

**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**  
**Fax: 718-891-9677**



*"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 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.bgonlineformation.org/precana](http://www.bgonlineformation.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 718-332-9304

**St. Mark Catholic Academy**

Mr. Mark Wilson, Principal

Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

**St. Mark Religious Education:** 718-769-6311

Ms. Jo Ann Pino

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Mr. Michael Davis

**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

**Homebound Ministry:** 718-332-2663

Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

**Ministers of Hospitality:** 718-891-3100

Mr. Tom Scalese

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Mrs. Geraldine Kubat, Coordinator

**Lectors:** 718-743-5338

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

**Rosary Society:**

Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President 917-517-4260

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

**Friendship Club:**

Ms. Anita Troise, President 718-648-6488

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

*"With God all things are possible"*

**Mass Intentions**  **for the week**

**St. Mark Church**



**Saturday, January 9**

5:00 p.m. Carlos Marrelo Carrillo

**Sunday, January 10 -Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:15 a.m. Father Doody

12:30 p.m. Victor Ortiz

**Monday, January 11**

8:30 am. Fritz Etheart

**Tuesday, January 12**

8:30 a.m. Roger St. Louis

**Wednesday, January 13**

8:30 a.m. Gloria & Eric Stockley

**Thursday, January 14**

8:30 a.m. Angela Ferraro

**Friday, January 15**

8:30 a.m. Magdalena Autorino

**Saturday, January 16**

8:30 a.m. Hans Anton Hollenstein

5:00 p.m. Maria Cioffi

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

**Sunday, January 10, Baptism of the Lord**

11:00 a.m. Vincenzo & Maria Alaia

**Wednesday, January 13**

9:00 a.m. Maria Cioffi

**Sunday, January 17**

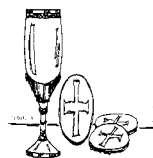
11:00 a.m. Gerard Gagliardi



***VOCATION'S CORNER***

*"This is My Son in whom I am well pleased."  
Are you considering making known the love of  
our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister  
or brother?*

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



*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- Jan. 23,30**

**January 10, 2021**  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Many times in the mission of Jesus, God uses commonplace things- river water, sinful men and women, bread and wine-to reveal uncommon, divine grace.

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-11

Isaiah 12:3

1 John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11



***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 Maffeo is in need of Kidney Donor -516-781-1324*

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



**Feast**

*"And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased'" (Mk 1:9-11).*

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In Baptism, we are brought to Christ and united to the mystery of His death and Resurrection. In this effective sign of our purified life and heart, we acknowledge the Messianic identity of Jesus Christ and celebrate his reign. May our Baptized lives, nurtured by the Sacraments, testify to those in darkness and confirm the truth of Jesus' identity, just as the Holy Spirit did in Jordan.

*"Jesus did not need to be baptized, but the first theologians say that, with His body, with His divinity, in the Baptism He blessed all the waters, so that water would have the power to give baptism. And then, before ascending to Heaven, Jesus told us to go into all the world to baptize. And from that day until present day, this has been an unbroken chain: And so goes the chain of faith! What does this mean? I would just tell you this: you are the ones that transmit the faith, the transmitters, you have a duty to pass in the faith to these children. It's the most beautiful legacy that you leave to them: the faith! Only this. Today, take this thought home with you. We must be transmitters of the faith. Think about this, always think how to transmit the faith to the children"*

*From a homily on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord by Pope Francis.*

## Why is Jesus Baptized?

Today, Jan. 10, I have the great pleasure of baptizing the granddaughter of a faithful and devoted St. Mark parishioner. The reality that I'm doing so on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is not lost upon her family and I. One day when she is old enough to comprehend it, she'll be told that she entered the Family of God and was baptized on the very day when the Church celebrates the Baptism of Jesus by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan River!

The events surrounding the baptism of Jesus are thought-provoking, to say the least. I would like to rely on a reflection of this feast day written by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., of the nearby Diocese of Trenton, NJ, from one year ago today, found at <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/news/a-reflection-on-the-feast-of-the-baptism-of-the-lord>. (A very interesting side note, and unbeknownst to me as I began research for this column, is that I have a beautiful photograph in my room of my New Jersey born and raised--nephew Lorenzo receiving Confirmation, with me as his sponsor placing my right hand on his shoulder, as he is confirmed by none other than the same Bishop David M. O'Connell, of Trenton, NJ, whose good preaching and spirit on that day, just over four years ago, were memorable.)

Bishop O'Connell writes, "You may wonder, 'Why was Jesus baptized?' He has already been 'manifested' as the Messiah, the Son of God at the Epiphany, and John tells us 'in Him is no sin' (1 John 3:5). He surely did not need John's 'baptism of repentance.' What does this event mean?"

