

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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February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



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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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2024
"The Leprosy left him, and he was made clean."
Mark 1:40-45

Dear Parishioners:

In today's gospel, a person with leprosy leaves his prescribed separate space and reaches out for Jesus' help. He is tentative in his request: *"If you wish, you can make me clean."* Jesus responds with deep emotion, *"moved with compassion,"* literally means to "have a gut reaction" – that is, to be moved in the internal parts, the intestines as the seat of emotion.

Our reactions to the leper in this story may be understandably mixed. On the one hand, he rewards Jesus' generosity with immediate disobedience by telling everyone, *"See that you tell no one anything"* making Jesus' life harder. On the other hand, who could blame him? He has been seen and received and loved in a way his disease made impossible. Jesus' willingness to stop and hear him healed an ailment that should have been incurable. He has been the recipient of such love and such a wondrous gift that he cannot help but overflow in gratitude. When he approached Jesus to ask for healing, he likely was hoping to return to the life he had before the leprosy. He had been cast out from family and friends, from religious observance and social participation. But Jesus' healing disrupts all that. Instead of going to the priest and restoring his ritual cleanliness, he must go out and preach what he has seen.

Jesus was aware of the stigmas against people with leprosy. He knew what it meant to be caught speaking, much less touching, someone with this disease. Yet Jesus did not back away. Rather, he moved closer. Jesus touched the scabbed, swollen flesh of the man kneeling in front of him and made him clean.

Jesus' actions remind us of the healing qualities of appropriate touch. Human beings are made to be in communion with each other in physical, embodied ways. We hug, hold hands, offer a pat on the back, and touch in other ways as signs of support and affection. Who in our community is isolated and could use a visit? Who is experiencing grief and might find solace in a hug? After asking for and receiving consent, such actions can be sources of healing.

Perhaps, as we begin the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, we can reflect on who we can reach out to in our families, community, and parish! Invite them to come to church with you, spend some quality time with them, and share the love of Jesus with someone.

In the Good Shepherd,

Rev. Patrick J. Adams

2024

Lucky March

Calendar Raffle

31 Chances to Win!!!

**2 Chances to win
\$200**

**3 chances to win
\$100**

**5 chances to win
\$75**

**20 chances to win
\$50**

And

**The Grand Prize of
\$1,000**

**Calendars available at
the rectory and the
doors of the church**



Easter 2024

***"I am the Resurrection and
the Life!"***

**Remember or Honor a loved one during the
Easter Season
(March 31st—May 19)
with a**

Solar Cross Light

which will be placed on St. Ephrem's Lawn

**Your loved one's name
will be placed on the cross.**

\$50.00 per Cross

One Individual Name or Family Name.

***Applications are available at the rectory and the
doors of the church***

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

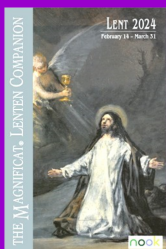
Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00 pm



Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 pm



Lenten Daily Meditations



At the doors of our church there are the Lenten, "The Word Among Us".

Please take one for your Lenten Daily Meditations. We hope that this will be an opportunity to enhance your prayer and strengthen your relationship with God.

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.

Journey to a different parish each day during Lent (except Sundays) and journey with hundreds of Catholics as we prepare for Easter.

Plan Your Pilgrimage Today!

For complete details and a list of designated station churches, visit:

dioceseofbrooklyn.org/Lent

or scan the QR code.



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 8th**.

"*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

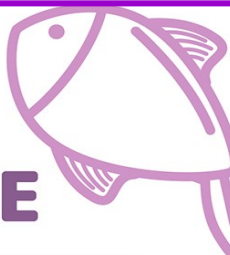
All gatherings take place in
Saint Ephrem Catholic Academy Cafeteria
Sundays 9:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.

Sunday, February 11th Session V

Sunday, March 10th Session VI

All should be attending mass every weekend.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit uscbb.org.



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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.



**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

Mass Intentions for the week of February 11, 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 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
Theresa Cianciotta
Dominick Mineo
Carmella Facciponte

Sunday, February 11th

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

Monday, February 12th

7:00 AM Marilyn Jean Pierre, In Honor of the Holy Spirt
8:45 AM Connie Dellavalle

Tuesday, February 13th

7:00 AM Nicola Adamo
8:45 AM Thomas & Julia Costanza

Wednesday, February 14th

7:00 AM Ronald Cognetta
8:45 AM **St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Mass**
Eileen Fitzpatrick

4:30 PM **Prayer Service**
7:00 PM **Prayer Service**

Thursday, February 15th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Pietro Nesta

Friday, February 16th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Florence & Nicholas McManus

Saturday, February 17th

8:45 AM Maria & Alphonso Naclerio
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Nadia Rambali
Paul A. Vallone
Albert Rapaport
Richard Barnett
Dorothy Wall

Sunday, February 18th

8:00 AM Carmen Collazo
11:00 AM Thomas Costanza

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

The DiPretoro & Tuorto Families
Requested by Their Loving Family



Altar Candles
In Memory of

Vincent Dougherty

Requested by His Loving Family

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Summer Camp 2024

Ages 4-12 (Campers must be 4 by the first day of camp)
Rates based on your summer schedule!

- Air Conditioned Facility
- Morning & Aftercare available
- Arts & Crafts
- Visits to McKinley Park Trips
- Tennis lessons available
- Meal Plan offered
- Special rates for siblings/paid in full

Serving campers from the
Dyker Heights/Bay Ridge
Community!

Trained counselors on hand
daily to ensure a safe & fun
summer season!

Online Registration available online!
Email us at summerfun@stephremschool.org
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11228
718-833-1440
(please leave email address when calling)
visit our website: www.stephremschool.org

**End of Year
GIVING
Statements**

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



February 4, 2024 243 Envelopes \$10,564.00

We Share 50 Donors \$ 2,063.53

Attendance 576

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 185 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 125

Sunday 11:00 a.m. 266

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	February 5, 2024
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,363,812.64
Paid to Date	\$1,267,639.31
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



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



Did you know?
Research suggests noise
from shipping, oil explora-
tion, and other underwa-
ter human activities may
make it harder for dolphins to communi-
cate and work together. (from The New York
Times)



**President's Day
Monday
February 19, 2024**
The Rectory Office
will be closed and
there is no 7:00 am Mass

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

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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

