



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

March 30, 2022

Dear Families:

It's hard to believe that this is the last Wednesday Folder for the month of March, and April begins on Friday! June is right around the corner. In fact, the tentative last day of school is a little over 80 days away!

Once March ends, it's easy for us to set our eyes on June, "the finish line," so to speak. However, we shouldn't wish the months of April and May away. There's so much going on; just take a look at the April calendar, and there's more planned for May. But, most importantly, in April we observe the most sacred season in the liturgical calendar—Easter. As I mentioned last week, during Easter we celebrate Christ saving us from sin through His death and resurrection. It is also a time for rebirth in nature and a moment for us, ourselves, to rejuvenate and begin anew.

Speaking of celebrations, April is also National Poetry Month, so I thought it fitting to share with you an Easter poem as we prepare to begin this new month and start the holiest season of the year...

An Easter Prayer

by Helen Steiner Rice

*God, give us eyes to see
the beauty of the Spring,
And to behold Your majesty
in every living thing.
And may we see in lacy leaves
and every budding flower
The Hand that rules the universe
with gentleness and power.
And may this Easter grandeur
that Spring lavishly imparts
Awaken faded flowers of faith
Lying dormant in our hearts.
And give us ears to hear, dear God
the Springtime song of birds
With messages more meaningful
than man's often empty words.
Telling harried human beings
who are lost in dark despair
'Be like us and do not worry
for God has you in his care.'*

The English teacher in me would like to write a whole letter analyzing this poem with you. Instead, I'd like you to read it and just let it speak to you. Happy April! Happy National Poetry Month—and, most importantly, Happy Easter!












Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

Continuing the tradition of faith, service, and education.

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April 2022 Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					Pizza & Dress Down (\$5) Youth Ministry: Palm Cross Making 6:30pm-8:30pm	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					Class of 2022 Ring Day @ 10am K-8 Early Dismissal (Full Day for 3K & PreK)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	National Pet Day 	FREE NYPD Blue Dress Down Day  FULL DAY OF SCHOOL		SCHOOL CLOSED: Holy Thursday 	SCHOOL CLOSED: Good Friday 	 HOLY SATURDAY
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	SCHOOL CLOSED: Easter Recess	SCHOOL CLOSED: Easter Recess	SCHOOL CLOSED: Easter Recess	SCHOOL CLOSED: Easter Recess HAPPY NATIONAL KINDERGARTEN DAY 	SCHOOL CLOSED: Easter Recess 	SCHOOL CLOSED: Easter Recess
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
SCHOOL CLOSED: Easter Recess	Feast of Saint Mark 	NYS Math Exam Grades 4, 6, and 7	NYS Math Exam Grades 4, 6, and 7			Saint Mark Parish Picnic at Nansen Park, Staten Island 

EARLY DISMISSAL

on Friday, April 8th

- Please continue to use your usual entrance/exit.
- This is a **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL** for 3K for All and Pre-K for All students.
- The after-school program will continue to be available for all students.

DISMISSAL TIMES FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

- Kindergarten A and Kindergarten B will dismiss at 11:50am.
- Grades 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, and 4 will dismiss at 12pm.
- Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 will also dismiss at 12pm.

My Dear Parishioners,

It gives me great joy to share with you that St. Mark – St. Margaret Mary Parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you.

Our parish will be using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish. Next weekend at all the Masses, we will help walk you through the registration process if needed.

You have easy access to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey and that of your family members.

Are you hesitant to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after a long absence? Watch *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*.

Would you like to be more confident in answering your teenagers' questions about the validity of the Gospels? Watch *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*.

Do you search for a reliable source of Catholic teaching on current issues? Tune in each week to *The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray*.

Have you despaired of finding good movies that your family can enjoy together on a Friday night? Start with *Mother Teresa*, the story of the selfless saint who brought hope and love to the poorest of the poor.

As we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week, might I suggest watching *Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage*, a 30-minute contemplative documentary that cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story.

You can enjoy FORMED on your computer or on your television with an inexpensive Roku device or Apple TV. You can even listen on your phone as you commute to work or do chores.

My hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith.

