

Church of St. Ephrem

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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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Ms. Adele Rapelye, *Director of Music/Liturgy*
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February 4, 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.

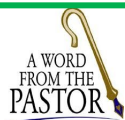
Our Mission Statement

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.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases."

Mark 1:29-39

Dear Parishioners:

Mark's Gospel depiction of Jesus is often noted for its frenetic pace, and that whirlwind is on full display in this passage. Jesus meets need after need, and he responds time and time again. He heals those with whom he has a connection, like Simon's mother-in-law, and he heals those who come to him as strangers. ***"Everyone is looking for you."*** All who encounter him leave changed by the encounter, but at the speed he's working it's hard to see how he'd have time to interact personally, to see each person wholly as they are. Even at his frenetic pace, Jesus also prioritizes prayer—he rises early, before the crowds can catch him, and he finds a deserted place. There is perhaps a bit of tension here between his mission - ***"for this purpose have I come"*** – and his very human need to be alone, to regroup, to spend time with God.

Jesus responds to prayers of lamentation, although not always in ways we hope. Today's gospel can be difficult to digest for people who prayed for healing, for themselves or for a loved one, and did not experience a cure like Simon's mother-in-law. Why did I or my loved one have to suffer? Why didn't Jesus answer our prayers for a complete cure? These are the sorts of difficult, honest questions Jesus wants us to bring to him. God's ways are deeply mysterious. Jesus is not Santa or fairy godmother. He does not make all our wishes come true exactly as we imagine. Rather, Jesus remains close to us in our times of need. He listens to the longing of our hearts and promises healing will come in time.

Today at the Saturday, Vigil Mass, we celebrate World Consecrated Life Sunday, with the religious women of our Deanery. Through their ministry these Sisters have given witness and have shared the Light of Christ with so many. Let us continue to pray for them and give thanks for their contribution to the Church.

I am happy to share with you that Bishop Brennan has appointed Fr. Nicholas Colalella, as Parochial Vicar for our parish until June. You can see his picture and biography on page—4. Fr. Nicholas Colalella comes to us with much experience and enthusiasm. I am sure you join me in welcoming Fr. Nicholas Colalella to the St. Ephrem parish family.

As our Mardi Gras celebration is quickly approaching, Monday is the last day to purchase tickets. I hope you can join us for this fun celebration. I hope to see you there.

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



Burying the Alleluia

Next Weekend at the conclusion of the Mass we will bury the Alleluia

As we prepare for the Lenten Season, we will not be singing Alleluia, our song of Joy. In the forty days of Lent, our period of deep reflection, let us think about how we can follow Jesus more closely, until we sing our song of Easter Joy—Alleluia!



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

Alejandro Monteverde's new film, "Cabrini," tells the true story of Francesca Cabrini — also known as St. Frances Xavier Cabrini — and will be released by Angel Studios on International Women's Day, **March 8.**

"**Cabrini**" takes place in 1889 when hostility toward Italian immigrants ran high in New York. As an Italian immigrant, Cabrini was greeted by not only hostility but also crime, disease, and dangerous living conditions, especially for orphaned children. She and her religious sisters — of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus — set out on the dangerous mission to provide housing and education for society's most vulnerable.

Please try to support this movie, as St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, lived and worked in Brooklyn, and we are very proud of being part of her story. Please consult movie theater times and locations. Supporting these type of movies will assure others to be made.





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



Fr. Nicholas Colalella grew up in Middle Village, Queens and attended St. Margaret's elementary school. After graduating Xavier High School in 2008, he began his formation to the

priesthood at Cathedral Seminary and St. John's University. Fr. Colalella studied theology in Rome and was ordained to the priesthood at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Brooklyn on June 27, 2015.

After ordination, he continued his studies and earned graduate degrees in biblical studies and Semitic languages. Upon completing his studies, Fr. Colalella served as the parochial vicar of St. Luke's parish in Whitestone, Queens, was adjunct professor of biblical theology at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, and taught Latin at Cathedral Prep High School in Elmhurst, Queens.

In 2021, Fr. Colalella entered the Jesuit novitiate in Syracuse to discern a religious vocation with the Society of Jesus. As a Jesuit, Fr. Colalella worked in a variety of social and pastoral ministries and studied Classical Languages at Loyola University, Chicago. In 2023, having discerned that God continued to call him to be a diocesan priest, Fr. Colalella returned home to continue his priestly ministry in the Diocese of Brooklyn.



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 February 4, 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, 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

Monday, February 5th

7:00 AM Richard Anthony Calabria
8:45 AM John Gillen, Sr.

Tuesday, February 6th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Domenico Mazzone

Wednesday, February 7th

7:00 AM for the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM **St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Mass**
Ralph Nicosia

Thursday, February 8th

7:00 AM Florence & Benjamin Nigro
8:45 AM Bob Fugowski

Friday, February 9th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Bill Hyland

Saturday, February 10th

8:45 AM Mrs. Dalal Atchi
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Mario Gaudiuso
Sofia Sbordone
Julia Martin

Sunday, February 11th

8:00 AM Margaret DiFillippo
11:00 AM Croce Carluzzo

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

Teresa Poggioli

Requested by Anthony Maguire



Altar Candles

In Memory of

Irene Liberth

Requested by Her Loving Family



**WORLD DAY
FOR
CONSECRATED
LIFE**
*The
Presentation
at the
Temple*

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church, and in parishes over the weekend of February 3-4, 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

We welcome the Sisters who live in our Deanery to the Saturday, Vigil Mass as they renew their religious vows and have an opportunity to give thanks for their ministry.

End of Year
GIVING
Statements

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



January 28, 2023 146 Envelopes \$5,546.00
 Catholic School Week 82 Envelopes \$1,839.00
 Churches in Need 60 Envelopes \$1,885.00
 We Share 12 Donors \$ 227.37

Attendance 576

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 145 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 93
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 338

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 29, 2024
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,363,812.64
Paid to Date	\$1,267,439.31
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



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



The ocean, which covers about 70% of the earth's surface, has absorbed over 90% of the heat unleashed by the burning of fossil fuels, deforestation and other human activity. (from The New York Times)



ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE FOOD PANTRY

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

February 17 & 18

Thank you for your generosity!



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

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Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
 Amount Pledged: \$111,033.00
 Amount Paid: \$110,348.00
 Donors: 153



Donate and contribute to fulfill our Parish goals

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

