

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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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

Homebound Ministry: 718-332-2663

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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"

Mass Intentions for the week



St. Mark Church



Saturday, January 30

5:00 p.m. Rita Vikki

Sunday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

10:15 a.m. Gary Casale

12:30 p.m. Samir & Mark Bolus

Monday, February 1

8:30 a.m. Gloria M. Guzman (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday, February 2

8:30 a.m. Tammy Louise Hamann

Wednesday, February 3

8:30 a.m. Felix (Remembrance)

Thursday, February 4

8:30 a.m. Louise DeLeo

Friday, February 5

8:30 a.m. Lavinia Fernandez (Remembrance)

Saturday, February 6

8:30 a.m. Louis Coletti

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

St. Margaret Mary Church



Sunday, January 31

11:00 a.m. Frank Chuchla Sr.

Wednesday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Maria Cioffi

Friday, February 5

9:00 a.m. Fr. Walter Mitchell

Sunday, February 7

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



Come Spend Time With Jesus

FIRST FRIDAY, February 5th
HOLY HOUR: after 9 am Mass at
St. Margaret Mary
EXPOSITION: Noon to 3:00 PM
at St. Mark

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Jesus the Light from Light, illuminates and warms our lives; or, when we try to live as our shadow selves, the same Light from Light can seem piercing and blistering.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 95:8

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28



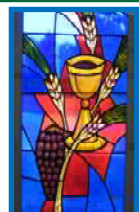
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:



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, Maureen Genoversa, John Maffeo



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,

VOCATIONS CORNER

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life?



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

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“A new teaching with authority.”

As we prepare to begin Catholic Schools Week next Sunday, February 7, our Gospel reading this weekend presents Jesus in his role as teacher. Two weeks ago we read about how after Jesus' baptism, two of John the Baptist's disciples began to follow Jesus and called him Rabbi, which means, Teacher. Then last weekend we heard how Jesus began to invite others to become his disciples and to follow him. And this weekend we see Jesus beginning his public ministry by entering the synagogue in Capernaum on a Sabbath and beginning to teach.

The word “Synagogue” means meeting, assembly, or community. It was, and is, used by Jews to describe the place where they would meet to hear the Scriptures read and to pray. The synagogue consisted mainly of a rectangular room built in such a way that those attending were facing Jerusalem when seated. There was a rostrum or pulpit from which the Sacred Scripture was read and explained.

In Jesus' day, the synagogue was primarily a teaching institution. The synagogue service consisted only of prayer, the reading of Scripture, and the exposition of God's word through teaching. The Temple was the place of worship and sacrifice, while the synagogue was the place of teaching and instruction. But the synagogue did not have a professional ministry associated with it. When the people met for a service, the synagogue ruler would call on any competent person to read and teach. But when Jesus got up to teach, there was something noticeably different. St. Mark tells us, “The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.” And after Jesus cast out an unclean spirit from a man we hear that: “All were amazed and asked one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.’”

What exactly is this “teaching” that astonishes the people? Remarkably, not a word of the Lord's lesson is included in this Gospel account. Like a favorite teacher we may still so clearly remember from our schooldays, Jesus really stood out. It was not just what he taught, but how he taught. Jesus did not come just to leave behind another philosophy of life or recipe for self-improvement. Christ's teaching astonishes because his words are full of grace and power. The whole method and atmosphere of His teaching was like a new revelation.

Jesus was different because he taught with personal authority. The scribes and Pharisees who were experts in the law would never do that. They never gave a decision on their own. They would always support their statements with quotations from the great legal masters of the past. They set themselves, out of the great moral principles of the Torah, to extract rules and regulations for every possible situation in life so that people might know the minimum with which they could get by and still technically be in compliance with the law. But when Jesus spoke, he spoke with utter independence. He cited no authorities and quoted no experts. He spoke with the finality of the voice of God because Jesus is our Lord and our God. It was not the law per se, but people and their lives and problems that interested him.

The teaching authority of Jesus continues in His Church. According to the Catechism, “To the apostles and their successors Christ has entrusted the office of teaching, sanctifying and governing in his name and by his power. But the laity are made to share in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ; they have therefore, in the Church and in the world, their own assignment in the mission of the whole People of God.” As Catholic Schools Week approaches, let's pray for our St. Mark Catholic Academy teachers and administrators as well as for our Religious Education catechists who have been carrying out this critical work of teaching our young people under extraordinary circumstances during this pandemic. – Fr. Bob



Sunday Collection: January 24, 2021

St. Mark Church

Collection: \$2,800
Attendance: 181
Envelopes Returned: 53

St. Margaret Mary Church

Collection: \$187
Attendance: 25
Envelopes Returned: 5

Give Central

Online giving: \$1,405
of gifts: 53



Generations of Faith:

	<u># Donors</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>
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:	\$77,589
Received:	\$75,806
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:

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Each day I share a prayer with the students from a book called *Prayers Before the Bell*. The prayer from this past Tuesday I found to be especially appropriate, and I'd like to share it with you...

*Dear Jesus, we are your followers.
Help us work for peace among all your people.
Help us see that color, race, creed, and gender aren't reasons to exclude others.
As your true followers, we know that if we want peace,
We must also work for justice.
We must work for a world where everything is fair, where everyone has what he or she needs to live.
Help us, Lord, to make this world a place where children everywhere can be happy.
We ask this through you, who said,
"Let the little children come to me." Amen.*

It's difficult to believe that we are just about halfway through the school year already. Yes, there have been some "bumps in the road," but given the circumstances, I believe everyone—from families and students to teachers and staff—is doing a great job. As we mark this halfway point, let's continue to work together to provide a quality education in the safest environment possible for all of our students.

One of the simplest, but most important things we can do to ensure everyone's safety is mask wearing. Please wear your mask when picking up your child. Also, please remind your child to keep his or her mask on until you are a comfortable distance from the school or in your car.

As we now enter the second half of the year, progress reports are right around the corner. Progress reports will be released through Option C, just as they were last trimester. As always, you don't need to wait for progress reports or report cards to check your child's progress; this can be done each day on Option C.

Again, thank you for your continued support and cooperation...here's to a great start to the second half of the year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal



PS: Please remember to send in your re-registration paperwork as soon as possible. Thank you!



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





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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.

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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.