May the good Lord bless you and all of your loved ones!
Father Bob, Pastor



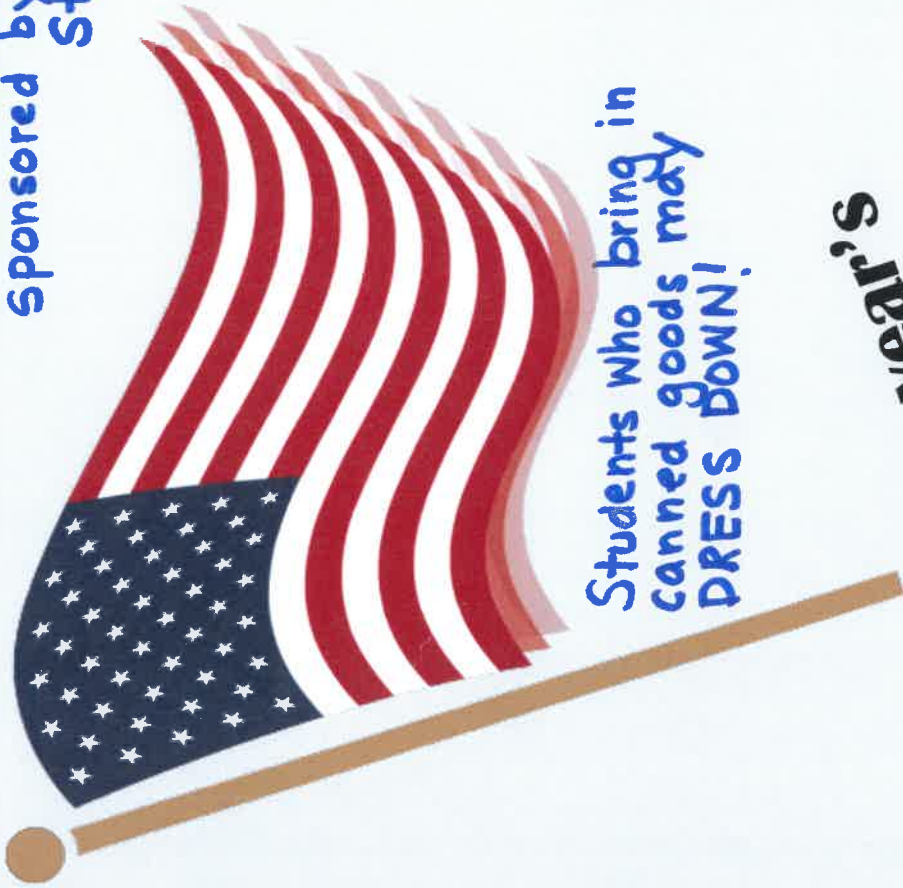
To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching *FORMED Catholic* in your app store.

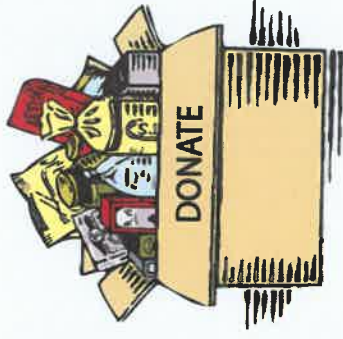
BREAD OF LIFE FOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Notre Dame Club of Staten Island



Students who bring in
canned goods may
DRESS DOWN!

**Support this Year's
Bread of Life Food
Drive at our school!**



B.O.L.D. 2022

March 28 – April 9

“31 Years of Caring”



GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR PEACE

April 15, 2022



Please join us at 10:00am in front of St. Mark Church.

We walk from St. Mark along Emmons Avenue stopping at different points along the route to pray the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary across the foot bridge to St. Margaret Mary and back to St. Mark.

