

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org



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St. Ephrem Catholic Church Dyker Heights

Parish Staff

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January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



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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.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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***"They saw where he was staying,
and they stay with him."
John 1:35-42***

Dear Parishioners:

Today's gospel has a chain of witnessing: John the Baptist points Jesus out to John's own disciples; they leave John behind and follow Jesus. One of them in turn brings his brother to Jesus, and these brothers are Andrew and Simon Peter, who we now know as apostles and saints. This is also a fascinating moment in their story. We know how it turns out and how important these men will become to the Christian tradition. But they don't know that yet. They are just meeting Jesus and about all they know about him is that he's the kind of guy who gives you a new name whether you asked for it or not. And yet this ordinary moment of meeting turns into an extraordinary moment of calling, and of seekers saying yes in a way that will change their lives – and the lives of countless others to come. Saints are not made in a vacuum; God offers each of us, not just a personal relationship but a community in which to grow and thrive. All of us are dependent on others to bring us closer to Christ and to know him more fully.

According to John's account, John and his disciples see the Lamb of God walking by, they follow him. Jesus prompts the curious followers; "Come, and you will see." He calls the disciples into an experience of encounter. It is by entering into the experience that the followers come to realize their call to be disciples of Christ Jesus, the Son of God. We too can discern our callings by being open to new and unexpected encounters.

Reflecting on our own experience in the light of the gospel today, it's a good time to consider the person or people who have been most instrumental in bringing us to Jesus and to pray in thanksgiving for them. And the more challenging question: Who have we brought, or are we bringing to Jesus?

In the Good Shepherd,



St. Ephrem

Mardi Gras Celebration

Saturday, February 10th

***Following
the 5:00 PM Mass***



**The Msgr. Kain Hall
St. Ephrem
Catholic Academy
924 74th Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11228**

**DJ, Hot Food,
Chips, Soda,
Dessert, Coffee
50/50 Raffles
& Much More
B.Y.O.B.
Casual Attire,**

**Mardi Gras Attire Optional
\$30.00 Per Person (Adults Only)**

**Individual Ticket
or Table Reservations Available**

**No Tickets will be sold after February 5th
No Tickets will be sold at the door**



**If you would like to help us and
buy a gift please use the
QR Code or the link
<http://bit.ly/3RRjjM2>**

**Tickets are available for purchase at
the Rectory (718) 833-1010
Hope to see you there!**

Church New Boiler and Gas Line & Meter



*Above please see our new Church boiler and conversion to Gas from oil.
This project has been planned for a while and now it has been completed.
Our heating system will be energy efficient and cleaner.
On January 21st is our Heat Assistance Collection.
Please be as generous as possible.
Thank You for your continued generosity!*



**Martin Luther
King Jr. Day
January 15, 2024**

**There will be no
7:00 am Mass.**

The Rectory Office will be closed.

ACADEMY HAPPENINGS

*St. Ephrem Home Academy
Association Presents*

*St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
Texas Hold'em Outing*



*Friday, February 2, 2024
Registration will start @ 6pm
Game starts @ 7pm.*

Event will be held in school cafeteria

*924 74th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11228*

*\$100.00 Buy-in
\$50.00 unlimited re-buys for 4 rounds*

\$25.00 for non-poker players

Food and Drinks will be served

*Any questions, please call or message
Angelo Manganiello
718-288-3476*

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy presents



Designer Bag BINGO



COME & HAVE SOME FUN, ALL ARE WELCOME!

**February 3rd, 2024, Doors open 7:00pm
924 – 74th Street, MPK Hall**

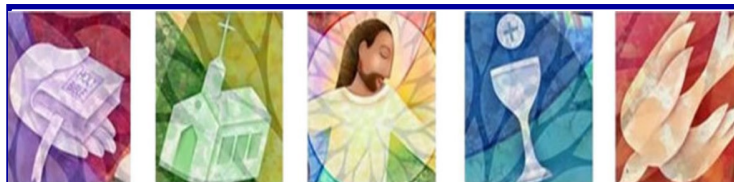
**\$50 Admission fee Includes 1 Bingo card,
Sandwiches & Refreshments
BYOB**

(Extra bingo cards will be for sale)

**Please make your checks payable to St. Ephrem Home School by Jan 15th -
NO DOOR SALES**

For more info please contact

Melisa LoFaso 917-270-4842 or Mbruzzese23@yahoo.com



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, February 11th Session V

Sunday, March 10th Session VI

All should be attending mass every weekend.



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***

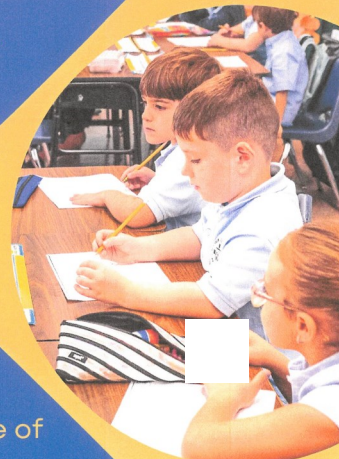
Faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org

PARISH AND ACADEMY HAPPENINGS

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Please join us as we open our doors to prospective families.

