

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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"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

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 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

Youth Ministry Coordinator: 347-574-1828

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: 718-891-3100

Ministers of Hospitality: 718-891-3100

Mr. Tom Scalese

Extraordinary Ministers: 718-891-3100

Coordinator:

Lectors: 718-743-5338

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

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Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President 917-517-4260

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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, March 20

5:00 p.m. Stephen & Catherine Coyle



Sunday, March 21

8:00 a.m. People of The Parish
10:15 a.m. Joseph Scodotto (Birthday Remembrance)
12:30 p.m. Luis Coletti (Anniversary)

Monday, March 22

8:30 a.m. Samanth D. Caraballo

Tuesday, March 23

8:30 a.m. Fr. Michael Panicali

Wednesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Marie Pasquaissa

Thursday, March 25

8:30 a.m. Edward Rizzo (Birthday)

Friday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Peter M. Esposito (Birthday Remembrance)

Saturday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Angelina & Sobanko Family (Deceased)
5:00 p.m. Eleanor Rita Miele

St. Margaret Mary Church

Sunday, March 21

11:00 a.m. Ronald Danner

Wednesday, March 24

9:00 a.m. Michele Volpicelli

Sunday, March 28

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



RECONCILIATION MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021

Churches throughout Brooklyn & Queens & the Archdiocese of Ny will make confession available throughout the day. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Confession at St. Mark: 3:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Today's Readings: There are many biblical covenants, but the final one is the one that was sealed on the cross of Christ on Calvary. We will reap its harvest of life.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:12a

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 3:12:20-33



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.

Week of March 20th - March 27th

*Candles lit for
The Blessed Mother
In loving Memory of
Alfonsina Albano
Requested by
Peter & Lina Scarpitta*



Does Original Sin Make Any Sense?

It's often asked, whenever the efficacy of infant Baptism is debated, how babies could have anything to do with sin. It is a sensible question. The idea of 'Original Sin' is challenging and enigmatic. As we will soon conclude Lent, let's wrap up the discussion of the evils of sin and its effects on our spiritual well-being, and that of the world, by once again looking to *The Luke E. Hart Series: Basic Elements of the Catholic Faith*, and what it offers us on the Church's teaching on Original Sin (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). It reads:

"The meaning of Original Sin could be called 'original selfishness.' Our instincts are selfish. We are born with the selfishness principle in us by nature. This is observable even in infants. We do not, of course, personally blame them for being selfish, but as Saint Augustine argued, 'As we grow older we root out such ways and cast them from us: which means that we hold them to be bad – for no man engaged in removing evil would knowingly cast out what is good.' Original Sin is a very unpopular idea in the modern world. But it is an essential part of the Christian gospel, and '[t]he Church, which has the mind of Christ, knows very well that we cannot tamper with the revelation of Original Sin without undermining the Mystery of Christ' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 389). For sin is precisely what this 'Savior' saves us from. Original Sin does not mean that we are [...] wholly evil, or more evil than good (how could that be measured?), or that our very being is evil, or that we are no longer infinitely valuable and infinitely loved by God. It means that we are mortally wounded, a defaced masterpiece. The greater the masterpiece, the more terrible its defacement is.

Original Sin is a difficult concept for us because we cannot appreciate the great difference between our present state and mankind's first state of unfallen innocence, which we have never experienced. Our instincts spontaneously take our present state of selfishness as the norm rather than the abnormality. But our faith and our reason tell us that the good God could not have created us selfish by nature; that we are all now 'abnormal.' Original Sin, the inborn state of all humanity, explains why all of us commit actual sins. If we were all born sin-free and innocent like Adam, surely some of us would have chosen to remain so. Yet none do. (And the better and more saintly we are, the more readily and clearly we admit it.)

Why? Because we are not born innocent of Original Sin, only innocent of actual sins. And Original Sin leads us to commit actual sins. Our being conditions our actions. We sin because we are sinners, just as we sing because we are singers. Our nature conditions our acts, as an alcoholic's brain chemistry and chemical dependency condition his act of drinking. This does not mean we are not responsible for actual sins, for the will's choice is also involved in the act – sometimes a lot, sometimes a little. We are not determined, but we are conditioned – led, pulled, influenced – by our sinful nature and instincts. But we also are free to choose to obey our instincts or to resist them. We can and often do choose contrary to our instincts – for instance, when we fast, or sacrifice.

How Original Sin is transmitted from our first parents to all their descendants is a mystery about which we have imperfect knowledge. The same is true of the mystery of our very selves, the union of body and soul. The transmission is by heredity, not just environment – a kind of spiritual heredity. Our selfishness comes from our nature, not just from society, by imitation. The origin of sin may be mysterious, but its existence, its reality and presence now, in our individual and social experience, is very clear. The dogma is confirmed by the data. 'What revelation makes known to us is confirmed by our own experience. For when man looks into his own heart he finds that he is drawn toward what is wrong and sunk in many evils which cannot have come from his good creator...' (CCC, no. 401), or from the wholly good world he created; so it must come from his own free 'fall.'"

