

St. Mark Church  
2609 E 19th St.  
Brooklyn, NY 11235

**Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM,**  
**12:30 PM**  
**Weekdays: 8:30 AM**  
**Holy Days: 7:30 PM Vigil Mass**  
**8:00, 10:00 AM**

**Phone: 718-891-3100**  
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St. Margaret Mary Church  
Ocean Ave. & Oriental Blvd.  
Manhattan Beach NY

**Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday: 11:00 AM**  
**Wednesday: 9:00 AM**

**Email:**  
**stmarkrccboklyn@aol.com**  
**Website:**  
**www.stmarkbrooklyn.org**

## ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor: *Rev. Robert V. Mucci*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Ebenezer K. Abban*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Sergiy Emanuel*

Pastor Emeritus: *Rev. Msgr. Gerard J. Arella*

In Residence: *Rev. Joseph P. Quigley*

**Devotions:**

Miraculous Medal Novena every Wednesday after the 8:30 AM Mass

Litany of the Sacred Heart every First Friday 8:20 AM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday from Noon to 3PM

**Baptism:**

Fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM.

Required Baptism classes take place on the third Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Rectory Conference Room. Call the Rectory during office hours to make an appointment with a priest two (2) months prior to the Baptism.

**Marriage:**

Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory at least 6 months in advance. Please log on to [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org) for complete information about marriage preparation in the diocese, according to diocesan regulations.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

First Saturday of the month at the 8:30 AM Mass.

**Confessions:** Saturdays, 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

**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 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Parish Office:**

Ms. Angela Scannapieco  
Ms. Jacqueline Biagioni

**St. Mark School:**

Mrs. Carol Donnelly, Principal  
Mrs. Lori Ryan, Secretary

**St. Mark Religious Education:**

Ms. Jo Ann Pino

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:**

Mr. Michael Davis

**St. Mark Choir:**

Mr. Patrick Marvella, Director of Music

**St. Vincent De Paul Group:**

Mr. Tom Scalese, President

Ms. Jean Hogan, Vice President

**Homebound Ministry:**

Ms. Maureen Genoversa, Coordinator

**Ministers of Hospitality:**

Mr. Tom Scalese

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Mr. Edgar Perez, Coordinator

**Lectors:**

Ms. Stephanie Rizzo, Coordinator

**Rosary Society:**

Ms. Kathy Fackovec, President

Mrs. Maria Mansuroglu, Vice President

**Golden Age Society:**

Mrs. Joan Belt, President

Ms. Josephine Bonnano, Vice President

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718-891-3100

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*"With God all things are possible"*

**Mass Intentions**  **for the week**  
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**St. Mark Church**

**Saturday, Feb 27**

5:00 PM Anthony Vincent Moratto Jr.

**Sunday, Feb 28**

8:00 AM The People of the Parish  
 9:30 AM Faye Perez  
 11:00 AM Dorothy London  
 12:30 PM Purgatorial Society Members

**Monday, Feb 29**

8:30 AM Eleanor Stanish

**Tuesday, Mar 1**

8:30 AM Eleanor Stanish

**Wednesday, Mar 2**

8:30 AM Eleanor Stanish

**Thursday, Mar 3 St. Katherine Drexel**

8:30 AM Healing for Francisco Morales

**Friday, Mar 4 St. Casmir-World Day of Prayer**

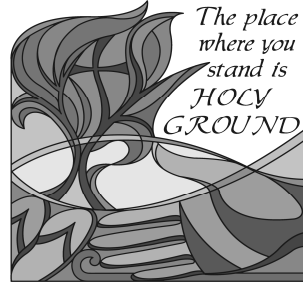
8:30 AM Nick Palermo & Frank Massato

**Saturday, Mar 5**

8:30 AM Andrea Pisani  
 5:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Ceone and Chille Families



**FEBRUARY 28, 2016**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 It would be enough if God were kind toward us or merciful; but God is both, and we should respond by living in God's image as kind and merciful disciples.



**Today's Readings:**  
 Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15  
 Psalm 103:8a  
 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
 Luke 13:1-9

**PURGATORIAL SOCIETY**  
*Angel Luis Rodriguez*

*Please pray for the sick:*  
**Lucy Montanaro-Piccolo, Mary Scholz, Fr. Joseph Quigley, Maria Calise, Rachel Marin, Antonia Galli, Linda DeFrancesco, Georgette Scaleso, Joseph John Buccheri, Sally Frances Buccheri, & Diane Camacho**  
*who is in need of a kidney donor.*  
 718-284-0704

**Blessing of St. Mark Catholic Academy**  
 Bishop Octavio Cisneros will be at St. Mark on Friday March 4th to celebrate a special mass to bless our new Academy at 11:00 AM.  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after mass.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**  
*Wednesdays* during Lent at St. Margaret Mary after 9:00 am Mass  
*Fridays* during Lent at St. Mark after 8:30 am Mass

**St. Margaret Mary Church**

**Sunday, Feb 28**

11:00 AM Edward Franznick, Sr.

