

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 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord



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.



Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024

“He had to rise from the dead.”

John 20: 1-9

Dear Parishioners:

“For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” Even on Easter Sunday, the disciples do not quite get it. Jesus’ resurrection is still hidden in mystery. There are hints, an empty tomb, and burial cloths. But Mary Magdalene misreads the empty tomb; she assumes that someone has taken Jesus’ body. The fullness of what has happened has yet to be revealed. So, it is for us, who live in the light of the resurrection and yet still experience pain and suffering and loss. Easter joy is not always accessible in its fullness, but we know there is more there than we can see.

The disciples of this gospel do not encounter the risen Jesus but rather see hints of what has happened. Even faced with the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene and Peter and the other disciple need to grow in their understanding of Jesus’ death-defying work.

“We are witness of all that Christ did,” proclaimed Peter to the Christian people shortly after Jesus’ resurrection. Centuries have passed since the Son of God walked the earth, died on the cross, and rose to new life, yet we remain witnesses of Christ today. Christ’s victory remains just as powerful in this moment in history.

The story of Christ’s sacrifice, the meaning of his mercy and compassion, lives on in all of us called to proclaim Jesus’ promise with our lives. Empowered in the waters of baptism, we are called and commissioned to bear witness to the Easter victory. Amen, Alleluia!

We have been journeying with Anupam and Russell these past two years. Last night at the Easter Vigil, through the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, we welcomed them into our faith community and at the Table of the Lord for the first time. I ask you to continue to pray for them and all those who were welcomed into the Church this Easter.

In the Good Shepherd,

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**

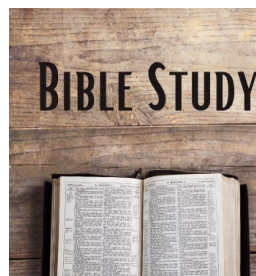
***Followed by:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction***

**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.



On behalf of Fr. Robert Fr. Anthony, Fr. Nick, Deacon Tony, Deacon Kevin, the Sisters and the Parish Staff.

Church of St. Ephrem



Friday, May 17, 2024

7:00 PM

**St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street
Brooklyn, New York**

\$45.00 Per Person Includes:

**Snacks, Sandwiches, Cookies, Soda,
Water,
Coffee & Tea**



**Available for sale:
Wine, Beer**

**For Information & Reservations Contact
St. Ephrem Rectory (718) 833-1010
You can arrange for tables of 8 or 10 people.**

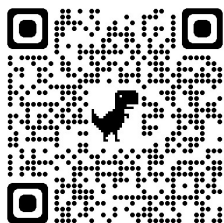
**Please make reservations by May 13th
No Tickets will be sold at the door**

Prizes

**50/50 Raffle
Basket Raffles**



**Want to help us?
You can purchase an item
from our wish list.
Thank You!
St. Ephrem Radio Bingo 2024**



<https://amzn.to/3IJI5KQ> (<https://amzn.to/3IJI5KQ>)



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

**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.**

**Father Charles
and
Laurie Mangano**
a brother & sister



Present a Night of Recollection

An evening of song, inspiration and refecton

**St. Patrick's Auditorium
9511 Fourth Avenue
Bay Ridge, Brooklyn**

For information call : (718) 238 - 2600

Friday, April 5th 7:30 PM

free will offering

Topic: God's Mercy



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 Confirmation

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

Sunday, April 14th Session II
Sunday, May 19th Session III
September 15th Session IV
October 6th Session V

All should be attending mass every weekend

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025** **APRIL 21ST through JUNE 23RD**



Before June 23rd:

One Child: \$130

Two + Children: \$180

Before June 23rd:

One Child: \$160

Two + Children: \$210

Registration is On-Line! Go to:
<https://stephremparish-brooklyn.org/faith-formation-news/>

Then click on: Faith Formation Registration (Side Bar)

You must complete Registration Form and submit it at the end.

Payment can be made online by clicking on "Giving" then Faith Formation Registration Fees then One Time Payment and enter amount to pay and complete the form.

