

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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October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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.pre-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.



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2023**

***"He changed his mind and went.
Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering
the kingdom of heaven before you."
Matthew 21:28-32***

Dear Parishioners:

This week's gospel gives us another parable and another vineyard. We're still talking about the exceeding generosity of God and how it surpasses all our hopes and imaginings. Here, it is about second chances, and it is good news for all of us. Life brings countless opportunities to fail to do right, and all of us fail sometimes. But it is never too late to change course, and we are never too far gone to come back. God's love reaches far beyond what we expect; in fact, our limited imaginations often cause us to exclude daughters and sons with whom God is well pleased. God's love is not limited to those who appear to be living moral and religious lives; it most fully embraces those on the margins of what we and our too-small imaginations have deemed acceptable.

Changing one's mind is a point of growth for the first son in this gospel. After an initial decline, he does as his father says and goes to work in the vineyard. The first son ultimately makes a good decision, even if he started off on a rocky foot. The second son in today's gospel, meanwhile, appears to be in alignment with his father's wishes. He gives a suitable answer, presumably because he knew what should be done. But in the end, his actions do not live up to his words. Talk is cheap when it is not followed up by actions. Today's gospel invites us to consider who is worthy to enter the kingdom of God and to beware that the answer might not be apparent at first glance.

Jesus celebrates when we change our minds. The one who God greatly exalted, who emptied himself and took the form of a slave out of love for us, longs for us to draw closer to him. Are there areas of our lives that could use a change or a different answer? What will it take for such a conversion to happen? Let us ask the Lord for help and healing?

Speaking about change, there have been a lot of changes over the summer, especially with our parish buildings. Allow me to share with you what has been done and what is expected to happen.

- Our Old School Building is being pointed, lintels replaced, power washed, and sealed.
- Our New School Building is now fully Air Conditioned. Each classroom has a A/C unit, which St. Ephrem Catholic Academy has paid for through their fundraising efforts. The Msgr. Kain Hall now has central Air Conditioning which the parish paid for.
- Shortly, the construction for the Church Handicap Ramp will begin. This was the last thing that was promised as part of our 100th Anniversary Campaign.
- We are in the process of converting our church boiler from oil to gas and installing a new boiler.
- The Church roof needs to be repaired by the 74th Street parking lot door. Once the roof has been repaired, then that area of the church ceiling will be scraped and painted.
- The Church floor was stripped of over 50 years of wax and build up. Repairs were made where needed and the floor was buffed and polished.

These projects have been funded by parish funds and a Diocesan loan. I always like to keep you updated on what is going on. These improvements are needed, whether it provides a welcome, a comfortable atmosphere, or being more environmentally friendly. Thank you for your support!

In the Good Shepherd,

St. Ephrem Fever on Saturday Night

Featuring

**DISCO
UNLIMITED**

Live Show



**\$55 Per Person
Includes:
Sandwiches, Snacks,
Soda & Water.
BYOB
For Sale Wine & Beer**

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

**Two live shows
1 Hour and 15
Minutes Each**

**Dancing
50/50 Raffle
Basket Raffles**

Amazon Wish List
QR Code



**Saturday, October 21, 2023
7:00—11:00 PM
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11228**

**Please make your reservations by October 16th
No Tickets will be sold at the door.**



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

DIocese of Brooklyn

Parish Goal: \$100,198.00

Amount Pledged: \$86,689.00

Amount Paid: \$76,895.65

Donors: 124

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

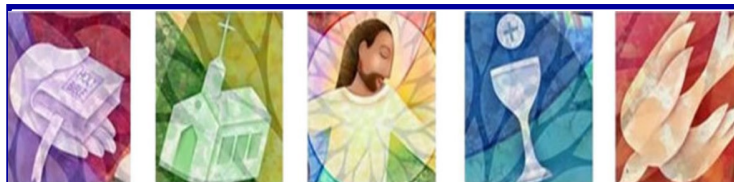


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Or text **DONATE** to 917-336-1255