**Wednesday, Mar 2**

9:00 AM

**Friday, Mar 4**

9:00 AM Special Intention

**Sunday, Mar 6**

11:00 AM Gerard Gagliardi



**COME SPEND TIME WITH JESUS**  
 FIRST FRIDAY  
 MARCH 4TH  
 HOLY HOUR: AFTER 9 AM MASS AT ST. MARGARET MARY  
 EXPOSITION: NOON TO 3 PM AT ST. MARK



 Gifts to honor a loved one; living or deceased, are available (bread & wine, candles or flowers).  
**Please contact the parish office for information.**  
**There are Mass dates available in March and April for both St. Mark and St. Margaret Mary.**

**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
 Wednesday after the 9:00 AM Mass  
**Homebound in Manhattan Beach:**  
 If you or someone you know would like to have a Eucharistic Minister visit and administer Holy Communion; please call Gilda at 718-769-1312. Also, please advise Gilda of any sick parishioner who wishes to be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Sunday Mass.

Pastor's Column February 20-21, 2016

**“How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”**

This weekend at Sunday's 12:30 PM Mass we celebrate the First Scrutiny with our elect who will be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at this year's Easter Vigil. The Scrutinies are ancient rites that are profoundly rooted in our human experience. This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than in catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. This period is intended as well to enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior.

The Scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. They are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. And as the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery, it is an excellent opportunity for all of us to take stock of our lives. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We call really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.

The recommended Gospel reading for the First Scrutiny is the remarkable story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. That a Jewish man would address a woman in public was unusual enough; that he would ask a Samaritan woman for a drink of water is even more remarkable for, as St. John tells us, “Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.” The Samaritan woman asks Jesus, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman for a drink?” Apparently human nature has not changed much in 2000 years. We continue to live in a world where politicians boast of building walls rather than bridges and demonize foreigners and those who are different. But Jesus breaks through the barriers of nationality and gender and orthodox custom and teaches us a different way.

The story of the Samaritan woman at the well raises some interesting questions. Why did the Samaritan woman come to draw water at noon, the hottest time of the day? Did she want to avoid the times the other women in town came to the well? Are there places in my life where we are embarrassed, where we avoid interaction with others? Can we imagine Jesus approaching us there? How do we put Jesus off, with excuses, with problems, with barriers?

Jesus uses his human thirst as an opportunity to satisfy the Samaritan woman's thirst for God. And like that Samaritan woman, whether we realize it or not, we all have a built in longing for the eternal, for the infinite, for God. And when we try to fill that desire, that longing with unhealthy things that are not God, things like wealth, power or sex, we get ourselves in trouble like that Samaritan woman who had five husbands and was living with a man not her husband. Jesus knows about the Samaritan woman's troubled past but he does not condemn or judge her. He meets her where she is, during the ordinary course of her day, and instead he instructs her and offers her living water; that is, “a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

And Jesus does the same with us. He helps us to see ourselves as we really are. It is our encounter with Jesus that helps us turn our life around and live the way that God wants us to live. May this season of Lent be a time of conversion for all of us.

– Fr. Bob

**Sunday Collection: February 21, 2016**

**St. Mark Church**

1st Collection: \$4,550.00

2nd Collection: \$1,106.00

Attendance: 640

Envelopes Returned: 182

**St Margaret Mary Church**

1st Collection: \$406.00

2nd Collection: \$136.00

Attendance: 46

Envelopes Returned 19



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**24 Hours for the Lord & the "Vigil to Dry Tears"**

**March 4 & 5, 2016**

**Cathedral Basilica of St. James  
250 Cathedral Place Brooklyn, 11201**

*All are invited to partake in this  
Diocesan Family Celebration*

**March 4**

7:00 PM Evening Prayer

7:30-10:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration  
(Confessions available)

9:00-10:00 PM Praise & Worship Music

**March 5**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 am Family Rosary with Scripture reflections

10:30—11:00 Am Works of Mercy Prayer Service

11:00— 12:00 PM Confessions

12:00 Pm Mass—Most Reverend Octavio Cisneros,  
Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, celebrant

**Eleventh Annual Divine Mercy Conference**

**April 16, 2016**

Cardinal Spellman HS Bronx NY

The featured speaker will be

Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC

For information and registration:

[TheDivineMercy.org/bronx](http://TheDivineMercy.org/bronx)

800-462-7426

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

**April 23, 2016 11:00 am**

**Saints Simon & Jude Church**

All couples who have been married in the Catholic Church are invited. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows & receive a personalized certificate. Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Celebrant

Light refreshments to follow.

Please call the rectory office to register before April 4th.

