

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 28, 2024
Fourth 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.



Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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"He taught them as one having authority."

Mark 1:21-28

Dear Parishioners:

People are astonished in today's gospel at Jesus' teaching; his authority contrasts sharply with the way the scribes have been teaching. *"What is this? A new teaching with authority."*

Parenting experts like to make a distinction between authoritarian and authoritative parenting. Authoritarian parents are strict and cold; they strive to control their children, expect obedience without question, and dispense out punishment for noncompliance. Authoritative parents are also strict, but they set boundaries with warmth and compassion and involve their children in decision-making. Their work is slower-it takes longer to explain the rules than to simply set them-but putting in this time sets them up for parental authority based on trust rather than on fear. At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we get a hint of which king of authority Jesus will exert. He will set boundaries and declare difficult moral teachings, but he is able to do so because his authority is based on love.

Jesus models the way. Early in his public ministry, Jesus is teaching in the synagogue when a man with an unclean spirit cries out. Presumably the authorities would have tried to remove the man as quickly as possible. But Jesus recognizes the troubled man's humanity. He does not send the man away. Rather, Jesus commands the demon out of the man's body. He moves to help. We too are called not to judge those who cry out but to address their needs with compassion.

Jesus acts with authority over the unclean spirit. This is one of many instances where Jesus takes on the supposed power of demonic forces and emerges victorious. Those gathered in the synagogue witness Jesus' command and wonder in amazement, *"What is this?"* Acceptance of Jesus' authority means a challenge for the faithful today. Many of us benefit from demonic forces like racism, sexism, capitalism, or other unjust social structures. How might our lives change if we refused to be tempted by the perceived benefits of those demons and instead place all our trust in Jesus' saving power?

Our parish Mardi Gras celebration is quickly approaching. Please get your tickets by Monday, February 5th. I look forward to celebrating with you!

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!

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION



Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

Ashes will be distributed:



7:00 am Mass

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm Prayer Service

7:00 pm Prayer Service

Stations of the Cross Fridays Lent

Following the 8:45 am Mass
& 7:00 pm in Church



Tuesdays of Lenten

Each Tuesday we will gather to view and discuss a movie in St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Cafeteria. Help us plan appropriately by either calling the rectory or completing the registration form on our website by February 21st.



Tuesday, February 27th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00 pm



Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 pm

2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage



February 14 to March 27

Visit 39 churches throughout Brooklyn and Queens for a celebration of the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

The Diocese of Brooklyn is offering us the opportunity to make a Lenten Pilgrimage of Adoration. The Pilgrimage follows a route comprised of 39 churches throughout Brooklyn and Queens. For a list of churches and registration see the link:

<https://lent.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/>

Our Deanery Participation

St. Patrick Church, Bay Ridge

Wednesday, March 13th

www.stpatrickbayridge.org

St. Ephrem Church, Dyker Heights

Thursday, March 14th

www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org



Did you know?
According to a study in 2020, the average American

wedding emits 57,152 kilograms of CO2. You would need to plant 2,722 trees to offset it.
(from the New York Times)



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

ST. EPHREM YOUTH MINISTRY

Souper Bowl Sunday

Bring a can of soup or canned vegetables for donation to participate in this service project.

February 11 @ 12 noon

**In the Faith Formation Office
(blue side door of convent)**

All grades 5-8 are welcome!



Please RSVP using the following link:
<https://forms.gle/wuiWR8TMNQHLYYAe6>



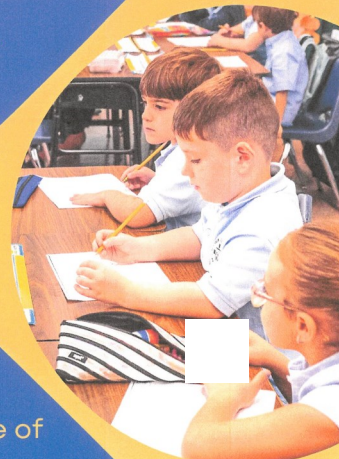
youthministry@stephremparish-brooklyn.org

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
Rectory Office.**

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

Please contact the Rectory.



Have any baskets?

We are looking for baskets of all sizes to help us with our Mardi Gras Raffles. Please contact the rectory.



Mass Intentions for the week of January 28, 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 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
Anita Dunbar

Sunday, January 28th

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

Monday, January 29th

7:00 AM Msgr. Philip Dowling
8:45 AM Louis Sforza

Tuesday, January 30th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM May & Joseph Saba and Evonne &
Chaffic Boumoussa

Wednesday, January 31st

7:00 AM Florence & Benjamin Nigro
8:45 AM **St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Mass**
Charles Casazza

Thursday, February 1st

7:00 AM Dorothy Earley
8:45 AM Florence & Benjamin Nigro

Friday, February 2nd

7:00 AM Grace Filippazzo
8:45 AM Msgr. Theo

Saturday, February 3rd

8:45 AM Nancy S. D'Amato
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Louis Thomas Tuorto
Anne Gambino
Msgr. Theo
Mario Trantino (1st Anniversary)
Pierre Luigi Bruzzi
Rosemarie DelloRusso
Mario & Ethel Mincheff

Sunday, February 4th

8:00 AM Maddalena Piscioneri
11:00 AM Vincenzo Bova & The Badolato Family

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

Nancy S. D'Amato

*Requested by Mr. & Mrs.
Vincent Fiumara*



Altar Candles

In Memory of

Nancy S. D'Amato

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Vincent Fiumara*

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.**

The Presentation of the Lord Friday, February 2nd

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas It recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

**As Jesus is the Light of the World.
If you would like to have your candles blessed
please bring them to either
7:00 am or 8:45 am Mass.**



Feast of St. Blaise Bishop & Martyr

**On Saturday, February 3rd the Church
celebrates the Feast of St. Blaise.
The tradition of blessing throats will take
place at the 8:45 AM Mass only.**





January 21, 2023 139 Envelopes \$4,972.00
Heat Assistance 97 Envelopes \$2,638.00
We Share 42 Donors \$1,545.45

Attendance 483

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 128 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 95
Sunday 11:00 a.m. 260

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 22, 2024
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,363,812.64
Paid to Date	\$1,267,339.31
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

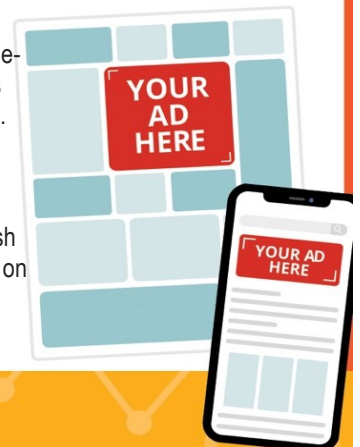
Seniors 55+ are welcome to join the Friendship Club and participate in the fun!!! Yearly Membership is \$15.00. Do you enjoy 50/50 raffles, bingo, Casino Trips, Luncheons, Senior Prom, Card Games, coffee, cake, and so much more, this is the club for you.

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: \$111,033.00
Amount Paid: \$110,398.00
Donors: 153



Donate and contribute to fulfill our Parish goals

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

