

# Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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St. Ephrem Catholic Church Dyker Heights

## Parish Staff

Very Rev. Robert B. Adamo, V. F., KCHS, *Pastor*  
Rev. Anthony S. Chanan, *Parochial Vicar*  
Rev. Nicholas Colalella, *Parochial Vicar*  
Deacon Kevin McLaughlin, *Permanent Deacon*  
Deacon Anthony Stucchio, *Permanent Deacon*  
Sr. Mary Ann Ambrose, C.S.J., *Director of Faith Formation*  
Mr. Robert Cote, *Youth Minister*  
Mr. Michael Phillips, *Academy Principal*  
Ms. Adele Rapelye, *Director of Music/Liturgy*  
Mrs. Michele James, *Business Manager*  
Mrs. Lisa Pinsky, *Parish Secretary*

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord



Abbreviated Bulletin—For Full Copy  
<https://stephremparish-brooklyn.org/bulletins>



**Hearing Assistance**  
iOS & Android

### Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway  
718-833-1010  
Fax 718-921-5232

### Faith Formation Center

Side Entrance of St. Ephrem Convent (off Bay Ridge Parkway)  
718-745-7486  
[FaithFormation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org](mailto:FaithFormation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org)

### St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ [www.stephremcatholicacademy.org](http://www.stephremcatholicacademy.org)

### Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM, and 11:00 AM  
Weekdays Monday through Friday 7:00 AM & 8:45 AM  
Saturday 8:45 AM

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 AM—12 Noon  
1:00 PM—5:00 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM—12 Noon  
1:00 PM—4:00 PM  
Saturday **No Office Hours**  
Sunday **No Office Hours**

### Parish Registration

All are welcomed and invited to register at the Parish Office and participate in our parish or via parish website above.

### Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena, Mondays following the 8:45 AM Mass  
Recitation of the Rosary at 8:15 AM before weekly morning Mass.  
Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday following the 8:45 AM Mass  
First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:45 AM Mass and Benediction at 12:30 PM.

### Baptism

Parents should call the rectory to make an appointment. Please note that there are no baptisms during the season of Lent.

### Marriage

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of serious spiritual preparation. Couples should make arrangements for their marriage at least six months before the date of the wedding by making an appointment with a priest or deacon. Please log on to [www.bqpre-cana.org](http://www.bqpre-cana.org) for complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:30—4:30 PM.  
By appointment for all other times.

### Anointing of the Sick/Communion

To make arrangements for communion to be brought to any parishioner who is seriously ill or confined to the house, or if they wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. To see a particular Staff Member, please call for an appointment.

## Our Mission Statement

We, the parish family of St. Ephrem, baptized into the life of Jesus Christ and nourished by the Word and the Eucharist, strive to be a welcoming and responsive Roman Catholic faith community. Together we are committed to put our faith into action by: Responding to the spiritual and physical needs of the community through service and charity.

Reaching out to those who are searching for a faith community, including the young and those seeking to re-kindle their relationship with God. Reaching out to all without distinction.

Passing on our faith and traditions through teaching by word and example. Connecting to where people are on their faith journey.

Actively participating in the worship, sacrament and devotional life of the church.

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."*

**Mark 11: 1-10**

**Procession with Palms**

Dear Parishioners:

At both gospels today, at the procession and the passion narrative, Jesus gives his disciples instructions that are striking in their specificity, and which occur just as he says. They find a donkey where they are supposed to; the bystanders allow them to take it. They follow a man carrying water and find the Upper Room waiting for them. Jesus continues to make predictions as he moves through the passion, like the shaking of the disciples' faith and the approach of Judas. In all this, Jesus seems to be in control, accepting calmly the horrific things that await him. Even as he prays from a place of deep sorrow, even as he pleads with God to *"take this cup away,"* he accepts with steadfast courage what he is about to suffer. Jesus knows that the death that awaits him is not the end of his story. His faith in the God who gives life enables him to face his unthinkable torment.

In today's second reading, Saint Paul puts forth the image of Jesus emptying himself. The Son of God took on the form of a slave, emptying himself of all divine privileges so that he might fully enter the sufferings of humanity. Jesus' act of emptying created space for him to be filled again with the glory of God. Emptying can be difficult work and it can also be life-giving in the end. Consider how you might empty yourself this Holy Week so that you might have more space to receive the joys of resurrection at Easter.

