

# Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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St. Ephrem Catholic Church Dyker Heights

## Parish Staff

Very Rev. Robert B. Adamo, V. F., KCHS, *Pastor*  
Rev. Anthony S. Chanan, *Parochial Vicar*  
Rev. Nicholas Colalella, *Parochial Vicar*  
Deacon Kevin McLaughlin, *Permanent Deacon*  
Deacon Anthony Stucchio, *Permanent Deacon*  
Sr. Mary Ann Ambrose, C.S.J., *Director of Faith Formation*  
Mr. Robert Cote, *Youth Minister*  
Mr. Michael Phillips, *Academy Principal*  
Ms. Adele Rapelye, *Director of Music/Liturgy*  
Mrs. Michele James, *Business Manager*  
Mrs. Lisa Pinsky, *Parish Secretary*

April 28, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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](mailto:FaithFormation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org)

## St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ [www.stephremcatholicacademy.org](http://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. Please let us know you are here so that we may serve you better. If you are not registered, we may not be able to provide you with letters or Sponsor Certificates.

## 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 12:00 Noon.

## 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](http://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.



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

*“Whoever remains in me and I in him  
will bear much fruit.”*

**John 15: 1-8**

Dear Parishioners:

Today’s passage from John’s Gospel recalls the wisdom Jesus shared during his last meal with the disciples. The Son of God uses images from creation to break open his hopes for how the disciples are to be in relationship with one another and with God. Such images would have been familiar to the people of God who prayed with Old Testament images of Israel as the great vine. Jesus tells the disciples: *“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.”* Their followers, then and now, are the branches.

What do these images say about the Christian community? The people of God are all of great value. Branches in a vine, mix with each other, such that it can be difficult to tell when one branch starts and another ends. So too are our lives interconnected with one another. We cannot be church alone. Further, the Christian community gains its energy from Christ the Vine. Like branches need a strong vine in order to bear fruit, so too does the Christian community need the spirit of Christ in order to bear fruits of service in the world.

Finally, the image of God as the vine grower signals the importance of pruning within Christian communities. We are not perfect on our own. We, too, often need to prune away those things that keep us from fruitfulness. We need the mercy of God to prune away the sins that stunt our growth and harm others. God created humankind with the capacity to bear great fruit. In order to do so, we must humbly open our hearts to the tending of the vine grower. Our lives can become cluttered with possessions and attachments that do not truly serve God. When we detach from those things, it makes more space for God to work in our lives and makes more space to become more fully ourselves, bearing beautiful fruit of God.

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  
9th. Meetings will take place right after the 8:45  
AM Mass in the rectory meeting room.

**On Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 pm in the Church.**

**If interested, please fill out the online form on our  
website or call the rectory: (718) 833-1010.**



CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF

*Mary*



### Recitation of the Rosary

Each Morning before the 8:45 a.m. Mass

Live Stream every evening at 7:00 p.m.

### May Crowning

Sunday, May 12th

Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass

All Parish First Communion Children  
are invited to participate in their  
First Communion Outfit.

Meet in Church at 10:45 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/3IJJ5KQ> (<https://amzn.to/3IJJ5KQ>)



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 28, 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 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

### Monday, April 29th

7:00 AM James Cosgrove  
8:45 AM Olinda & Vincent Fernandes

### Tuesday, April 30th

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

### Wednesday, May 1st

7:00 AM Bridget Hillert  
8:45 AM Catherine Ketelsen

### Thursday, May 2nd

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

### Friday, May 3rd

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

### Saturday, May 4th

8:45 AM Douglas P.F. & Anne R. Riggs  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem  
Leonard J. Dimino  
Catherine Collogan O'Connell  
Guglielmetti & Maruffi Families  
Jeanette Duggan  
Andrew Nestico  
Angelina Carrano  
John Danese

### Sunday, May 5th

8:00 AM Robert Offitto  
11:00 AM Pietro, Maria & Rosario Carluzzo

## MEMORIALS



**Bread and Wine**  
In Memory of

**Jerry Henderson**

*Requested by Linda McGivney*



**Altar Candles**  
In Memory of

**Msgr. Peter V. Kain**

*Requested by Betty & Theresa*



**Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of

**Patrick James**

*Requested by Joann Tong*



**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.**



**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.



**Care for Creation--Every Day  
Should Be Earth Day**

Two quotes from biologist E. O. Wilson (1929-2021):

"Each species is a masterpiece, a creation assembled with extreme care and genius." "Destroying a tropical rainforest for profit is like burning all the paintings of the Louvre to cook dinner."

**PARISH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**



April 21, 2024      170 Envelopes      \$5,386.00

We Share            22 Donors            \$ 220.00

April 14th      605

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 130      Sunday 8:00 a.m. 125

Sunday 11:00 a.m. 350

903 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](http://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

**MINI Concert & Rosary**  
 Brooklyn Diocesan Choir

Sacred Heart RC Church  
 83-17 78<sup>th</sup> Ave, Glendale

Thursday, May 2  
 7:30 PM

Reception following

**St. Ephrem Centennial Campaign**  
*Our Church, Our Prayers, Our Legacy*

As of	April 22, 2024
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,357,309.31
Paid to Date	\$1,291,167.32
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](mailto:summerfun@stephremschool.org)  
 (718) 833-1440  
[www.stephremschool.org](http://www.stephremschool.org)



Sign Up by scanning QR Code.  
 Enter our Zip Code 11228  
 click on St. Ephrem, follow prompts

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2024**  
 DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Parish Goal: \$100,198.00  
 Amount Pledged: \$54,655.00  
 Amount Paid: \$40,803.00  
 Donors: 65

Select St. Ephrem

Donate and contribute to fulfill our Parish goals

Scan the Code  
 Or text DONATE to 917-336-1255  
 Or visit: [annualcatholicappeal.org](http://annualcatholicappeal.org)