

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 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent



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.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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

*"God sent his Son so that the world
might be saved through him."*

John 3:14-21

Dear Parishioners:

In today's gospel, the image of light and darkness is central to Jesus' teaching. Coming to the light is presented as a conscious choice, one that can be difficult to make. Today's well-known gospel is set in the darkness of night. Nicodemus, a Jewish leader and Pharisee, visits Jesus after the sun goes down to avoid being seen with the man who makes the religious leaders of the day tremble. Professing belief in Jesus brings about real consequences. We may be judged or dismissed by others. Perhaps even more difficult, we strive to live in the light of Christ.

It is for life eternal, which we can already taste now, that the Light has come, not for condemnation. The famous verse: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son," (John 3:16) stresses God's love, not God's wish to condemn anyone. The "world" is the special object of God's love and the arena in which we respond to the offer of divine love. The giving of the Son is not handing him over to death but rather the giving of him to us as Light incarnate. Refusal of the gift is choosing darkness that brings condemnation. Acceptance of the gift draws us into deepening faith as we choose again and again to live into the Light.

Lent is a season of transition as we journey with Jesus from the darkness of death to the Easter light of new life. Consider spending time this week intentionally reflecting on your sins. Ask for God's healing mercy through the sacrament of reconciliation or in the quiet of your prayer time.

Please join us for hospitality Sunday next weekend. It also will be a great way to celebrate our different cultures, as we celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph.

I ask you to make every effort to join us on Thursday, March 14th for Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage that will take place here at St. Ephrem. The schedule of the day can be found on page 3 of the bulletin. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 8:45 am Mass. The church will remain open throughout the day for the various scheduled prayer opportunities and for private prayer. The day will conclude with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. It is important to have people throughout the day, since the Blessed Sacrament can not be left unattended. If you would like to sign up for a hour period, please call the rectory or use the form on our website.

In the Good Shepherd,

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.

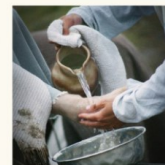
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Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday

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 Lent

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 11th.

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)

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!



JOIN US FOR THE

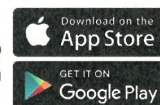
2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage

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



Scan to visit
our website

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



St. Ephrem Schedule

March 14, 2024

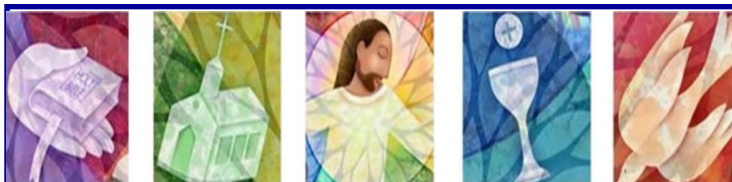
8:45 am Mass with St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10:30-12 Noon Silent Prayer & Reflection
12 Noon Scriptural Rosary—Luminous Mysteries
1:00 pm —4:00 pm Silent Prayer & Reflection
4:00 pm Evening Prayer
5:00 pm—7:00 pm Silent Prayer & Reflection
7:00 pm Service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

The church will remain open until 8:00 pm



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people throughout the
day, since the Blessed
Sacrament can not be
left unattended. If you
would like to sign up

for a hour period, please call the rectory or
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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 10, 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 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.

Monday, March 11th

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

Tuesday, March 12th

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

Wednesday, March 13th

7:00 AM Nancy S. D'Amato
8:45 AM **St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Mass**
For the People of St. Ephrem

Thursday, March 14th

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Joyce Peters-Natter
8:45 AM Connie Macannuco

Friday, March 15th

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

Saturday, March 16th

8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
John Riordan
Florence & Benjamin Nigro
Vincent J. Dougherty
Paul A. Vallone
Mario & Pietra Trantino
Jean M. Faicco
Lucy Malverty

Sunday, March 17th

8:00 AM Reidy & Ryan Families
11:00 AM Louise Montgomery

MEMORIALS



Bread and Wine

In Memory of

Carmela Perrone

Requested by JoAnn & Frank Spadaro



Altar Candles

In Memory of

Vincent Dougherty

Requested by JoAnn Ryan



ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE FOOD PANTRY

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

March 16 & 17

Thank you for your generosity!

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.



March 3, 2024 182 Envelopes \$5,443.00
 Landscaping 90 Envelopes \$1,512.00
 We Share 42 Donors \$1,344.46

Attendance 466

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 106 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 95
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 265

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 March 4, 2024

Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,363,812.64
Paid to Date	\$1,268,214.31
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

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

Serving the Dyker Heights & Bay Ridge Community!

Online Registration: summerfun@stephremschool.org
 (718) 833-1440
www.stephremschool.org



**Annual Catholic
 Appeal 2024**
 DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
 Amount Pledged: \$22,225.00
 Amount Paid: \$14,801.00
 Donors: 21

**Donate and contribute
 to fulfill our Parish goals**

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

