

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*
Deacon Kevin McLaughlin, *Permanent Deacon*
Deacon Anthony Stucchio, *Permanent Deacon*
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Mr. Robert Cote, *Youth Minister*
Mr. Michael Phillips, *Academy Principal*
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June 30, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Abbreviated Bulletin—For Full Copy
<https://stephremparish-brooklyn.org/bulletins>



Hearing Assistance
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

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. 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 for complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

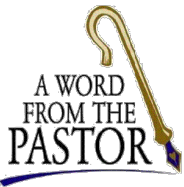
Saturday 3:30–4:30 PM.
By appointment for all other times.

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.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2024

"Little girl, I say to you, arise."

Mark 5: 21-43

Dear Parishioners:

The story of healing in today's gospel reveals that Jesus sees and loves each of us as individuals. It seems contradictory, that Jesus can love all of us with such wholehearted devotion. But his love is not diminished or fractured by the fact that there are so many of us to love. Here, surrounded as he is by a crowd, he notices and extends kindness to the suffering ones around him. The woman with hemorrhages would have gone unnoticed by anyone else, but Jesus takes note of her and restores her dignity as well as her health. And there is utter tenderness in Jesus' approach to Jairus' daughter. He takes her hand, he calls her "little girl." He loves her back to life. Mark tells us of this girl and this woman, but Jesus looks at every member of the crowd, and at every one of us, with the same healing and life-giving love.

This woman believed in Jesus' power to heal, and nothing, no pain, no social norms, nothing, was going to stop her from his help. The woman elbowed her way through the crowd to get close enough to Jesus to touch the fringe of his garment. Her hemorrhaging stops. After being cast out for a dozen years, the woman bravely declares her faith for all to hear. She shared her story, which was part of the healing, too.

Today's second reading from St. Paul, addresses the practice of generosity. It is not enough, he says, to excel in faith, discourse, knowledge, earnestness, and love. You must also excel in being gracious. Saint Paul puts forth a vision of community where people with abundance provide for the needs of those who have less. Jesus provides the model for excelling in generosity. The Son of God gave up his very life so that humankind may be raised up. In this spirit, we too are asked to use our time, talents, and treasures in service of others. We are called to care for the most vulnerable among us through real actions. What might God be calling you to excel in generosity in these days?

Allow me to share an update with St. Ephrem Convent Building. I have been working with the Diocese to identify how to best use the building. As I have shared that three convents in our Deanery are closing, St. Ephrem Convent, St. Bernadette Convent and Visitation Monastery. The need for Convents for Sisters currently has diminished. Other potential groups are not a good fit. Therefore, the Diocese has made the recommendation and I have accepted, that the parish will use the building as a Parish Center. Over the next few weeks, I will be meeting with the Diocese to see what that will look like. I hope this will put an end to the many rumors about the St. Ephrem Convent Building! I thank you very much for your cooperation and support.

In the Good Shepherd,



Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

June 7, 2024

Dear Pastors and Administrators,

As you know we are coming up on the conclusion of this year's Deanery visits. Monsignor Joseph Grimaldi, your local Regional Episcopal Vicar and I have listened to your suggestions and concerns, and the conversations have personally been very encouraging to me.

As we look to the new pastoral year, I am committed to implement our Reconfiguration Process, with its three different stages throughout our diocese, in order to effectively utilize our financial and clergy personnel resources. The purpose of the Reconfiguration Process is to strengthen the relationship that already exists among parish communities in particular areas of our diocese and to enhance the varied ministries that each parish offers, while collaborating, partnering or merging with another parish.

Collaboration, partnerships, or parish mergers are taking place in many dioceses and a number of parishes share their pastor with at least one other parish with that number growing. The issues we face here in our diocese, though unique in their own ways, are similar to what is happening throughout the country. We are one family in faith.

With this in mind, pastors in each deanery have been tasked to discuss and adjust their Mass schedules in collaboration with the other parishes in their deanery this coming Fall. You are also strongly encouraged to work with neighboring parishes outside your assigned deanery, if pastorally necessary. **To that effect, I am asking that no Mass intentions be taken after June 30, 2025. It is essential that every parish share in this commitment.**

You will hear more about this process in the coming months, and you are encouraged to engage actively in the consultation opportunities at the deanery level. Please provide your thoughts and ideas to your Dean. This is an important moment for new opportunities in our diocese. It is crucial that this process be rooted in prayer and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I ask that you be faithful to patient discernment and committed to creating a plan with your Parish Leadership, Dean and Regional Vicar that will set the roadmap for the future vitality and vibrancy of all our parishes in Brooklyn and Queens.

Thank you for your cooperation as we embark in this new phase of reconfiguration in our diocese. Be assured of my continued prayers for each of you and parish communities.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn.

ACADEMY NEWS

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY TOURS & BUDDY DAYS

Please join us as we open our doors to prospective families. We welcome all families to join us as we show our Catholic Faith.

- Take a tour of our classrooms
- Meet with our Faculty
- Check out our new State of the Art Hydroponics Lab
- Small class sizes

If you are interested please email
Dcolon@stephremschool.org
Registration for 2024 is now open!