Over the coming days, the church invites us to accompany Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. The liturgies of Holy Week offer chances to feel with Jesus and his disciples the palm branches waving in the streets, the water that washes over the feet, the bread and wine shared in memory of Christ, the wood of the cross.

What suffering have you gone through or are you going through? How can you unite that suffering to Christ's?

I hope you can join us throughout this week and participate in the various liturgies as we accompany Jesus through his passion, death and resurrection.

In the Good Shepherd,

## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

*With Procession beginning at the Mary Garden*

Sunday, March 24th

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*(Palms will be distributed at Mass)*

### Reconciliation Monday

March 25th

2:00 pm-4:00 p.m.

6:00 pm-8:00 p.m.



### Chrism Mass

*The Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph*

Tuesday, March 26th at 4:30 p.m.

Can be viewed via Cable at NETV

### Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.

**(No Morning Mass)**

### The Triduum



### Holy Thursday

March 28th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.

*One teen will be receiving First Holy Communion*

*The Church will remain open*

*for private prayer until Midnight*

### Good Friday

March 29th

Passion of the Lord at 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.

### Holy Saturday

March 30th

Blessing of Easter Baskets at 1:30 p.m.

The Great Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

**(There are NO afternoon Confessions.**

**There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)**

### Easter Sunday

March 31st

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Easter Egg Hunt by the Mary Statue*

*after the 11:00 a.m. Mass*

**Bring your basket!**





## Easter Season



### Divine Mercy

*Join us for the Novena  
April 1st through April 6th  
following the 8:45 a.m. Mass.*

**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
April 7th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

*Followed by:  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction*

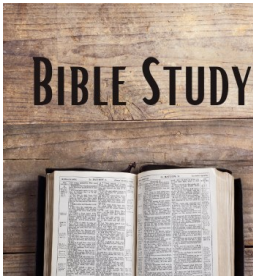
### Stations of Joy

**Tuesdays of the Easter Season**  
April 9th—May 14th  
*Following the 8:45 a.m. Mass*



### Easter Bible Study

*“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead”  
(1 Cor 15:20).*



Join Fr. Nick for some time of study, reflection, and prayer with the Sunday Scriptures during the Easter Season. Sessions will meet every Thursday morning from April 4th through May 16th. Meetings will take place right after the 8:45 AM Mass in the rectory meeting room. If interested, please fill out the online form on our website or call the rectory: (718) 833-1010.



**Wind Creek Casino**

**April 3rd**

**For information & details please contact  
Frank Milea (347) 267-3644**

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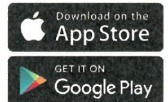
## 2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage

**February 14 to March 27**

Visit 40 churches throughout Brooklyn and Queens for a celebration of the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

**Download your FREE  
Lenten Pilgrimage App.**

Use the app as your digital passport, track your progress, get up-to-date information, and join our prayer community.



The Lenten Pilgrimage App  
is available for download on



Scan to visit  
our website

For your pilgrimage schedule, visit:  
**[dioceseofbrooklyn.org/Lent](http://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/Lent)**

Keep the conversation going on social media and share your pilgrimage journey using #ChristisHere, #RealPresence, #ChristinNYC, #Lent2024



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH**



**Adoration following the  
8:45 am Mass**

*In the event of a funeral,  
Adoration begins after the funeral.*

**Benediction takes place at  
12:00 Noon.**

## *Come, My Light*

*Come, my Light,  
and illumine my darkness.*

*Come, my Life,  
and revive me from death.*

*Come, my Physician,  
and heal my wounds.*

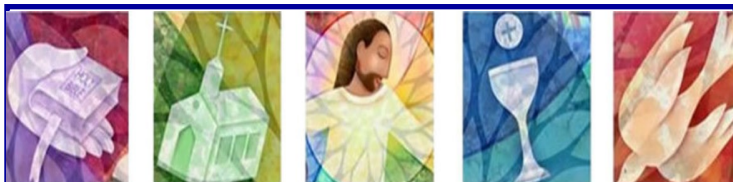
*Come, Flame of divine love,  
and burn up the thorns of my sins,  
kindling my heart  
with the flame of thy love.*

*—Dimitrii of Rostov*



[www.jesuitresource.org](http://www.jesuitresource.org)