Or visit: annualcatholicappeal.org





St. Ephrem Parish Faith Formation News!
Children's Faith Formation



**Registration for
 2023-2024
 Continues On-Line**

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

**Then click on Registration
 in Side Bar**

**You must complete the Registration Form
 and Submit to complete the process.**

**As of June 18th
 One Child: \$160
 Two + Children: \$210**

**Payment can be made on-line by clicking on
 "GIVING" then "WELCOME"
 then go to FUND and scroll down to
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FEES.**



**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**

**DRIVING TO CHURCH?
 HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARKING ON PROPERTY**

- ♦ The School Yard (entrance on 74th Street) can accommodate many cars.
- ♦ If using yard behind rectory, it is best to use designated parking spaces along the building.
- ♦ Please do not block entryway to school building.
- ♦ Do Not Block driveway entrance.

Thank you for your consideration!



PARISH AND ACADEMY HAPPENINGS

**Blessing of
 the Animals**



**In honor of the
 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
 Sunday, October 1, 2023
 at 1:00 pm
 Gather by the Statue of Mary Garden
 All furry, feathered and finned friends are invited
 but must be secure on leash or carrier for
 everyone's safety.
 Be sure to invite a friend and neighbor!**



CARE OF GOD'S CREATION

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 CREATION**

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th
 In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis writes:
*"St. Francis is the example par excellence of care for
 the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out
 joyfully and authentically."*

St. Francis "invites us to see nature as a magnificent
 book in which God speaks to us and grants us a
 glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness."

Youth Ministry @ St. Ephrem Parish

**Service Projects
 Sunday, October 1st Socktober
 Middle School Youth Ministry
 (Grades 5-8)
 Sunday, October 15th
 All events takes place at
 12 Noon—1 PM
 In the
 Faith Formation Office**

**Learn more email or scan to sign up:
youthministry@stephremparish-brooklyn.org**

***"We don't need youth museums but
 we do need holy young people."*
 Pope Francis**



PARISH, ACADEMY AND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Concert

Rosary

Brooklyn Diocesan Choir
St. Ephrem's Adult & Children's Choir

St. Ephrem Church
Thursday, October 19, 2023
7:30 pm followed by a reception.

Please join us!



Join Our St. Ephrem Music Ministry

September is a time of new beginnings and our St. Ephrem Music Ministry is preparing for a new season of sacred music. Please prayerfully consider joining our parish choir. You are very welcome to be a part of our group and your voice will add greatly to sung prayer at our Masses and liturgical celebrations.

Sacred music touches hearts, changes lives and helps to spread the message of the Gospel. Music is a vital part of how we relate to God. It is how we come to understand at a deeper level what goes beyond words, what our relationship is with the Divine, and how we are shaped together as a community of faith. Music takes us to a deeper, higher plane that encourages and motivates us, and nurtures our souls. Choirs inspire and guide worshippers at Mass in prayer and in praise.

And there are practical benefits to singing. Studies have shown that singing relieves stress and increases positivity. It enhances energy levels, improves the immune system, strengthens muscles and increases lung capacity. Singing also improves concentration, memory and attention span.

This choir season, our rehearsals will take place on Sunday mornings at 9:30, and we will sing at the 11:00 Mass on most weekends. Please come and join us beginning Sunday morning, September 17 at 9:30, or any Sunday morning afterwards.

If you are undecided, consider joining us just for some special events. We will partner with the Diocesan Choir, presenting a mini-concert at St. Ephrem on October 19, and we begin preparing the glorious music of Christmas in early October.

For additional information, please feel free to speak with our music director, Adele, after any of our weekend Masses, or you may email Music@stephremparish-brooklyn.org.

JOIN US

Video Discussion Series

IN PREPARATION FOR THE
DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

THE EUCHARIST

SEPTEMBER 21ST SACRED MEAL
SEPTEMBER 28TH SACRIFICE
OCTOBER 5TH REAL PRESENCE

AT 7:00 PM IN THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

*We hope you will be able to join us
for this Adult Faith Formation
Opportunity as we continue to
participate in the
Diocesan Eucharistic Revival.*



RSVP by calling (718)745-7486 or email
FaithFormation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org



St. Ephrem Youth Choir Come Sing With Us!

Do you like to sing?

Do you enjoy meeting and interacting with other students?

Do you want to learn more about music?

