

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*
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October 29, 2023

Thirtieth 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.

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"You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:34-40

Dear Parishioners:

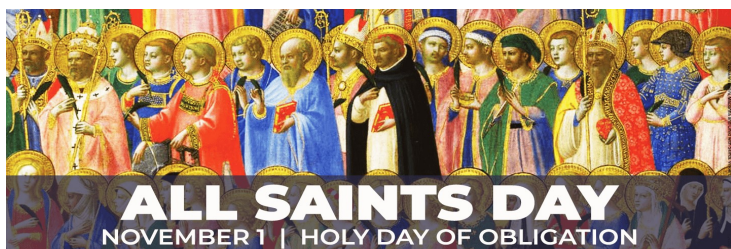
Once again, in today's gospel, the Pharisees attempt to entrap Jesus with a trick question: Naming one commandment, as the greatest, would devalue the others by comparison, making it sound as if he does not value God's word in its fullness. Instead, Jesus shows that he understands God's word far more deeply than those who are tied to reading the law literally. He names not one of the ten commandments but one that comes after them in Deuteronomy. ***"This is the greatest and the first commandment. You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."*** He reveals that fulfilling the law is not about servile deference to what is written, but about love. If our hearts are formed in love, the other commandments will follow, flowing forth from our inner being instead of needing to be forced as outer actions. The second commandment, too, can be named as secondary because it also flows from love of God. If we truly love God, so will we love our neighbor.

These two most well-known commandments for people of faith, having first been part of Jewish law. By this point, we have a good idea of what it means to love our neighbors, even if we struggle to live it out at times. Concrete practices that show love for our neighbors include feeding those in need, visiting the sick and lonely, and advocating for just wages and good healthcare for all. The list goes on for ways we can love the people around us.

But the first and greatest commandment to love God with the fullness of our beings may not be as obvious. What does it look like to love God, in God's great vastness and mystery? How do we love something that is always present and often hard to see? What would it feel like to give all our hearts, souls, and minds, the totality of our beings, over to the love of God?

I want to thank all who supported our parish fundraiser Disco Night. Over 300 people attended and had a great time. Whether you purchase a ticket or provided a gift for our raffles, Thank You Very Much! Save the Date for our next event, Mardi Gras on February 10, 2024.

In the Good Shepherd,



Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass Tuesday, October 31st at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 am & 8:45 am

November 2nd

7:00 am & 8:45 am Masses
Annual All Souls' Mass for parishioners who passed away will be celebrated on Saturday, November 4th at 5:00 pm



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.



Annual All Souls Mass

*Saturday,
November 4, 2023
at 5:00 pm*

We will remember our parishioners who passed away and had their funeral Mass celebrated at St. Ephrem.

*You may also place a loved ones names in
The Book of the Dead by the Baptismal Font*

*"In the water of baptism they have died with Christ
and rose with him to new life.*

May they now share with him eternal glory."

Order of Christian Funerals



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**2nd Collection to help us reach our parish goal
on October 29th Weekend**

**Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
Amount Pledged: \$88,499.00
Amount Paid: \$84,506.31
Donors: 130**



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

Scan the Code

Or text **DONATE** to 917-336-1255
Or visit: annualcatholicappeal.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/>



Proximate Preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion

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

Sunday, November 19th Session III

Sunday, January 7th Session IV

Sunday, February 11th Session V

Sunday, March 10th Session VI

All should be attending mass every weekend.

Final Preparation for Confirmation Fall 2023

All Modules must be completed.

**Sunday, October 29, 2023 11:00 am-4:00 pm
Confirmation Retreat for All Candidates**

Practice in Church:

Monday, November 13th at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14th at 4:30 p.m.

Candidates Only

Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Candidates & Sponsors

Confirmation is November 18th at 5:00 p.m.

PARISH AND ACADEMY HAPPENINGS



**The Mass Book is now open
from
January 1st to June 30th, 2024**

**Requests may be made by email or by dropping off
your requests at the Rectory.
Please call (718) 833-1010 or
stephremrectory@aol.com**

Thank You!

We are happy to announce

**Most Reverend
James Massa, D.D.**

*Auxiliary
Bishop of Brooklyn*

*will confer the
Sacrament of Confirmation
on*



Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry @ St. Ephrem Parish

**Middle School Youth Ministry
(Grades 5-8)**

Sunday, November 12th

Sunday, December 17th

**All events takes place at
12 Noon—1 PM**

**High School Youth Ministry
Sunday, December 3rd**

**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***



***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***

PARISH, ACADEMY AND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Election Day November 7th

We vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Our consciences are formed through studying Scripture and the teachings of the Church, examination of the facts, and prayerful reflection.
United States Catholic Conference of Bishops



Veterans Day Observed Friday, November 10th

No 7:00 am Mass
Rectory Closed

Thank You for Your Service!



