

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 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter



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-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.



Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

“Thus, it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.”

Luke 24: 35-48

Dear Parishioners:

Today’s gospel passage follows the story of Cleopas and his companion encountering Christ on the road to Emmaus. The two disciples invite the man to dine with them, not realizing he was Jesus. At the blessing and breaking of the bread, the disciples’ eyes were opened, and they recognized that the one sitting around the table was their risen Savior. Soon after Jesus startles another group of disciples who also did not recognize him at first glance. Their reactions beg the question: what keeps us from recognizing Christ in our midst? How can our senses be opened, through prayer, sacred encounters, and acts of service, so that we are ready to greet Christ when he comes again?

We, too do not always react with wholehearted joy when we encounter Jesus. He often comes to us in unexpected ways and asks us for sacrifices we don’t want to make. But Jesus’ response is to offer reassurance. He has the disciples look more closely, showing them the wounds he endured on the cross and eating in front of them to reassure them that he is not the ghost they fear he is. Jesus responds to our hesitation with the same reassurance. He always invites us to come closer, to see more fully who he is and what he is doing. And when we do, when we finally see him well enough, our response will echo the disciples’ amazement and joy.

Jesus proves the reality of his glorified human presence to the disciples when he poses the common, bodily question: Have you anything here to eat? The image of the risen Christ chowing down on baked fish is both amusing and profound. Our God rose to new life and brought the fullness of the human experience with him. There is no part of our realities that Christ did not redeem.

A core part of Jesus’ ministry was opening minds and hearts to the Scriptures. The Hebrew Scriptures, specifically the law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the psalms shaped Jesus during his life. The Christian Scriptures that would come later continue the wisdom put forth in these ancient texts. The Son of God continues to open minds and hearts to the revelations in Scripture. See what Jesus may reveal to us through the sacred stories.

In the Good Shepherd,

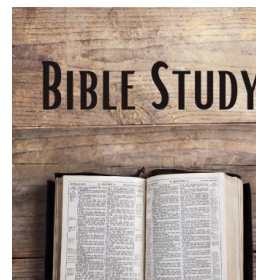
Easter Season



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

Easter Bible Study

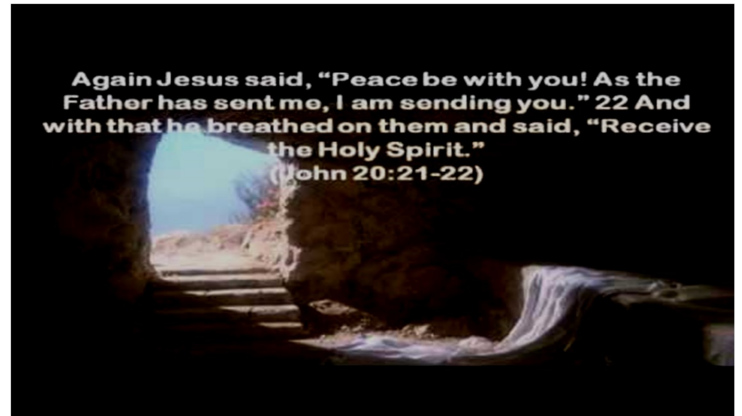
“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead”
(1 Cor 15:20).



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.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:21-22)



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 14, 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 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 Watters
Marco Semilia
Paul A. Vallone
Lucy Malverty

Sunday, April 14th

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

Monday, April 15th

7:00 AM Mary & James Carr
8:45 AM Calvin Bunch

Tuesday, April 16th

7:00 AM Bridget Hillert
8:45 AM John Carr

Wednesday, April 17th

7:00 AM James, Frank & Dolores Carr
8:45 AM Nora Reidy & Ruth Ryan

Thursday, April 18th

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Ann Elder
8:45 AM Rose Lubrano Lavadera

Friday, April 19th

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Marcella & Richie Mitchell
8:45 AM Maddalena Liguori

Saturday, April 20th

8:45 AM Jeanette Duggan
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Denise Kyne
Frank Creo
Mario LaBarbera
John McGrann
Ray Richter
John James

Deceased Members of the Juckiewicz & Guthinger Families

Sunday, April 21st

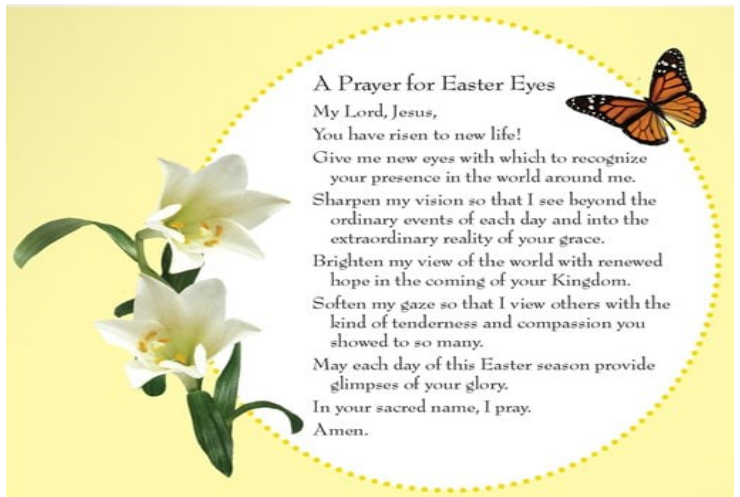
8:00 AM John McGrann
11:00 AM Anna & Antonio DiPreta

MEMORIALS

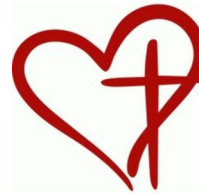


Bread and Wine
In Memory of

*For All the Deceased Parishioners of
St. Ephrem Parish*



Are You Aware?



It has been our experience at times that some people may feel they are not able to receive Communion due to divorce or other personal issues.

Often times, there may be a misunderstanding regarding Church Teaching in these matters. You are encouraged to see Fr. Robert, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Nick, Deacon Tony, or Deacon Kevin for clarity so that you do not miss the opportunity to celebrate the healing presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and in turn come to the Table of the Lord.



The Catholic Climate Covenant's Theme for Earth Day April 22, 2024 is **"Healing Our Throwaway Culture: Focus on Plastic."**

See how much plastic we use.

Judge how we can reduce plastic use, reuse items, or recycle properly.

Act by placing one less plastic item in the trash this week.



March 31, 2024	211 Envelopes	\$7,974.00
Senior Priests'	140 Envelopes	\$4,189.00
Holy Land	77 Envelopes	\$2,160.00
April 7, 2024	168 Envelopes	\$6,133.00
We Share	10 Donors	\$ 246.80

Attendance March 31st 1245
April 7th 582

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 172 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 115
Sunday 11:00 a.m. 295

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 April 8, 2024

Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,357,309.31
Paid to Date	\$1,291,614.31
Percent of Goal	120%

Thank You for your Generosity!

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

Saint Ephrem, pray for us!



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
 (718) 833-1440
www.stephremschool.org



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
 DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
Amount Pledged: \$46,005.00
Amount Paid: \$33,978.00
Donors: 60

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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 Enter our Zip Code 11228
 click on St. Ephrem, follow prompts