### **St. Ephrem Parish Faith Formation News!**

**Classes Continue Each Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.**

**Need to Register? Go to:**

**<https://stephremparish-brooklyn.org/faith-formation-news/>**



**Join  
St. Ephrem Parish and  
Academy in  
celebrating  
St. Patrick.**

**You can march with us  
or cheer us on along the route.**

*Parade begins at 1:00 PM  
at 3rd Avenue & Marine Avenue*

### **2024 Lucky March Calendar Raffle Winners**

March 1st	\$75	Rose Mazzone
March 2nd	\$50	Fr. Christopher Heanue
March 3rd	\$100	Marge & Tony Russo
March 4th	\$50	Carmela Montanile
March 5th	\$50	Austin Milea
March 6th	\$50	Linda Cavalcante
March 7th	\$50	Martha Campbell
March 8th	\$75	Carol Ann Pallonetti
March 9th	\$50	Rich & Sera Barry
March 10th	\$100	Nancy Mazzone
March 11th	\$50	Debbie Hayes
March 12th	\$50	Kathleen McCarthy
March 13th	\$50	Clare Mazza
March 14th	\$50	Richard Baron
March 15th	\$75	Marie Zangari

**Thank You to all who have participated  
in our March Calendar Raffle!  
Congratulations to the Winners!  
The next drawing is March 31st.**

### **PARISH AND ACADEMY HAPPENINGS**



**The O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian  
Initiation of Adults)**  
**Adults needing both Eucharist  
(Communion) and Confirmation or if  
interested in becoming Catholic can  
also reach out to S. Mary Ann at  
[Faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org](mailto:Faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org)**



### **Easter Vigil**

**Saturday**

**March 30, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.**

**We welcome into the  
Church and Parish Family**



### **Anuhpam and Russel**

*These two men have been preparing for the  
past two years. We welcome Anuhpam  
through Baptism, Confirmation and  
Eucharist. Russel one with us already  
through Baptism, will be Confirmed and  
welcomed to the Table of the Lord for the  
first time to receive Holy Communion.*

**Please prayer for these men as they  
continue their journey of faith!**



### **Holy Thursday**

**March 28, 2024 at 7:30 pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper**

### **Christian Chavez**

*We welcome to the Table of the Lord  
for the first time to receive  
Holy Communion.*



## Mass Intentions for the week of March 24, 2024

**8:45 AM Mass, the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass and the Sunday, 11:00 AM Mass are being live streamed through our parish website. Please share and join us!**

### Saturday, March 23rd

8:45 AM Nicholas Aldawaliby  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem  
Leonard J. Dimino  
Msgr. Theo  
Natalino Guglielmetti  
Florence & Benjamin Nigro  
Raffaella Gambardella  
Souad Kamel  
Thelma D. Juadoing  
Abigail Jean Pierre

### Sunday, March 24th

8:00 AM Michael Lepore  
11:00 AM Salvatore Bonfiglio

### Monday, March 25th

7:00 AM John Sichenze  
8:45 AM Pietro Nesta

### Tuesday, March 26th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM Rae Esposito

### Wednesday, March 27th

7:00 AM Joseph Losardo  
8:45 AM **St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Mass**  
Charles Casazza

### Thursday, March 28th-Holy Thursday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
7:30 PM Mass of The Lord's Supper

### Friday, March 29th-Good Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
3:00 PM Passion of The Lord  
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 30th-Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

**NO Confessions & 5:00 PM Mass**

1:30 PM Easter Baskets Blessing

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

### Sunday, March 31st-Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Pietra Trantino  
11:00 AM Domenick Iannizzi

## MEMORIALS



### Bread and Wine

In Memory of

**Rae Esposito & Domenick Iannizzi**

*Requested by Their Loving Family*



### Altar Candles

In Memory of

**Carl Gaglia**

*Requested by Linda Gaglia and Family*



### Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

**Vittoria & Carmine Gaglia**

*Requested by Linda Gaglia and Family*



Sisters of St. Joseph  
Brentwood, NY  
Uniting all in God's love



Congregation of the Sisters, Servants  
of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Scranton, PA

Dear Friends,

In early January of 1922, Father Richard Kennedy, founding pastor of St. Ephrem's Parish contacted Mother Casimir, the IHM Superior General at the time. Father Kennedy inquired about the possibility of missioning eight IHM Sisters to St. Ephrem's School. Mother Casimir was very happy to respond affirmatively to his request. Father Kennedy was a native of Scranton, PA and two of his sisters, Sister Pierina and Sister Mildred were IHM Sisters.

