 11

8:30 a.m. Rebecca Anne Young

Friday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Ronald & Jean Di Benedetto

Saturday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Angela Scannapieco
5:00 p.m. Hans Anton Hollenstein

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, February 7

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased
members of the Chille & Cione
families



Wednesday, February 10

9:00 a.m. Victor & Mildred Mucci

Sunday, February 14

11:00 a.m. Pete & Josephine Pedalino & family

VOCATIONS CORNER

All this I do for the sake of the gospel. If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.



Contact the Vocation Office at (718-827-2454) or email vocations@diobrook.org

**February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's Readings: Following Jesus and living his gospel always requires movement. There are always new places and lives waiting in need of the gospel's good news of great joy.

Job 18:7:1-4, 6-7

Psalms 147:3a

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39



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, John Maffeo, Anthony Inferraro

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



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: 6,8,9,10,12,13,15,16,22,26,27,29
St. Margaret Mary- February:24
March:3,10,**

“Tell No One Who I Am”

Ever wonder why Jesus always seems intent on keeping His identity under wraps, especially immediately after He has performed a miraculous deed? A case in point is today’s Gospel; we hear that Jesus, after miraculously curing Simon Peter’s mother-in-law of fever, cures many who are sick with various diseases, and drives out many demons. He does not permit the demons to speak “because they knew Him” (Mark 1: 29-39). This parallels last week’s Gospel, in which the evil spirit to be expunged exclaims, “I know who you are – the Holy One of God!” – to which Jesus responds, “Quiet! Come out of him!” (Mark 1:21-28).

In next weekend’s Gospel we will hear of Jesus healing the man afflicted with leprosy, and then telling him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” Famously, the man does the opposite, running out and publicizing what has happened to him. We hear that the man “spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere” (Mark 1: 40-45).

Scholars theorize that Jesus knew that the Cross awaited Him, and that He looked to show Himself as the Suffering Servant, who humbly went to His death as a meek and willing and obedient sacrificial lamb, for the redemption of the sins of humanity.

Philip Van Linden, C.M., writes in his commentary on the Gospel of Mark, as found in *The Collegeville Bible Commentary* (copyright 1989 by The Order of St. Benedict, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, general editors Dianne Bergant, C.S.A. and Robert J. Karris, O.F.M.):

“Mark has Jesus move immediately from His first powerful miracle to another. The visit to Simon’s mother-in-law turns into a second sign that God’s kingdom of wholeness is present in Him. In Mark 1:25, Jesus cured with a word; here He cures sickness by a touch (1:31). His touch saves as surely as His word. The fact that the woman’s cure is immediate and total is made clear by Mark’s emphasis on how she resumes her duties of hospitality, waiting on her guests in verse 31.

Jesus’ first day of ministry does not end with sundown. That evening ‘the whole town’ gathers around Him with their sick and possessed. His first day of preaching and healing has given them hope that God is at work among them. After Jesus has cured many, Mark’s readers first hear the curious phrase ‘not permitting them (them) the demons to speak, because they knew Him (v. 34). This reminds Mark’s readers of the ‘Quiet!’ of 1:25 and prepares them for what they will hear repeatedly in Mark’s Gospel. Mark presents Jesus as being very reserved about letting His reputation as miracle-worker spread. This reticence is called the ‘messianic secret.’ By emphasizing such secrecy regarding Jesus’ identity as Messiah, Mark hopes that his Christian readers will accept Jesus’ true identity, on His terms, in the context of His entire life and mission. Mark’s Jesus will reveal Himself as Messiah by being powerless on the Cross. Christians are free to proclaim Jesus as their Messiah and Lord only when they accept His way of suffering messiahship along with His miraculous works” (p. 908).

May His example inspire us Christians to humbly lay down our own lives in His service.



Rev. Michael W. Panicali

Sunday Collection: January 31, 2021

St. Mark Church

Collection: \$2,225
Attendance: 176
Envelopes Returned: 76

St. Margaret Mary Church

Collection: \$256
Attendance: 19
Envelopes Returned: 6

Give Central

Online giving: \$1,506
of gifts: 51



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

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Annual Catholic Appeal 2020:

St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary

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

*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!