For more information contact

Martha Hernandez at 718-281-9540



[www.facebook.com/stmarkchurchbrooklyn](http://www.facebook.com/stmarkchurchbrooklyn)

**Upcoming Events**

**PARISH MOVIE NIGHT MARCH 4th**



**FREE ADMISSION**

Tickets available after Masses or at the rectory  
Sponsored by Youth Ministry.

*Rosary Society  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
March 3rd  
Following 9:30 Mass*

**Palm Crosses**

All members of our parish ministries are invited to join us on March 11 from 6:30—9:00 pm in the school cafeteria. We will be making palm crosses to be distributed on Palm Sunday & during our Good Friday Walk. Please contact Michael Davis for information: 347-574-1828.

**Year of Mercy Lenten Retreat Day**

sponsored by the Golden Age &  
Rosary Societies

**Saturday March 12th 9am –3pm**

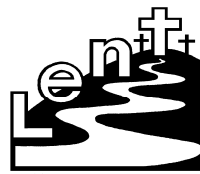
\$20 donation

Fr. Stephen Saffron will lead a day of reflection and prayer. For more information and reservations:

Vicki Mollo: 718-645-0424

Joan Belt: 718-646-2176

Kathy Fackovec: 718-934-7964



**Camp Veritas 2016:** a one week play-and pray summer camp for teens going into 7-12th grade. It will be held at 3 locations: July 24-30 at Mt. St. Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 31-Aug 6 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD; & Aug 14-20 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY.

Enrollment open 1/1/16, the price for each week is \$400 per camper. Early bird rates are \$370 for all sites. More details & enrollment forms for campers & volunteers (18 & over) can be found at [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).

# School News

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It is hard to believe that March is almost here. Could it mean that Spring is just around the corner? Two-thirds of the school year is almost over...time sure does fly!

Open Registration for the new school year is underway. Financial Assistance Programs are available. Stop in, take a tour and learn about our great school.

90% of Eighth Graders were accepted by their first choice Catholic High Schools. This class has also earned \$90,000 in scholarships. They are well on the road to success!!!

The following students have been recognized by their teachers as Students of the Month because they have demonstrated a kind and loving heart towards others. They are:

**Nursery 1: Lexie Reyes; Nursery 2: Jayden Yu;**  
**Kindergarten: Ethan Fiallo; Grade 1: Ashley Alhakim; Grade 2: Caleb Turpin; Grade 3: Emma Perez; Grade 4: Christina Mushailova;**  
**Grade 5: Liana Saunov; Grade 6: Nylah Rogers;**  
**Grade 7: Neha Iqbal; & Grade 8: Brianna Biggs**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## The Tablet Youth Easter Art Contest

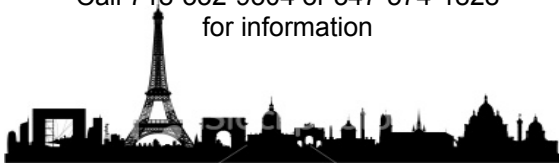
Students in grades 1-12, residing or studying in Brooklyn or Queens are invited to prepare for Easter this year by participating in the annual art contest organized by The Tablet Newspaper and sponsored by the Archbishop John Hughes Knights of Columbus.

The theme for the contest is Christ is Risen. Full details are available at:  
[thetablet.org/easter-art-contest](http://thetablet.org/easter-art-contest) or call: 718-517-3101

**St. Mark Catholic Academy  
22nd Annual Card Party**

# April in Paris

Saturday, April 16, 2016  
\$25.00 Tickets on sale now!  
Call 718-332-9304 or 347-574-1828  
for information



St. Mark R.C. Parish

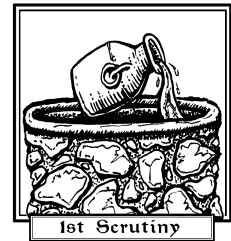
## Office of Faith Formation

### Office Hours:

Monday: 1:00-5:00  
Wednesday: 9:00-2:00  
Thursday: 9:00-2:00  
718-769-6311

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:

The *Scrutinies* are rites for self-searching and repentance and have a spiritual purpose. They are celebrated on Sundays and reinforced by the rite of exorcism in which the elect are free from the effects of sin and the influence of the



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devil. The *Scrutinies* are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect, and to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. These rites complete the conversion of the elect. They inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ.

1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny - Sunday, Feb 28 12:30 pm Mass  
2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny - Sunday, Mar 6 12:30 pm Mass  
3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny - Sunday, Mar 13 11:00 am Mass

## FIRST RECONCILIATION PRACTICES IN THE CHURCH:

**Wednesday, March 2:** 4:00-5:30 pm

**Thursday, March 3:** 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

## FIRST RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday, March 5**

Please be in the church at 10:45 am.

After reconciliation there will be a sale of communion items in the school.

## PRESENTATION OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

**Sunday, March 6** at the 11:00 am Mass

The children will be presented to the parish community and they will be given a Bible.

**SAVE THE DATE:  
NEXT MEETING  
FEB. 26TH**



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