

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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March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent



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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.bqpre-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.



Third Sunday of Lent

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"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:13-25

Dear Parishioners:

In today's gospel we hear upon finding the temple turned into a shopping center, an angry Jesus who overturns the tables and drives out the money changers. We can imagine a frustrated, red-faced Jesus shouting, ***"stop making my Father's house a marketplace."*** The Son of God demonstrates a righteous anger in the scene that moves him to act for justice.

Jesus usually encounters sinners with patience, calling them to conversion by offering them an encounter with God's unfailing love. But this episode reminds us that he is fully human. He is not a one-dimensional character; he is not limited to whichever characteristics resonate for us. He experiences the full range of human emotion, including anger. While this emotion can lead many of us to sin, this gospel passage makes it clear that the anger itself is not a sin. Jesus himself experienced even forceful anger. But this was anger in the face of evil, and it is channeled productively to restore sanctity to the temple. Jesus gives us a model even for how to be angry and is with us whenever our anger at sin drives us to make the world a better place.

Recall times when you felt or saw anger expressed at an injustice. In light of this gospel, consider how individual and collective anger can be expressed for positive change.

Lent is a season of cleaning out the sanctuaries of our bodies. We work to rid ourselves of the temptations that distract us from discipleship through times of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

In the Good Shepherd,

Hospitality Sunday

March 16th & 17th

Please join us
following each Mass,
for light refreshments at

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy!

Renew old friendships & establish new ones!



Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday, March 23rd at 5:00 p.m.
With Procession beginning at the Mary Garden

Sunday, March 24th
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
(Palms will be distributed at Mass)

Reconciliation Monday

March 25th
2:00 pm-4:00 p.m.
6:00 pm-8:00 p.m.

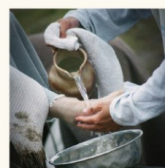


Chrism Mass

The Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph
Tuesday, March 26th at 4:30 p.m.
Can be viewed via Cable at NETV

Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.
(No Morning Mass)

The Triduum



Holy Thursday

March 28th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.

One teen will be receiving First Holy Communion

***The Church will remain open
for private prayer until Midnight***

Good Friday

March 29th

Passion of the Lord at 3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday

March 30th

Blessing of Easter Baskets at 1:30 p.m.

The Great Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

***(There are NO afternoon Confessions.
There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)***

Easter Sunday

March 31st
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

***Easter Egg Hunt by the Mary Statue
after the 11:00 a.m. Mass
Bring your basket!***



LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

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 March 4.



Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00 pm
*with Pope Paul VI:
The Pope in the Tempest*

Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 pm
with Pope John Paul I: The Smile of God



Please complete the form on our website to RSVP
[www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org/
lent-and-beyond](http://www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org/lent-and-beyond)

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.

Through the generosity of Connors & Sullivan Attorneys at Law, they are offering a free screening on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 pm at the Regal UA Sheepshead Bay Theater. Limited Seating RSVP NOW:
Kristen LaBoy (718) 238-6500 ext 245 or
Kristen.laboy@connorsandsullivan.com



JOIN US FOR THE

2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage

February 14 to March 27

Visit 40 churches throughout Brooklyn and Queens for a celebration of the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

**Download your FREE
Lenten Pilgrimage App.**

Use the app as your digital passport, track your progress, get up-to-date information, and join our prayer community.



The Lenten Pilgrimage App
is available for download on



For your pilgrimage schedule, visit:
dioceseofbrooklyn.org/Lent

Keep the conversation going on social media and share your pilgrimage journey using #ChristisHere, #RealPresence, #ChristinNYC, #Lent2024

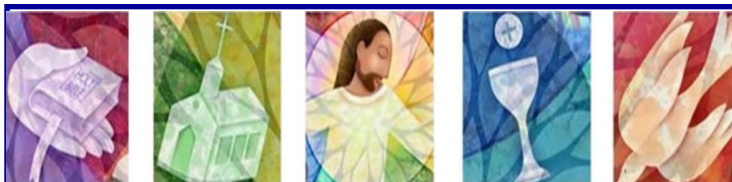


Our Deanery (B9) will be hosting the Eucharistic Pilgrimage on Wednesday, Marcy 13th at St. Patrick's and on Thursday, March 14th at St. Ephrem. The Schedules for both churches can be found on the Pilgrimage Web Site.