Children's Faith Formation Classes are Grades 1 through 8.
As per Diocesan Policy, it is the expectation that children attend every year. You wouldn't skip Math Class for a year, please don't skip growing in faith.

Registering early helps us plan and purchase material for the New Year!

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



O.C.I.A.
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Easter Vigil

Saturday

March 30, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

We welcome into the Church and Parish Family



Anupam and Russell

These two men have been preparing for the past two years. We welcome Anupam through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Russell one with us already through Baptism, will be Confirmed and welcomed to the Table of the Lord for the first time to receive Holy Communion.

Please prayer for these men as they continue their journey of faith!



Mass Intentions for the week of March 31, 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 30th-Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

NO Confessions & 5:00 PM Mass

1:30 PM Easter Basket Blessing

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31st-Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Pietra Trantino

11:00 AM Domenick Iannizzi

Monday, April 1st

No 7:00 AM Mass

8:45 AM Domenico Mazzone

Tuesday, April 2nd

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

8:45 AM Francesco Iannelli

Wednesday, April 3rd

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

8:45 AM Joseph Braganza

Thursday, April 4th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

8:45 AM Andrew LaRocca

Friday, April 5th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

8:45 AM Vincent Dougherty

Saturday, April 6th

8:45 AM Nicholas Aldawaliby

5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Leonard J. Dimino

Louis DiPretoro

John McGrann

Phyliss Costa

Lena Micciolo

For the Intentions of Maryanne Bifulco Richter & Family

Sunday, March April 7th

8:00 AM Helge Henricksen

11:00 AM Domenica & Rocco DeVito

MEMORIALS



Bread and Wine

In Memory of

Andrew LaRocca

Requested by his Loving Family



Altar Candles

In Memory of

Helen & Tony Gaglia

Requested by Linda Gaglia and Family



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

Lena & Michele Marchione

Requested by Linda Gaglia and Family

2024 Lucky March Calendar Raffle Winners

March 16th	\$50	Michael Campbell
March 17th	\$200	Sr. Cecilia Tji
March 18th	\$50	Helen Chartrand
March 19th	\$200	Janet Gobaira
March 20th	\$50	Maria Corrado
March 21st	\$50	Gabriella Monferrato
March 22nd	\$75	Fr. Robert
March 23rd	\$50	Michael Pasipanki
March 24th	\$100	Annie Rodo
March 25th	\$50	Kathy & Gerry Marciano
March 26th	\$50	Mary Dimatteo
March 27th	\$50	Barbara Bidell
March 28th	\$50	Rosemarie Graffagnino
March 29th	\$75	MaryAnn DeGegennaro
March 30th	\$50	Andrea Mule
March 31st	\$1,000	Barbara Bidell

Thank You to all who have participated
in our March Calendar Raffle!
Congratulations to the Winners!



March 24, 2024 220 Envelopes \$7,078.00
 Easter Gift 142 Envelopes \$12,825.00
 We Share 10 Donors \$ 246.80

Attendance 893

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 138 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 198
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 567

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 25, 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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 Enter our Zip Code 11228
 click on St. Ephrem, follow prompts

PARISH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

ST. EPHREM YOUTH PROGRAM 2024 BASEBALL SEASON

St. Ephrem is excited to kick off the 2024 Intramural Boys Baseball and Girls Softball seasons!



Instructional Boys/Girls Baseball (K - 1st Grade)
 Intramural Girls Softball (2nd - 8th Grade)
 Intramural Boys Baseball (2nd - 8th Grade)

\$130 Registration Fee per Player
 Season will begin in April 2024

****Please register early so we can set up teams and practices!**

Any Questions?

Contact Vince Blandino @ (917) 453 - 1795



PLEASE SCAN OR COPY LINK FOR REGISTRATION

<https://doodlio.com/#/reg/10068/483>

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**
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Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
Amount Pledged: \$41,585.00
Amount Paid: \$28,375.00
Donors: 49

Donate and contribute to fulfill our Parish goals

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