Bishop O'Connell goes on to explain what is so beautifully described in all four Gospels, writing: "On that occasion, 'baptism' meant something different. First of all, Jesus did not need Baptism. As God, He was sinless and, therefore, had no need to be forgiven or 'freed from sin.' Likewise, He did not have to be "made" a sharer in the Church's mission. He was its author. So, what was John's 'baptism?' The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains [that] Jesus 'begins His public life after having Himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. ... Our Lord voluntarily submitted Himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to 'fulfill all righteousness.' Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of His self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as His 'beloved Son' (CCC 1223-1224). John's baptism was accompanied by his preaching 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins' (Mark 1:4), [... thereby] offering his Jewish audience an opportunity to acknowledge their sins and to repent of them. He was preparing them for the coming of the Messiah: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand!' (Matthew 3:2)."

"Since Jesus had no need to repent, we look for another reason for His Baptism by John. When John encountered Jesus at the Jordan, he resisted baptizing him but Jesus responded in Matthew's account, 'Allow it now, for this it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness' (Matthew 3:15). Jesus' Baptism had a symbolic motivation. When Jesus emerged from the Jordan, God's voice was heard identifying Him as 'My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased' (Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22). His Baptism would be the second "manifestation" of His identity as Messiah in the Christmas story, a prelude to the mission and ministry that would follow. Jesus was baptized by John who had come to 'prepare His way' so that Jesus could begin His divine mission to save from their sins those whose humanity He now shared. The preaching of John and waters of the Jordan gave Jesus that public occasion."

Bishop O'Connell quotes Pope Benedict XVI's magnificent work *Jesus of Nazareth*, writing, "The Father's voice was heard, 'This is My beloved Son' .... [as Jesus is] stepping into the place of sinners."

These steps, of course, would continue onto Calvary.



**Sunday Collection: December 27, 2020**

**St. Mark Church**

Sunday collection \$2,577  
Attendance: 185  
Envelopes: returned: 63  
Holy Day (Christmas) \$3,891

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

Sunday collection: \$338  
Attendance: 33  
Envelopes returned: 6  
Holy Day (Christmas) \$341

**Give Central**

Online giving: \$2,275  
# of Gifts 57



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**Sunday Collection: January 3, 2021**

**St. Mark Church**

Collection: \$2,112  
Holy Day (Christmas) \$8,367  
Holy Day: ( Mary, Mother of God) \$2,089  
Attendance: 185  
Envelopes Returned: 57

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

Collection: \$225  
Holy Day: \$143  
Attendance: 22  
Envelopes Returned: 5



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**Give Central**

Online giving: \$1,765  
# of gifts: 56

**Generations of Faith:**

|                          | <u># Donors</u> | <u>Pledged</u> | <u>Paid</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>St. Mark</b>          | 208             | \$627,847      | \$516,458   |
| <b>St. Margaret Mary</b> | 43              | \$66,980       | 55,226      |

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2020:**

**St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary**

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| Goal:            | \$40,246. |
| Pledged:         | \$76,839  |
| Received:        | \$72,982  |
| Number of Donors | 162       |

**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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*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](http://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!*

**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](http://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

*After a restful and rejuvenating Christmas recess, it was great to kick off the new year with our students back in school for in-person instruction!*

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*From our Saint Mark Catholic Academy family to yours, we wish you a happy, healthy, and safe new year!*



Believe it or not registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now underway! Please contact the school office at (718) 332-9304 or visit [smcaonthebay.org](http://smcaonthebay.org) for more information.

**Financial aid opportunities are available.**

Sincerely  
Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal



## REGISTRATION & FINANCIAL AID

For  
2021 - 2022  
IS NOW OPEN AT  
ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
<http://smcaonthebay.com/>  
(718) 332-9304



## Office of Faith Formation

718-769-6311

religionseducation1@verizon.net



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.

## The Giving Tree:

The gifts purchased for the needy at Christmas time was a great success. Gifts were given to over 500 less fortunate children and adults who are part of programs run by the Sisters of Life, Hour Children, Catholic Charities, and the St. Vincent de Paul Group at St. Marks. These groups are very grateful for your generosity. Thank you once again! May you always be blessed for your giving hearts!



*Thank You*



**Sunday, January 17th is Martin Luther King Weekend-NO CLASSES.**

In Observance  
of  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
The Rectory will be  
Closed on, Monday  
January 18th, 2021



## Spiritual Tips & Ideas for Families

- \* Family rosary at home for Coronavirus victims
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Find daily readings for Mass at [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org)
- Use social media to share your prayer
- Pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, connecting your struggles with isolation with Jesus' solitude in carrying His Cross to Calvary