DIOCESAN NEWS



Diocesan WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Mass



All couples regardless of the anniversary year are invited to renew their vows. Bring your family to witness your exchange of vows and the continued commitment to one another. Special recognition will be given to couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 75th Anniversary. All registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and those couples in attendance will have their picture taken with Bishop Brennan.

Bishop Brennan will celebrate Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

*St. Thomas Aquinas Church
1550 Hendrickson Street
Brooklyn, NY 11234*

To register & pay the \$35 fee per couple
By September 15th
Email: precana@diobrook.org



Happy Independence Day July 4th

The Rectory Office will be closed.
There will be no 7:00 am Mass. There is
no 7:00 am Mass on July 5th.

Parish News

2024 July
Calendar Raffle

2024 August
Calendar Raffle



Have You Taken A Chance?

Please Return July Raffle
By June 28, 2024

Please Return August Raffle
By July 29, 2024

Winners Pulled on the 15th & 31st
Prizes Range from \$50.00 to \$1,000.00

RECTORY Summer OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday

9:00 am -12 Noon

&

1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am -12:00 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 Confirmation

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

September 15th Session IV
October 6th Session V

All should be attending mass every weekend

**CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025**

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!



**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 the
Faith Formation Office at
Faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org

PARISH AND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

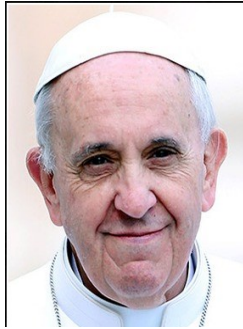


Mission Appeal

Next weekend we welcome the
Sisters from the Marantha Caring Mission
in Nigeria.

These Sisters provide welcome, bring hope
and provide care such as: Service to the
Poor and Elderly, Medical Care and
Neonatal Care.

*There will be a second collection on the
weekend of July 6 & 7.
Please be as generous as possible. Thank You!*



Confirmation strengthens us to
defend the faith and to spread the
Gospel courageously

— Pope Francis —

We are happy to announce

**Most Reverend
Robert J. Brennan, D.D.**
Bishop of Brooklyn



will confer the

Sacrament of Confirmation

on

Sunday, November 24, 2024

at 11:00 a.m. in St. Ephrem Church

Mass Intentions for the week of June 30, 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, June 29th

- 8:45 AM Carmelo Crivellone & Maria Marsillo
- 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Louis Offitto, Jr
Calogero & Vincenza Ferranti
Angelina Marie Riccardi
Francesco Gambuzza
Betty Giglia
Peggy Divine
Rajiv Goulab-In Honor of the Holy Spirit

Sunday, June 30th

- 8:00 AM Msgr. Theo
11:00 AM Raymond Kyne

Monday, July 1st

- 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Fr. Nick Colalella

Tuesday, July 2nd

- 7:00 AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Kwesi Mark and David Jn Pierre

Wednesday, July 3rd

- 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
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Thursday, July 4th

- No 7:00 AM Mass—Independence Day**
8:45 AM Teresina Sestito

Friday, July 5th

- No 7:00 AM Mass**
8:45 AM Frank & Judy Chiarchiaro 54th
Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, July 6th

- 8:45 AM Edwin J. Boden, Jr. (1st Birthday in Heaven)
- 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Leon Ognibene
Martin Ryan
Tommaso F. Cario

Sunday, July 7th

- 8:00 AM Peter Murray
11:00 AM Nicholas Aldawaliby

MEMORIALS



Bread and Wine

In Memory of

Raymond Kyne

Requested by His Family



Altar Candles

In Memory of

Raymond Kyne

Requested by His Family



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

Raymond Kyne

Requested by His Family



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

Raymond Kyne

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Altar Flowers

In Memory of

Raymond Kyne

Requested by His Family



Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar

In Memory of

Raymond Kyne

Requested by His Family



Flowers at the Holy Family Altar

In Memory of

Raymond Kyne

Requested by His Family



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.

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.



June 23, 2024	158 Envelopes	\$4,979.00
Peter's Pence	90 Envelopes	\$1,612.00
We Share	16 Donors	\$ 203.12

Attendance 497

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 97 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 125
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 275

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
 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	June 24, 2024
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,357,309.31
Paid to Date	\$1,292,357.32
Percent of Goal	120%

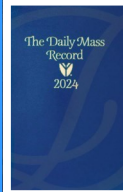
Thank You for your Generosity!

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

Saint Ephrem, pray for us!



PARISH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Mass Book
July 1st—December 31st
Is now open

Please contact the rectory to arrange for any Mass Intentions.

Prayer For The 4th Of July

Dear God,

Thank you for this day. Thank you for the freedom we celebrate on the 4th of July. We ask for your blessings on our country and our people. Help our leaders make wise decisions. Keep our soldiers safe. Give us peace and unity.

Let us always remember to be kind to each other, to help when we can, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We give you all the glory and praise. Amen.

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

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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: \$80,335.00
Amount Paid: \$60,805.00
Donors 110

Donate and contribute to fulfill our Parish goals

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

