

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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April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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 Easter

April 21, 2024

“The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
John 10:11-18

Dear Parishioners:

In today’s gospel, Jesus calls himself the good shepherd, and his descriptions of this role make clear that having a shepherd like Jesus is not like being a sheep raised for wool or meat. No matter how tenderly shepherds care for their flock, it is an inherently practical relationship. But having a good shepherd like ours is about being known and being loved. We are so loved that there is one willing to lay down his very life for us. Having a good shepherd is also about knowing the shepherd in turn. We may not always feel like we know Jesus, who often moves in subtle and mysterious ways. But we are promised that we have a home in him, and whenever our hearts stir with the recognition that we are known and loved, we can be assured that Jesus is there.

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd has more depth than perhaps first considered. Those of us with little experience herding sheep may picture an idyllic scene: a happy shepherd surrounded by cute, playful lambs in a luscious green countryside. The reality of a shepherd’s work is much less romantic. Sheep get to be heavy and dirty. They do not always follow directions and often face threats from predators.

Shepherds, then, have the difficult but necessary task of protecting the sheep. The imagery from today’s invites us to picture Jesus defending his people from evil and getting into the messy realities of human life. ***The Good Shepherd lays down his life*** out of great love for his sheep. How might we live into the Good Shepherd’s model of servant leadership in our community today?

Next weekend we welcome the children of our parish to the Table of the Lord for the first time, as they receive First Holy Communion. These children and their families have been preparing for this special day. As they encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, I ask you to please remember them in your prayers that this encounter will keep them even closer to the Lord.

In the Good Shepherd,

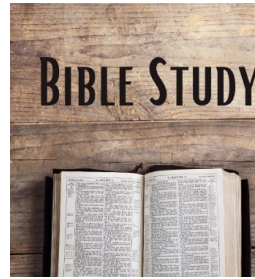
Easter Season



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.

Bishop’s Prayer for Vocations



Almighty God, we turn to you at this hour with all our hearts. Hear our prayer as we ask for an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life to serve your Church in Brooklyn and Queens. May we always have the ministers we need to stand at Your

Altars, administer Your Sacraments, and lead Your People on the path to Heaven. We pray that we will always be attentive to Your Call and that if today we hear Your Voice, we may not harden our hearts; rather, that we have the courage to respond with generosity. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

+Bishop Robert J. Brennan

First Holy Communion

All families should be attending Mass every weekend.

First Holy Communion
will be celebrated
at the following Masses:



Saturday, April 27th at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 28th at 11:00 a.m.

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>)



**Remember or Honor a loved one with a
American Flag**
which will be placed on St. Ephrem's Lawn
(May 27th to September 16th)
Your loved one's name
will be placed on the flag

\$50.00 per Flag
One Individual Name or Family Name.

In Memory of:

In Honor of

Please indicate what branch of service

- Army Marines Navy Air Force
- Coast Guard Space Force

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email

Please return by May 15th

Check enclosed payable to: St. Ephrem Church

In the amount of \$ _____.

*Please return in the Sunday Collection
or to the Rectory Office.*



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, 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



Adult Confirmation Pentecost 2024

Any adult having been baptized Roman Catholic and received First Holy Communion who is need of the Sacrament of Confirmation is invited to register for our Adult Confirmation Classes.

Please contact the Faith Formation Office:
faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org

Gatherings for Adult Confirmation
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
April 17th, 24th, May 1st, 8th, & 15th

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love .
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit
We may be truly wise and ever enjoy
His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

Mass Intentions for the week of April 21, 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, April 20th

8:45 AM Jeanette Duggan
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
 Leonard J. Dimino
 Denise Kyne
 Frank Creo
 Mario LaBarbera
 John McGrann
 Roy Richter
 John James
 Deceased Members of the Juckiewicz & Guthinger Families

Sunday, April 21st

8:00 AM John McGrann
 11:00 AM Anna & Antonio DiPreta

Monday, April 22nd

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Jo Coats
 8:45 AM Mary Callaghan

Tuesday, April 23rd

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Sister Mary Parry
 8:45 AM Anna Maria Walsh

Wednesday, April 24th

7:00 AM Bridget Hillert
 8:45 AM Sebastian & Agnes Vaz

Thursday, April 25th

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Cono, Carmela
 and Michael D'Alessio
 8:45 AM Doreen Delaney

Friday, April 26th

7:00 AM Florence & Benjamin Nigro
 8:45 AM Florence & Nicholas McManus

Saturday, April 27th

8:45 AM Catherine Joseph Severin
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
 Leonard J. Dimino
 Luigi Mongiardo
 John J. James
 Vincent Dougherty
 Maria Linda King
 Jeanette Duggan
 Angelina Carrano

Sunday, April 28th

8:00 AM Msgr. Peter V. Kain
 11:00 AM Joseph McGivney

MEMORIALS



Bread and Wine
 In Memory of

Denise Kyne

Requested by her Family



Altar Candles

In Memory of

Msgr. Peter V. Kain



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

Denise Kyne

Requested by her Family



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Are You Aware?



It has been our experience at times that some people may feel they are not able to receive Communion due to divorce or other personal issues. Often times, there may be a misunderstanding regarding Church Teaching in these matters. You are encouraged to see Fr. Robert, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Nick, Deacon Tony, or Deacon Kevin for clarity so that you do not miss the opportunity to celebrate the healing presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and in turn come to the Table of the Lord.



The Catholic Climate Covenant's Theme for Earth Day April 22, 2024 is
"Healing Our Throwaway Culture: Focus on Plastic."

See how much plastic we use.

Judge how we can reduce plastic use, reuse items, or recycle properly.

Act by placing one less plastic item in the trash this week.

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>



April 14, 2024	183 Envelopes	\$6,965.00
Home Missions	106 Envelopes	\$2,114.00
We Share	16 Donors	\$ 287.60

April 14th 691

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 157 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 129
Sunday 11:00 a.m. 405

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 April 15, 2024

Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,357,309.31
Paid to Date	\$1,291,734.31
Percent of Goal	120%

Thank You for your Generosity!

**Some pledges have been cancelled due to changing life circumstances.*

Saint Ephrem, pray for us!



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
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
Amount Pledged: \$53,405.00
Amount Paid: \$38,703.00
Donors: 63

Donate and contribute to fulfill our Parish goals

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



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click on St. Ephrem, follow prompts