**Do you want to inspire and encourage others by
beautiful and prayerful singing?**

Every student in Grades 2 through 8 is invited to join our St. Ephrem Youth Choir. We will rehearse on Mondays after school until 3:45 p.m. and we will sing for special events, concerts, school Masses and selected Sunday Masses.

First rehearsal:

Monday, September 18 in the School Music Room

For Parents: Singing is important because it builds self-confidence, promotes self-esteem, always engages the emotions, promotes social inclusion, supports social skill development, and enables young people of different ages and abilities to come together successfully to create something special in the arts.

St. Ephrem Youth Choir

Please return this form to the St. Ephrem School Office, or to the St. Ephrem Church Office, or email the requested information to Ms. Adele at Music@stephremparish-brooklyn.org.

Student's name _____ Grade _____

Parent email _____

Parent Phone Number _____

Mass Intentions for the week of October 1, 2023

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, September 30th

8:45 AM Millicent Patterson
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Teresina Sestito
Tracy Reilly Nelson
Daniel Giacino
Robert Bernardinello
For the Intentions of John Shovlin

Sunday, October 1st

8:00 AM Eric Littland
11:00 AM Rose DeAngelis

Monday, October 2nd

7:00 AM John Carr
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Sister MaryAnn Ambrose, CSJ

Tuesday, October 3rd

7:00 AM Valerie F. Patterson
8:45 AM Cecilia & Cosimo Cavallaro

Wednesday, October 4th

7:00 AM Joseph & Mary Patterson
8:45 AM **St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Mass**
Angelo Mannuzza

Thursday, October 5th

7:00 AM Millicent Patterson
8:45 AM Angela Pagan

Friday, October 6th

7:00 AM Valerie F. Patterson
8:45 AM Joseph & Mary Patterson

Saturday, October 7th

8:45 AM Millicent Patterson
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Harry D'Amura
Peter Puleo
Louis Thomas Tuorto
Timothy McCarthy
John Marone
Michael Cannariato, MD
For the Intentions of John Shovlin

Sunday, October 8th

8:00 AM Florence & Ben Nigro
11:00 AM For the Intentions of Jane & Harry Genzale

MEMORIALS

You can honor or remember a loved one by requesting a Mass intention, Bread & Wine, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Flowers for The Tabernacle Altar, Blessed Mother Altar and Holy Family Altar. Please contact the rectory if interested.



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.

October Month of the Rosary Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Rosary is prayed
Monday-Saturday
8:15 AM in the Church.

Previously Recorded Rosary
will be Live-Streamed through the
Parish website each evening at 7:00 PM
Please share and join us!



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 Friendship Club
sponsors
Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA



Wednesday, October 18, 2023

The bus departs at 8:45 am sharp
\$40.00 per person, with \$25.00 Slot Free Play
No Refunds

For information please contact Frank (347) 267-3644
Reservations & full payment by October 11, 2023



September 24, 2023 167 Envelopes \$5,442.00
 Welcome Back 13 Envelopes \$ 386.00
 We Share 15 Donors \$ 412.62

Attendance 546

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 88 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 95
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 342

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 | September 25, 2023 |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Parish Goal | \$1.25 Million |
| Number of Donors | 249 |
| Amount Pledged* | \$1,363,812.64 |
| Paid to Date | \$1,214,229.31 |
| 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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 Enter our Zip Code 11228
 click on St. Ephrem, follow prompts

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE FOOD PANTRY

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

October 14th & 15th

Thank you for your generosity!



ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS!



All 8th Graders hoping to attend Catholic High School **MUST** Register for the TACHS Exam!

Visit: <https://tachsinfo.com/>

**St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
 High School Fair
 Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 pm**

This is a great opportunity for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders to discover and explore more than one dozen Catholic High Schools in the Metropolitan Area.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



**St. Ephrem Liturgical Ministers
 Please join us for
 Prayer & Meeting**

Saturday, October 14, 2023

3:30 pm in the Church

A personal email was sent to you for your response.

For those not currently serving, if God is calling you to serve in a ministry in our parish. Please call the rectory.

**Columbus Day
 October 9, 2023**

There will be no 7:00 am Mass
 The Rectory Office will be closed



Pray for Ukraine!