As we struggle with the great, unfathomable Mystery of the Cross, considering the Church's teaching on Original Sin serves as a useful starting point.

Rev. Michael W. Panicali



Sunday Collection: March 14, 2021

St. Mark Church

Collection: \$2283
Attendance: 245
Envelopes Returned: 62

St. Margaret Mary Church

Collection: \$303
Attendance: 29
Envelopes Returned: 7

Give Central

Online giving: \$1,701



Generations of Faith:

	<u># Donors</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>
St. Mark	191	\$599,797	\$530,868
St. Margaret Mary	48	\$69,020	\$63,080

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020:

St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary

Goal:	\$40,246.
Pledged:	\$41,518
Received:	\$36,645
Number of Donors	40

***Final 2020 ACA donations of \$75,866 exceeded our goal by 35,620. Thanks! Lets do it again!**

*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, Ryan & Daniel McGrisken*



Holy Week

Holy Week Mass Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

St. Mark: Sat. Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
St. Margaret Mary: Sun. 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021

Confession at St. Mark: 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SPY WEDNESDAY-WEDNESDAY, March 30, 2021

St. Mark: Tenebrae 7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

St. Mark: Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.
St. Margaret Mary: Mass 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

St. Mark: Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Passion 3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.
St. Margaret Mary: Liturgy of the Passion 3 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3:

St. Mark: Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
St. Margaret Mary: Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4:

St. Mark: 8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
St. Margaret Mary: 11 a.m.



School News

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay Brooklyn

Saint Mark Catholic Academy



**REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022
IS OPEN AT
ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY**
To learn about the benefits of a
Catholic
education, please contact
Principal Mark Wilson
@718-332-9304
We are Saving a Seat for You!
2602 East 19th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11235



VOCATIONS CORNER

"The Father will honor whoever serves me" Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life?

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



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.

First Reconciliation Congratulations to our Religious Education and St. Mark Academy children who received their first reconciliation on March 6, 2021. Please keep them in your prayers they continue toward First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 8, 2021

Communion

Parents will be receiving an email with necessary dress requirements for **First Holy Communion**. Also, notices will be posted in the bulletin about practices for First Holy Communion (sometime toward the end of April)



Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors

On Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7pm, a Penance service will be held in St. Mark Church. All candidates and sponsors to attend.



Role of a Sponsor

A sponsor is a witness to those preparing to receive a sacrament. Our young adults who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must choose a sponsor. Through confirmation our candidates are strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, and made a true witness of Christ in word and deed. The sponsor's most significant role is to be a "role model" of such witness and unifying love. A sponsor must be a practicing catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and must be 16 years of age or older. If anyone has not chosen a sponsor yet, please contact Ms. Pino at 718-769-6311.

Easter Vigil

We welcome Emily Fariello, already baptized, who will complete her Christian initiation. She will receive her Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on April 3, 2021.

May God Bless you and keep you in his care as you continue to follow Christ.



Ms. Pino

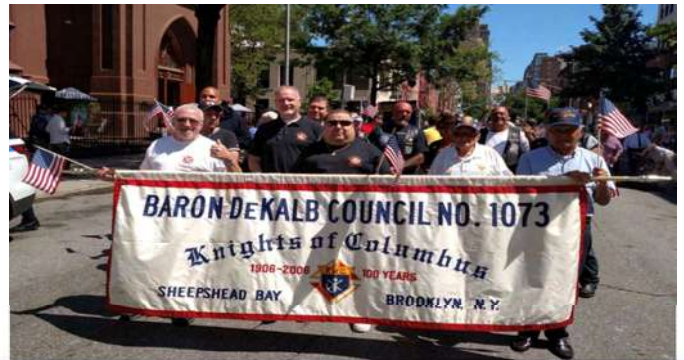


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MEMBERSHIP

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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Al Barbarino
will be with us at:

St. Mark
Sunday, March 21, '21

** To Sing & Speak at Masses &
offer a Lenten Presentation:*

*"Living Our Faith, In These Confusing
Days!"*

Al Barbarino is a Lay Franciscan with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, (Fr. Benedict Groeschel's Community) and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. *(The Late)*

Throughout the years in this apostolate, he has recorded CDs/Videos and traveled around the world. He speaks on our faith in a most practical, everyday level. Through all the support of his recordings, he helps the Franciscans at their homeless shelters, Croatian Relief (International Outreach) and for the poor, wherever he sings.

Al has worked in the NYC prisons for incarcerated youth as a counselor. He has many stories to share!



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.

**WE ARE THE CHURCH,
TOGETHER**