St. Ephrem Schedule March 14, 2024

**8:45 am Mass with St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10:30-12 Noon Silent Prayer & Reflection
12 Noon Scriptural Rosary—Luminous Mysteries
1:00 pm —4:00 pm Silent Prayer & Reflection
4:00 pm Evening Prayer
5:00 pm—7:00 pm Silent Prayer & Reflection
7:00 pm Service of Prayer & Praise
followed by Benediction
(Deanery Brooklyn 9 Youth)**

The church will remain open until 8:00 pm



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, March 10th Session VI

All should be attending mass every weekend.

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**

PARISH AND ACADEMY HAPPENINGS



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**



Penitential Rite and Scrutinies

For those seeking initiation into the Catholic Church, the Penitential Rite and three Scrutinies are designed to help overcome their areas of weakness, and to strengthen their areas of goodness.

The Penitential Rite, which will be celebrated Sunday, February 25th at the 11:00 am Mass, marks the Lenten purification of baptized but previously uncatechized adults who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This Rite encourages all the baptized to acknowledge their sins and failings and open their minds to the presence of Christ in their lives. Already one with us in baptism, our candidate, Russell Nickovic, seeks to complete his Initiation in the Catholic Church. He is strengthened and encouraged by your presence. He will be confirmed and receive Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Scrutinies, designed for the unbaptized, and take will place, March 3rd at the 5:00 pm Mass, March 10th at 11:00 am Mass and March 16th at 5:00 pm Mass. These rituals for the elect "are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong and good."

This marks the movement from sin to grace, from old life to new life.

Our parish family joins with Anuhpam and Russel, in prayer, as they journey toward the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Mass Intentions for the week of March 3, 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, March 2nd

8:45 AM Maria Gorizia & Nicola Ierace
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Marie Cogan Bernstein
Joseph Sergio
Louis LaRocca
John McGrann
Anna Taibi
Concetta Mongiardo
Jean Faicco

Sunday, March 3rd

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Hyland and
Blundell Families
11:00 AM Thomas Costanza

Monday, March 4th

7:00 AM John Sichenze
8:45 AM Vincent Dougherty

Tuesday, March 5th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Arpine Kapoian

Wednesday, March 6th

7:00 AM Lucille Ryan
8:45 AM **St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Mass**
Joseph Sergio

Thursday, March 7th

7:00 AM Michael Lepore
8:45 AM Lucy & Edwin McGuirk

Friday, March 8th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Thomas & Julia Costanza

Saturday, March 9th

8:45 AM John Dooley
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
John Sichenze
Frank Valenza
Julia Sorrentino
John McGrann

Sunday, March 10th

8:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
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
Vinny Dougherty

Requested by JoAnn & Frank Spadaro



Altar Candles
In Memory of

Lorraine Pecoraro

Requested by Sylvester & Cynthia Sichenze

Easter 2024

"I am the Resurrection and the Life!"

John 11: 25-26



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.

Please submit all applications by March 15th.



February 25, 2024 208 Envelopes \$6,761.00
 Easter Flowers 72 Envelopes \$1,187.00
 We Share 4 Donors \$ 193.43

Attendance 523

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 108 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 89
 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 26, 2024
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,363,812.64
Paid to Date	\$1,268,139.31
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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PARISH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Easter Season

Divine Mercy

*Join us for the Novena
 April 1st through April 6th
 following the 8:45 a.m. Mass.*

Divine Mercy Sunday
 April 7th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Followed by:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction



Stations of Joy

Tuesdays of the Easter Season
 April 9th—May 14th
 Following the 8:45 a.m. Mass



Easter Bible Study

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead"
 (1 Cor 15:20).



Join Fr. Nick for some time of study, reflection, and prayer with the Sunday Scriptures during the Easter Season. Sessions will meet every Thursday morning from April 4th through May 16th. Meetings will take place right after the 8:45 AM Mass in the rectory meeting room. If interested, please fill out the online form on our website or call the rectory: (718) 833-1010.

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
- *Meal Plan
- *McKinley Park Trips
- *Arts & Crafts
- *Tennis Lessons
- *Special Rates for siblings
- *Trained Counselors

Serving the Dyker Heights & Bay Ridge Community!
 Online Registration: summerfun@stephremschool.org
 (718) 833-1440
www.stephremschool.org



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
Amount Pledged:
Amount Paid:
Donors:

Donate and contribute to fulfill our Parish goals

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