After many letters, conversations with the Diocesan Bishops and Catholic School Superintendent and Mother Casimir, the decision was finalized. On September 5, 1922, the eight sisters who were missioned to St. Ephrem's were together in their new home preparing for the start of a new school year on September 11, 1922.

For 102 years the IHM Sisters who resided in St. Ephrem's Convent were blessed by and deeply grateful for the goodness and warm hospitality of St. Ephrem's Parish and Parishioners. In 2017, the parish extended their welcome and hospitality to the Sisters of St. Joseph from Brentwood, NY who moved in and shared community with the IHM Sisters. Your welcome, as a parish community, enabled members of two religious congregations to live out their charism and mission among you. What a blessing it has been for the sisters and for the CSJ and IHM Congregations.

The CSJ and IHM Leadership teams have been discerning the wisdom of using a building as large as St. Ephrem's Convent for the number of sisters who are currently in residence. We came to the decision that it would be best at this time for the sisters to move to available CSJ and IHM housing. Between now and June, the sisters will be getting ready for the next chapter of their lives in community as they prepare to move. Know that they will be taking fond memories of you and the hospitality of your caring parish family.

Know that you are in our prayer and remembered with great gratitude.

God's blessings,

*Tesa Fitzgerald CSJ*  
Tesa Fitzgerald, CSJ  
President  
Sisters of St. Joseph

*Kathryn Clauss, IHM*  
Kathryn Clauss, IHM  
President  
Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary



March 17, 2024 208 Envelopes \$6,525.00

We Share 14 Donors \$ 610.74

Attendance 588

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 172 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 96  
Sunday 11:00 a.m. 320

907 Families Registered and Receive Envelopes  
**If you are able to send in your weekly donation, enroll in the secure online donation through our Parish website it would be greatly appreciated.**

To learn more about ways to give, visit our parish website at: [www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org](http://www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org)  
Click on 'Giving' and follow prompts.

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!

*"Lord, grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."*  
Saint Francis of Assisi

## St. Ephrem Centennial Campaign Our Church, Our Prayers, Our Legacy

As of March 18, 2024

Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,363,812.64
Paid to Date	\$1,268,689.31
Percent of Goal	120%

**Thank You for your Generosity!**

*\*Some pledges have been cancelled due to changing life circumstances.*

**Saint Ephrem, pray for us!**



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## PARISH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### ST. EPHREM YOUTH PROGRAM 2024 BASEBALL SEASON

St. Ephrem is excited to kick off the 2024 Intramural Boys Baseball and Girls Softball seasons!



Instructional Boys/Girls Baseball (K - 1st Grade)  
Intramural Girls Softball (2nd - 8th Grade)  
Intramural Boys Baseball (2nd - 8th Grade)

**\$130 Registration Fee per Player**

Season will begin in April 2024

*\*\*Please register early so we can set up teams and practices!*

Any Questions?

Contact Vince Blandino @ (917) 453 - 1795



**PLEASE SCAN OR COPY LINK FOR REGISTRATION**

<https://doodlio.com/#/reg/10068/483>

### St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Summer Camp 2024

Ages 4-12 Campers must be 4 by the first day of camp  
Rates based on your summer schedule!



- \*Air Conditioned Facility
- \*Morning & Aftercare
- \*Meal Plan
- \*McKinley Park Trips
- \*Arts & Crafts
- \*Tennis Lessons
- \*Special Rates for siblings
- \*Trained Counselors

Serving the Dyker Heights & Bay Ridge Community!  
Online Registration: [summerfun@stephremschool.org](mailto:summerfun@stephremschool.org)  
(718) 833-1440  
[www.stephremschool.org](http://www.stephremschool.org)



**Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2024**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



Parish Goal: \$100,198.00  
Amount Pledged: \$30,495.00  
Amount Paid: \$22,946.00  
Donors: 39

**Donate and contribute to fulfill our Parish goals**

Scan the Code  
Or text DONATE to 917-336-1255  
Or visit: [annualcatholicappeal.org](http://annualcatholicappeal.org)