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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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



Dear Families:

What a start to February it has been! I'm not surprised the groundhog saw his shadow; based on the mountains of snow I see all around Brooklyn—most especially in our own schoolyard—it's going to look like winter around here for quite some time!

Again, I must thank our Building Manager Richard Stockley, our custodial staff Rufino and Rogelio, and the rest of the cleanup crew for their hard work to ensure school opened safely on Wednesday. Also, a special thank you to our teachers and staff—and our families—who traveled through difficult conditions to get to school. Thank you for your dedication!

As I've mentioned before, although February is a short month, it is nonetheless an exciting one—snow not included! Thursday, our students will receive their progress reports. Next week is Catholic Schools Week in the Diocese of Brooklyn; please check the school website for a list of the activities we have going on. Last, but not least, midwinter recess begins on Monday, February 15th, with classes resuming on Monday, February 22nd. It will be March before we know it!

In addition to winter break, Ash Wednesday is less than two weeks away, which begins the season of Lent is quickly approaching. Even though Lent is associated with “giving up,” it's also a time of service. Along with the beginning of Lent, February is also Black History Month. Therefore, it's appropriate that I share with you a quote from St. Martin de Porres, the first black American saint: *“Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God.”* This month, I think we can add shoveling snow to that list, too.

Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal



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.



There will be a Confirmation Proximate Preparation gathering on Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 pm in St Mark Church. Our topic is Reconciliation.

***Please wear masks and enter through the Ocean Avenue entrance only.**

**** Parents please email Ms. Pino your child's height if you have not done so.**

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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 will be sending out an email in about a week, to all parents notifying them when to expect this presentation. And what is expected on your part. Please check your emails and the bulletin for further notices.

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

1-888-634-4499

[Ms. Pino](mailto:Ms.Pino)





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ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2021



The use of ashes for punishment or penance predates Christianity. It is contained in the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament) and other ancient writings and was adopted by the infant Church as mentioned in Matthew's Gospel (11:21) and the writings of many of the Fathers of the Church.

The use of ashes in the Liturgy beginning the penitential season of Lent is credited to Pope Saint Gregory the Great who during his papacy (590-604) introduced its use to the Liturgy of Rome. Ashes were first sprinkled collectively over the congregation and then later individually on the crown of the head of each of the faithful with the Old Testament injunction from Genesis: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This practice spread throughout the Universal Church and was further codified with the reforms of the Council of Trent (1545-1563).

It seems that resulting from the Reformation, particularly in English speaking lands members of the Church with a desire to foster Roman Catholic identity, ceased to sprinkle the ashes on the crown of the heads of the penitents but instead smudged the ashes on the foreheads of those presenting themselves - first in a blotch and more recently in the sign of a Cross. This is the predominant custom of administering ashes on Ash Wednesday in the United States and the Diocese of Brooklyn.

The Missal of Pope Saint Paul VI (1969) adds another formula that may be used when administering the ashes from Mark's Gospel: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." The current Book of Blessings allows lay-faithful to administer previously blessed ashes while only a Bishop, Priest or Deacon may bless them either at Mass or within a Celebration of the Word of God.

In January of this year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a "note" requiring that ashes be sprinkled on the crown of the heads of the faithful and that the formula (using either option) be recited only once before all those gathered receive the sacramental at the Ash Wednesday Liturgies.

These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact including speech between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister (who is to wear a face covering) to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. Even though we're not accustomed to it in our country or diocese, the distribution of ashes by sprinkling on the top or crown of the head is considered completely normal in a majority of the "Catholic World" including Rome itself.

While there is clearly a noble aspect of public witness in the usual American method of marking the forehead with ashes, it is also important to remember that ashes are a sacramental intended to help the faithful who receive them in their own interior striving for holiness and preparation for the Paschal Triduum.