

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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St. Ephrem Catholic Church Dyker Heights

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April 7, 2024
Divine Mercy Sunday



Abbreviated Bulletin—For Full Copy
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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

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ 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 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-ignite 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.



**Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday**

April 7, 2024

**“Eight days later Jesus came and
stood in their midst.”
John 20: 19-31**

Dear Parishioners:

The last paragraph of today’s gospel is a little frustrating. *“Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that and not written in this book.”* Why would John not write down all the signs that Jesus did? It seems like more preservation of this story would be better! But the incompleteness of John’s retelling reveals an important thing: we need each other. None of us holds the complete story of Jesus, but we all see him in different ways according to our various places in life. When we come together to share what we have seen of Jesus, we may begin to realize that he far surpasses our hopes for him. Our images of Jesus are always too small. Thomas, too, would have understood more of Christ had he trusted those who had experienced him differently.

Fear grips the disciples as they huddle together on that first day of the week. Their leader and friend just died an excruciating death on the cross. A woman from Magdala claims Jesus still lives, but her story sounds like nonsense. Jesus died. The tomb is closed. The story is over, right? Doors are not the only things locked on the first day.

Then Jesus appears. Jesus, the one who died, stands in their midst in all his glorified humanity, and with his scars. The resurrected Jesus still bears the marks of the cross on his hands and side when he offers the disciples the gift they so desperately needed: peace. The peace Jesus offers does not promise the absence of fear, violence, or suffering. Rather, it is a promise of wholeness and fulfillment, an assurance of the divine presence always and everywhere. Peace be with you wherever you go. Peace be with you in your darkest hours. Peace be with you when you feel most alone. Peace be with you in the face of death. Peace be with you because I will be with you.

Jesus returns to the disciples a week later when Thomas is with them. Knowing he missed the first appearance; Jesus gives Thomas exactly what he needs. He invites Thomas to touch the wounds on his resurrected body. Thomas often gets a bad rap for doubting, but what about his desire to draw close to his Savior? Thomas asks for what many of us need: the assurance that Jesus is truly present in our midst.

In the Good Shepherd,

Easter Season

Divine Mercy

**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.**

First Holy Communion

*All families should be attending
Mass every weekend.*



**First Holy Communion
will be celebrated
at the following Masses:**

**Saturday, April 27th at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 28th at 11:00 a.m.**

Church of St. Ephrem



Friday, May 17, 2024

7:00 PM

**St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street
Brooklyn, New York**

\$45.00 Per Person Includes:

**Snacks, Sandwiches, Cookies, Soda,
Water,
Coffee & Tea**

**Available for sale:
Wine, Beer**

**For Information & Reservations Contact
St. Ephrem Rectory (718) 833-1010
You can arrange for tables of 8 or 10 people.**

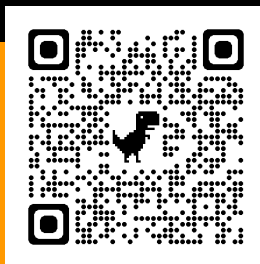
**Please make reservations by May 13th
No Tickets will be sold at the door**

Prizes

**50/50 Raffle
Basket Raffles**



**Want to help us?
You can purchase an item
from our wish list.
Thank You!
St. Ephrem Radio Bingo 2024**



<https://amzn.to/3IJI5KQ> (<https://amzn.to/3IJI5KQ>)

**Mass Intentions
are available through
June 30, 2024**

Please contact the Rectory.



On behalf of the St. Andrew Food Pantry, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of food.

They say it takes a village. Thank you for being part of our village by helping feed those in need.

It is so important and so appreciated!

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items on

April 20 & 21

Thank you for your generosity!



Fun for Seniors

**St. Ephrem Friendship Club
Wednesday's 10:30 am—2:00 pm
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Msgr.
Kain Hall**

Seniors 55+ are welcome to join the Friendship Club and participate in the fun!!! Yearly Membership is \$15.00. Do you enjoy 50/50 raffles, bingo, Casino Trips, Luncheons, Senior Prom, Card Games, coffee, cake, and so much more, this is the club for you.

For any questions, please free to call Frank 347-267-3644



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/>



Proximate Preparation for Confirmation

All gatherings take place in
Saint Ephrem Catholic Academy Cafeteria
Sundays 9:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.