We will then conclude the morning with a soup and bread lunch together as a community in the academy's cafeteria. For more information call the Rectory at

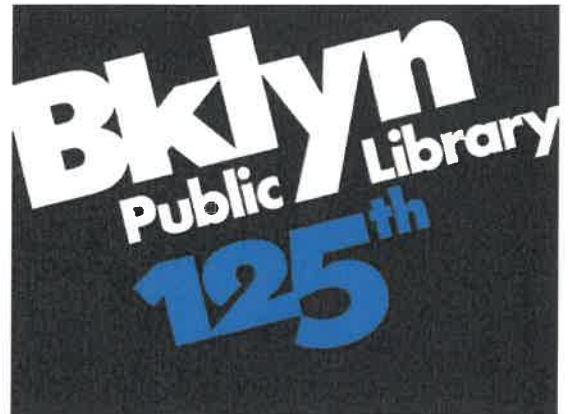
718-891-3100

Mandatory for Confirmation Candidates

Celebrating 125 YEARS of Brooklyn Public Library with Award-Winning Singers!

Saturday, April 2, 2022
3:00pm - 4:00pm
Sheepshead Bay Library (Outdoors)

Sheepshead Bay Library presents an afternoon of outdoor music commemorating Brooklyn Public Library's **125th ANNIVERSARY!**



Relax and sip **HOT CHOCOLATE** from our hot beverage bar provided by **PORTOKALI GOURMET MARKET** while enjoying live music from Ukrainian award-winning singers **LUDMILA FESENKO & SERGEY PODEDINSKI!!**

The duo will perform popular romances and classics in English, Ukrainian, Hebrew and Italian.

FREE take-home **COVID Kits** will be distributed!

Patrons and Brooklyn residents are also welcome to check out the recently reopened **\$1 BOOK SALE** located just outside our front entrance. We have a wide variety of DVDs, graphic novels, children's books, and more to add to your own personal collection.

All are invited to the celebration!
For more information or to RSVP
call **718.368.1815** or go to **bklynlibrary.org**.



Brooklyn Public Library
Sheepshead Bay Branch
2636 E. 14th St. at Ave. Z
Brooklyn, NY 11235
bklynlibrary.org

St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary Family Picnic

Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM



A Taste of Honey at Nansen Park
3465 Victory Boulevard
Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

Cost: \$40 per adult, \$20 per child 6 - 14, children under 6 free

DJ, Music and Dancing

Tentative activities include:

Shuffleboard, Horseshoes

Bocce Ball, Volleyball

Softball (bring your glove)

Sack Races, 3 Legged Races

Face painting for kid &

our Roaring Lion Raffle Drawing!

Menu includes unlimited:

Bagels, Danish, Coffee and Tea

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fries, Salad Bar

BBQ Chicken, Sausage & Peppers,

Roast Beef Sandwiches, Corn on the Cob

Watermelon, Ice Cream

Soda and Water

Wine \$4/glass, Beer \$5/bottle

Close with Vigil Mass for Sun. at 5 pm

(No outside alcohol permitted on premises)



Free on site Parking

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY SUPPORTS THE NYPD

As part of an ongoing fundraiser, we will be selling **BLUE BOWS** in support of the New York City Police Department and all law enforcement agencies.

For a **\$5 donation**, a family will have a bow placed on our fence on East 19th Street. Also, each child will be entitled to a **BLUE DRESS DOWN** on the day of their choice.

The fundraiser will begin **February 10th** and end on **April 13th**.

All funds will support the **NYC PBA Widows and Children's Fund**.



Saint Mark Catholic Academy • BLUE BOW SALE **\$5 Donation for each bow**

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Number of bows to purchase: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY'S FRIDAY PIZZA DINNER RAFFLE



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY!

Sponsored by

V&S PIZZA

1723 Emmons Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11235



For \$20, your family has
SIX (6) chances to win a family pizza dinner
package from **V&S Pizza!**

The family pizza package includes...

- A large cheese pizza
- Two orders of garlic knots
- A 1.5-liter bottle of soda



Drawings will be held on:

March 4th • March 11th • March 18th • March 25th • April 1st • April 8th

Raffles can be bought throughout the six weeks. • Winners will not be removed.
Multiple opportunities to win!

FRIDAY PIZZA DINNER RAFFLE

Family Name: _____

Number of Raffles: _____ @ \$20 each = Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Winners will get a voucher to bring to V&S. No deliveries.