

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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January 21, 2024
Third 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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"Repent and believe in the Gospel."
Mark 1:14:20

Dear Parishioners:

Last week's gospel gave us John's depiction of Simon and Andrew's calling; here we have the same moment as depicted by Mark. Here the brothers are together, rather than called one by one, and since John is imprisoned, he is not involved in pointing the way. The stories seem contradictory and cannot both be factually true, but their different emphases help to reveal more of the ever-unfolding truth about Jesus and what it means to follow him. In this story, the apostles-to-be are called when they are in the midst of their daily work. Jesus interrupts them, and rather than ignoring him are pressing on with their work, they stop. Something about him compels them to accept this disruption to their everyday lives. They respond with extraordinary trust to something that could have been received as mere inconvenience, and they encounter God there.

Jesus calls Simon and Andrew from their work catching fish. He opens new possibilities for the disciples, saying, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Conversations about calling often center on what we are being called to-like a career change, budding relationship, or new way of being in the world. But being called to something almost always necessitates being called away from something else. God did not create us with unlimited time and attention. We are constantly negotiating between giving up and taking on. There are times in life when God calls us from a particular situation or relationship. In today's gospel, Jesus calls Simon and Andrew from their job as fishermen so that they could be free to embrace a life of discipleship. What might God be calling us away from these days? What new calling may be emerging in its place?

Today's gospel makes an intriguing statement on the priority of work. To a culture that values climbing the corporate ladder and giving your whole self to your job, Mark's Gospel says stop. There is a different way. We cannot make work into a god. Discipleship must take priority.

In today's bulletin on page 3, you will find our Financial Report from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023. In addition, there is a brief explanation to help understand this Financial Report.

Next weekend begins Catholic Schools Week. We will gather at the 11:00 am Mass to mark the beginning of this special week. I hope you can join us for this celebration and gather for light refreshments in The Msgr. Kain Hall and see the exciting Catholic Education that St. Ephrem Catholic Academy has to offer.

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!**

St. Ephrem RC Church
Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2023

Ordinary Income

Sunday/Holy Day Collections	\$ 455,707	
Christmas and Easter Gifts	46,309	\$502,016 (Total Collections)
Votive Shrines	2,570	
Rental Income Convent/Senior Priests	69,400	
Rental Income Other	7,000	
Religious Education	17,833	
Clergy Fund (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, Etc.)	47,093	
Other Auxiliary Receipts	920	
Fundraising (net expenses)	<u>88,791</u>	233,607 (Total Other Ordinary Income)
Total Ordinary Income		735,623

Ordinary Expenses

Salary & Expense Clergy (Medical, Pension Fund, Etc.)	229,323	
Religious Stipend	50,420	
Salaries (organist, singers, choir etc.)	91,441	
Employee Benefits & Taxes	141,206	
Rectory Household Salary & Expenses	113,040	
Fuel & Electricity	77,737	
Insurance - Parish Buildings	205,291	
Diocesan Assessments	142,633	
Ordinary Maintenance & Repairs - Salary & Expense	143,700	
Convent Expenses	100,167	
Office Salary and Expenses	178,567	
Altar Supplies	46,230	
Religious Education Program - Salary & Expense	40,645	
Parish Programs/Events	18,045	
Donations to Other Parishes/Org.-Charity	2,412	
Misc Expenses	<u>2,328</u>	1,583,185 (Total Ordinary Expenses)
Income (Loss) From Ordinary Operation		(847,562)

Extraordinary Income

Annual Stewardship Appeal	-	
Donations/Bequests	35,933	
100th Anniversary Campaign (net expenses)	156,952	
Interest Income	12,344	
Unrealized Gains (Losses) net expenses	96,522	
Employee Retention Credit (IRS COVID program)	36,687	
School Rental	<u>886,779</u>	1,225,216 (Total Extraordinary Income)

Subtotal Income (Loss) from Ordinary Operation + Extraordinary Income **377,654**

Major Repairs & Renovations: Total 485,148

(UPK building pointing, air conditioning gym, church floor, rectory updates)

Interest on Diocesan Loans 10,462

495,610 (Total Extraordinary Expenses)

Net Income(Loss) \$ (117,956)

Diocesan Second or Special Collections & Payments \$ 40,788

Words of Explanation for the Financial Report of the Fiscal Year September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023

Please note that our Ordinary Income (Sunday & Holy Day, Christmas, and Easter Collections) do not cover our Ordinary Expenses. This is the primary way in which we sustain ourselves.