Sunday, April 14th Session II
Sunday, May 19th Session III
September 15th Session IV
October 6th Session V

All should be attending mass every weekend

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025
APRIL 21ST through JUNE 23RD



Before June 23rd:

One Child: \$130
Two + Children: \$180

Before June 23rd:

One Child: \$160
Two + Children: \$210

Registration is On-Line! Go to:
<https://stephremparish-brooklyn.org/faith-formation-news/>

Then click on: Faith Formation Registration (Side Bar)

You must complete Registration Form and submit it at the end.
Payment can be made online by clicking on "Giving" then
Faith Formation Registration Fees then One Time Payment
and enter amount to pay and complete the form.

Children's Faith Formation Classes are Grades 1 through 8.
As per Diocesan Policy, it is the expectation that children attend
every year. You wouldn't skip Math Class for a year, please
don't skip growing in faith.

Registering early helps us plan and purchase material for the New Year!

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



Adult Confirmation Pentecost 2024

Any adult having been baptized Roman Catholic and received First Holy Communion who is need of the Sacrament of Confirmation is invited to register for our Adult Confirmation Classes.

Please contact the Faith Formation Office:
faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org

Gatherings for Adult Confirmation

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
April 10th 17th, 24th, May 1st, 8th, & 15th

Come Holy Spirit

**Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love .
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth**

**O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit
We may be truly wise and ever enjoy
His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.**

Mass Intentions for the week of April 7, 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, April 6th

8:45 AM Nicolas Aldawaliby
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
 Leonard J. Dimino
 Louis DiPretoro
 John McGrann
 Phyliss Costa
 Lena Micciolo
 For the Intentions of Maryanne Bifulco Richter & Family

Sunday, April 7th

8:00 AM Helge Henriksen
 11:00 AM Domenica & Rocco DeVito

Monday, April 8th

7:00 AM Theresa Murray
 8:45 AM Msgr. Theo

Tuesday, April 9th

7:00 AM Matthew O'Connor
 8:45 AM Rose Lubrano Lavadera

Wednesday, April 10th

7:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
 8:45 AM Msgr. Theo

Thursday, April 11th

7:00 AM Nancy S. D'Amato
 8:45 AM Florence & Benjamin Nigro

Friday, April 12th

7:00 AM Cassie Loughran
 8:45 AM Thomas & Julia Costanza

Saturday, April 13th

8:45 AM Nicolas & Elias Aldawaliby
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
 Leonard J. Dimino
 Frank S. Milea
 Louis LaRocca
 Renee Sayour
 Mary Walters
 Marco Semilia
 Paul A. Vallone
 Lucy Malverty

Sunday, April 14th

8:00 AM Vincent J. Dougherty
 11:00 AM Thomas & Julia Costanza

MEMORIALS



Bread and Wine

In Memory of

Maria Modena

Requested by Her Husband Leonard and Family



Altar Candles

In Memory of

Una Dowd

Requested by The Spollen Family



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

Special Intention

2024 Lucky March Calendar Raffle Winners

March 16th	\$50	Michael Campbell
March 17th	\$200	Sr. Cecilia Tji
March 18th	\$50	Helen Chartrand
March 19th	\$200	Janet Gobaira
March 20th	\$50	Maria Corrado
March 21st	\$50	Gabriella Monferrato
March 22nd	\$75	Fr. Robert
March 23rd	\$50	Michael Pasipanki
March 24th	\$100	Annie Rodo
March 25th	\$50	Kathy & Gerry Marciano
March 26th	\$50	Mary Dimatteo
March 27th	\$50	Barbara Bidell
March 28th	\$50	Rosemarie Graffagnino
March 29th	\$75	MaryAnn DeGegennaro
March 30th	\$50	Andrea Mule
March 31st	\$1,000	Barbara Bidell

Thank You to all who have participated in our March Calendar Raffle! Congratulations to the Winners!

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>



**Titling Report was not available,
at the time bulletin went to print.**

March 31, 2024 220 Envelopes \$7,078.00
Easter Gift 142 Envelopes \$12,825.00
We Share 10 Donors \$ 246.80

Attendance 893

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 138 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 198
Sunday 11:00 a.m. 567

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
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 25, 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!



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
(718) 833-1440
www.stephremschool.org



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024 DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
Amount Pledged: \$41,585.00
Amount Paid: \$28,375.00
Donors: 49

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

Scan the Code
Or text DONATE to 917-336-1255
Or visit: annualcatholicappeal.org



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click on St. Ephrem, follow prompts