We welcome all families to join us as we show our Catholic Faith.



- Take a tour of our classrooms
- Meet with our Faculty
- Check out our new State of the Art Hydroponics Lab
- Meet with current parents for Q & A

Sunday January 28th, 2024

12:00-2:00PM

Registration for 2024 is now open!



For information please call (718) 833-1440

or

www.stephremcatholicacademy.org

End of Year GIVING Statements

**2023
Contribution Statement
is available. To retain a
copy please contact the
Rector's Office.**

Holy Hour For Life

**Thursday
January 18, 2024
8:00 –9:00 pm**

**The Cathedral Basilica
of St. James
250 Cathedral Place
Brooklyn, NY 11201**



January 19, 2024
The Respect Life Office of the
Diocese of Brooklyn, is offering round
trip bus transportation
to Washington, D.C.

2024 March For Life Brooklyn
Diocese Bus Registration Form



**Departing at 6:00 AM:
310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215
\$40.00 per person**

To reserve your seat, please scan
the QR Code or visit

Forms.office.com/r/STOykvj2kr

Any questions please email: pilgrimage@diobrook.org



Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn

Pro Vita Mass

Sponsored by the Long Island Chapter Knights of Columbus

Join the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Knights of Columbus of Kings and Queens
Counties as we celebrate the gift of life and pray for a respect for life at all stages.

**Sunday, January 21, 2024, 11:00am Mass
St. James Cathedral-Basilica, Brooklyn**

Presiding:
FATHER FULGENCIO GUTIERREZ with the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Medal for Life
CHARLES SHELLEY, Bishop Thomas V. Daily Pro Vita Award
JOE MORA, Bishop Thomas V. Daily Pro Vita Award



Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn
S.K. Fr. Michael L. Gelfant, Associate New York State Chaplain
S.K. William Kull, Chairman, Long Island Chapter

For More Information: 718.634.6357

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Mass Intentions for the week of January 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, January 13th

8:45 AM Michael Sessa
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
In Loving Memory of Msgr. Theo
Louis LaRocca
Rocco Loccisano
Pierre Luigi Bruzzi
Larry Rogando

Sunday, January 14th

8:00 AM Geraldine Bonfiglio
11:00 AM Salvatore, Antonia & Giuseppe Baio

Monday, January 15th

No 7:00 AM Mass

8:45 AM Scott Squaires

Tuesday, January 16th

7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45 AM Louise Montgomery

Wednesday, January 17th

7:00 AM Juan Steuart
8:45 AM **St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Mass**
Michael Lepore

Thursday, January 18th

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

Friday, January 19th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Nancy Costanzo

Saturday, January 20th

8:45 AM Arturo Apuzzo
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Sue Liberth
Vito Marenelli
Charles Filbert
Kathryn Ott
Lucy Caprioglio
Michael Holmes
John Molloy

Sunday, January 21st

8:00 AM Stephen & Mary Pirrelli
11:00 AM John J. Molloy, Jr.

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
Laura J. Poggioli

Requested by AnnMarie Maguire



Altar Candles
In Memory of
Louis LaRocca

Requested by His Loving Family

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

Please contact the Rectory.



ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting non-perishable
and non-expired food items on
January 20th & 21st

Thank you for your generosity!



Martin Luther King, Jr.: "It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one destiny, affects all indirectly."

Pope Francis: ***"Everything is connected."***



January 4, 2023 152 Envelopes \$4,155.00
 Diocesan Mission 84 Envelopes \$1,312.00
 We Share 17 Donors \$ 404.99

Attendance 374

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 101 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 78
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 195

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	January 8, 2024
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,363,812.64
Paid to Date	\$1,266,954.31
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

PARISH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Fun for Seniors

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

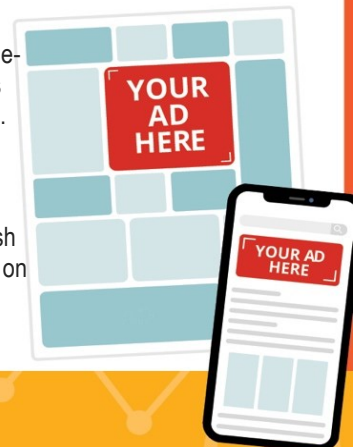
Seniors 55+ are welcome to join the Friendship Club and participate in the fun!!! Yearly Membership is \$15.00. Do you enjoy 50/50 raffles, bingo, Casino Trips, Luncheons, Senior Prom, Card Games, coffee, cake, and so much more, this is the club for you.

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

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Al Wickenheiser from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Al Wickenheiser
 (216) 325-6825 x6409

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
Amount Pledged: \$110,533.00
Amount Paid: \$109,398.00
Donors: 152



Donate and contribute to fulfill our Parish goals

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