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

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



CARE OF CREATION

The electronics recycling and paper shredding event
Saturday, November 4th, 10:00 to 1:00 pm at
St. Anselm Church parking lot
83rd Street and 4th Avenue..”

“Humanity still has the ability to work together to build our common home.”
Pope Francis

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY HAA
PRESENTS
A Night of Cheers and Celebrations
Friday, November 3rd
7:30pm-11:30pm
SIRICO'S, 8023-13th Avenue
Dinner, Dancing, and Open Bar

FEATURING
SPECIAL GUEST
DJ CHARLIE CAVALLA
HONORING MRS. DONNA POLIZZOTTO
AND MRS. DONNA COLON

\$125 PER PERSON; TABLES OF TEN AVAILABLE
ALL 21+ ARE WELCOME!
For table reservations or to purchase tickets,
please email haa@stephremschool.org
and Venmo @stephrem

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY
\$5,000 CASH RAFFLE!!!
ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

Drawing will be held at the Night of Cheers & Celebrations at Sirico's on
Friday, 11/3! Winner does not need to be present.

Pass along to your family and friends! Good luck everyone!!!
Get Your Tickets By Clicking Here!
Or Scan the QR Code

For more information, e-mail
haa@stephremschool.org

When purchasing your ticket, you are
NOT required to pay a fee, select Other
and \$0 Contribution

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!



Mass Intentions for the week of October 29, 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, October 28th

8:45 AM Marie Zambri
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
 Leonard J. Dimino
 Vera Maher
 Raymond Kyne
 Peter A. Carlin
 Joseph Musacchio
 Frank Hegarty
 Zdenko Dujmovic
 For the Deceased Members of St. Ephrem Class of 1973

Sunday, October 29th

8:00 AM Cathy Ronzo
 11:00 AM Domenick Mazzone

Monday, October 30th

7:00 AM Joseph & Mary Patterson
 8:45 AM Raffaella Losardo

Tuesday, October 31st

7:00 AM Millicent Patterson
 8:45 AM Patrick Walsh
 7:00 PM Joan Wing

Wednesday, November 1st

7:00 AM Pietro Nesta
 8:45 AM **St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Mass**
 Carmelo Crivellone & Maria Marsillo

Thursday, November 2nd

7:00 AM All Souls
 8:45 AM Vincenzo Mazzone

Friday, November 3rd

7:00 AM Nancy S. D'Amato
 8:45 AM Giuseppina & Vincenzo Spagnolo

Saturday, November 4th

8:45 AM Calvin Bunch
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
 Leonard J. Dimino
 Richard Williams
 Jozef Cupela
 Marybeth McGivney-Maffa
 Adrienne & Frank Marciano
 Antoinette Minko
 Kathleen & Peter Zertuche
 Debbie DeAscentiis

Sunday, November 5th

8:00 AM Raffaella Rapa
 11:00 AM Graffagnino & Savarese Families

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.



Bread and Wine
 In Memory of
Andrew, Ellen, James, Frank and Peter

Requested by their Sister Peggy Carlin



Altar Candles

In Memory of
Helen Ryan

Requested by Joann Ryan, Kathy Crowley, Bill Crowley, Thomas Ryan and Joy Ryan



Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of
Ryan & Hampl Family

Requested by Joann Ryan



Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of
William & Louise Crowley

Requested by Joann Ryan



Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of

Dominick Mazzone

Requested by The Mazzone Family



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



October 22, 2023 186 Envelopes \$6,207.00
 World Missions 89 Envelopes \$1,920.00
 We Share 16 Donors \$ 438.88

Attendance 443

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 108 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 102
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 233

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	October 22, 2023
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,363,812.64
Paid to Date	\$1,214,604.31
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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 click on St. Ephrem, follow prompts

PARISH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Altar Servers

*Welcoming
 Adults
 and
 Children
 (Grades 3 and up)*



Training Dates in Church

Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 10:00 am
 and

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 10:00 am

Mass of Installation

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 11:00 am

Is God Calling You?

*Please contact the Rectory
 (718) 833-1010*

music@stephremparish-brooklyn.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society

will be here on

Sunday, November 12

8:00 am to 12:30 pm

**In front of the Church
 (Main Entrance)**



**All types of clean usable clothing,
 blankets and towels will be accepted.**

Jesus came to heal the whole person, body & soul

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.



The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm Mass
If you wish to be anointed please fill the card by the doors of the Church and return it back by November 5th!