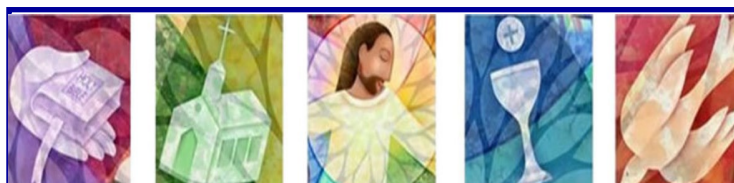
You will also notice under Extraordinary Income that it reflects several items such as: 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign, I.R.S. COVID Employee Retention Refund, Parish Fundraisers, and the rental from our Old School Building.

Also reflected is the Extraordinary Expenses of over \$495,600 due to Major Renovations to our Church and other upgrades to our entire plant.

Lastly, we did close the year with a loss of (\$117,956).

Your generosity has allowed us to sustain our parish. This includes our many ministries, paying our bills, the salaries of our devoted staff, parish improvements, and currently, safety measures such as the sanitization of our Church to ensure we can gather safely.

Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure with our faith community.



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)

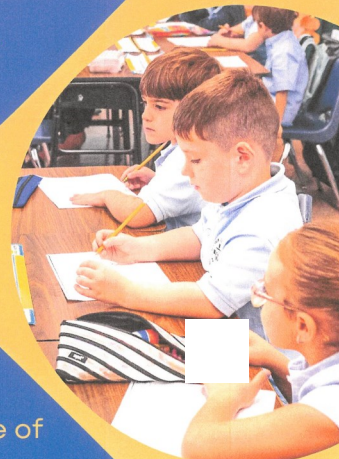
Adults needing both Eucharist
(Communion) and Confirmation or if
interested in becoming Catholic can
also reach out to S. Mary Ann at
Faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org

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

Designer Bag



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 26th.
NO DOOR SALES

For more info please contact

Melissa LoFaso 917-270-4842 or mlf23@yahoo.com



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

Mass Intentions for the week of January 21, 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 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
Nathan Joseph Marra

Sunday, January 21st

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

Monday, January 22nd

7:00 AM Peter D. Murray
8:45 AM For the Children lost by abortion

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:00 AM Nicholas Aldawaliby
8:45 AM John P. Doolan

Wednesday, January 24th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM **St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Mass**
Nicholas Aldawaliby

Thursday, January 25th

7:00 AM Nancy S. D'Amato
8:45 AM Gloria Pavlik

Friday, January 26th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Florence & Ben Nigro

Saturday, January 27th

8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Debbie Imperato DeAscentiis

Sunday, January 28th

8:00 AM Carmela & Salvatore Messina and
Maria Emmanuele
11:00 AM Concetto (Jack) Amatore

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.

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

Please contact the Rectory.



Bread and Wine

In Memory of

Peter Poggioli

Requested by Oliver Maguire

"Educating isn't a profession but an attitude, a way of being. In order to educate you must go out of yourselves and be amidst the young, accompanying them in the stages of their growth, standing beside them."
Pope Francis



**End of Year
GIVING
Statements**

**2023
Contribution Statement
is available. To retain a
copy please contact the
Rectory Office.**



CARE OF GOD'S CREATION

**CARE OF
CREATION**

Did you know?

The world produces about 400 million metric tons of plastic waste each year, according to a United Nations report. About half is tossed out after a single use.

(The New York Times)



January 14, 2024 192 Envelopes \$6,766.00

We Share 11 Donors \$ 130.00

Attendance 488

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 169 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 71
Sunday 11:00 a.m. 248

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 16, 2024
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,363,812.64
Paid to Date	\$1,267,084.31
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

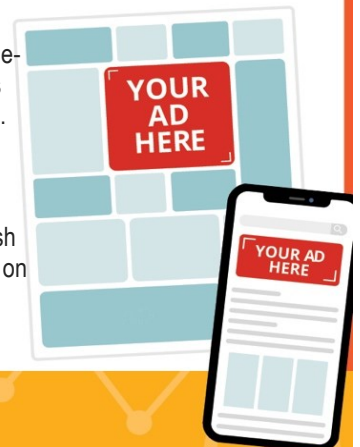
Seniors 55+ are welcome to join the Friendship Club and participate in the fun!!! Yearly Membership is \$15.00. Do you enjoy 50/50 raffles, bingo, Casino Trips, Luncheons, Senior Prom, Card Games, coffee, cake, and so much more, this is the club for you.

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: \$109,448.00
Donors: 152



Donate and contribute
to fulfill our Parish goals

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

