

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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July 14, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Abbreviated Bulletin—For Full Copy
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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. 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.



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“He began to send them out.”
Mark 6: 7-13

Dear Parishioners:

In this gospel Jesus begins to delegate. He sends his apostles to extend his work of preaching and healing. His instructions are hard. They are to go with no supplies and are to rely on the hospitality of others. They are to expect rejection and are to settle nowhere. Yet they do not go alone. Jesus sends them in pairs. And he goes with them too, in a way, giving them his own authority over unclean spirits and his own power to heal those who are sick. In the same way, Jesus goes with us, remaining with the church in the sacraments. God also gives us each other as companions on the long journey of Christian life, and is present to us in any relationship where love reigns.

Jesus instructs the disciples on how to exit a difficult situation with dignity. If a place does not welcome them, the disciples are to leave by simply shaking the dust off their feet on the way out. This traditional Jewish gesture is a gentle yet pointed way to depart. The hostile household receives dirt rather than the word of God. Jesus wants the disciples to be prepared for rejection. Not every person is ready to receive the good news. That does not mean we stop preaching it, but it does require disciples to be discerning about when it is time to pack up and move on.

God calls people to discipleship in the midst of everyday life. In today’s first reading, a shepherd named Amos finds himself pulled from the fields and sent out to prophesy in the name of God. Amos claimed he was no prophet, but God had other plans in mind. We may not be sent to northern Israel, but like Amos, God calls each of us for the work of discipleship exactly where we are. In our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities, we are called to spread God’s message of love to the world.

In the Good Shepherd,

St. Ephrem Fever On Saturday Night

Dress to impress in your disco best!

Featuring



Live Show



\$55 Per Person Includes:
 Sandwiches,
 Snacks,
 Soda & Water.
BYOB
 For Sale
 Wine & Beer

For Information &
 Reservations Contact
 St. Ephrem Rectory
 (718) 833 -1010

You can arrange for
 tables of 8 or 10 people

Two live shows
1 Hour and 15
Minutes Each



Saturday, October 12, 2024
7:00—11:00 PM
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11228

Please make your reservations
by October 7th
No Tickets will be sold at the door.

Congratulations Rev. Luis Marquez



With gratitude to Almighty God
Fr. Luis Marquez
was Ordained to the Priesthood
for the Diocese of Brooklyn.
Fr. Luis Marquez has been assigned
to the
Parish of Resurrection Ascension
Rego Park, New York



Fr. Luis Marquez will be offering a
Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, September 29th at 11:00 a.m.

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



Parish News

Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.

Pope Francis

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RECTORY Summer OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday

9:00 am -12 Noon

&

1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am -12:00 pm

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



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

Are You Being Called to be a Deacon?



A deacon is a man who is called by God and after discernment, formation, and preparation is ordained by his bishop to serve the needs of God's people. If a married man is called to the diaconate, his wife must consent and support his decision to seek formation and ordination. As Catholics, we believe that each ordained deacon is conformed through

the sacramental grace of Holy Orders into the image of Jesus the Servant.

Threefold Service of a Deacon

- **Service to the Word of God:** the deacon is called to be a man of deep prayer, becoming familiar with and a living witness to the Word of God in his ministry, among his family, and in the workplace.
- **Service to the Eucharist:** Every deacon is called to serve the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood by his proper participation in the Liturgy, his love and reverence of the Blessed Sacrament, and his willingness to bring the Eucharist to those who are sick and unable to join the community of faith in Sunday worship.
- **Service on behalf of Justice, Charity, and Peace:** Deacons serve as Christ's heralds of hope and love to the poor, disabled, needy, lonely, young, forgotten, and society's outcasts.

This fall there are two evenings of inquiry scheduled for men who are interested in the Diaconate in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

If you feel God is calling you to the Diaconate Ministry, please contact Fr. Robert Adamo to make an appointment to discuss this further.

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 July 14, 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, July 13th

8:45 AM For the Intentions of Hezikkah Jn Pierre

5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Domenica DeVito
Caterina Carchidi
George DiPretoro
Walter Cantoni
Florence & Nicholas Infantino
Josephine & Nunzio Mauriello
Antonia Blumberg

Sunday, July 14th

8:00 AM Michael Joseph Dowd
11:00 AM Nicholas Aldawaliby

Monday, July 15th

7:00 AM Sister Mary Ann Ambrose, CSJ
8:45 AM Antonio Rummo

Tuesday, July 16th

7:00 AM Ralph Quartro
8:45 AM Marie & Joseph Mazzone

Wednesday, July 17th

7:00 AM Vincent J. Dougherty
8:45 AM Irene Liberth

Thursday, July 18th

7:00 AM Connie Macannuco
8:45 AM Anna Tarulli

Friday, July 19th

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Amayha & Aiden Valmont
8:45 AM Matthew A. Gilmartin

Saturday, July 20th

8:45 AM Ralph Nicosia

5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Paul Sylvester
John Caturano
Mary Breslin
Marilyn Tine
Frances Groccia
Antonio Groccia
Arturo Apuzzo
For the Intentions of Brian Louis

Sunday, July 21st

8:00 AM Nicholas Aldawaliby
11:00 AM Michael & Winifred McNamara

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.

MEMORIALS



Bread and Wine

In Memory of

George DiPretoro

Requested by His Loving Family



Altar Candles

In Memory of

Irene Liberth

Requested by Her Loving Family



Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar

In Memory of

Domenica DeVito

Requested by Her Loving Daughters and Grandchildren



ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE FOOD PANTRY



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

July 20 & 21, 2024

Thank you for your generosity!



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.



July 7, 2024	158 Envelopes	\$5,911.00
Nigerian Mission	9 Envelopes	\$6,971.00
We Share	49 Donors	\$1,895.18

Attendance 431

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 110 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 96
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 225

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 July 8, 2024

Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,357,309.31
Paid to Date	\$1,292,482.32
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.




Walk beside me, Jesus as I begin the season of summer. As I work, play, enjoy family time and friendships, may I hear Your voice within me, guiding me toward all that is right and good. Give me faith In Your presence, knowing that You walk Beside me always, everywhere and in everything I do. Gracious and loving Jesus, thank you for the gift of summertime. May the warmth of its sun and the beauty of the season remind me daily of Your love for me. Allow me to enjoy every moment. 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



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: \$89,029.59
 Amount Paid: \$67,644.59
 Donors 114

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

