

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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 St. Ephrem Catholic Church Dyker Heights

Parish Staff

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July 21, 2024

Sixteenth 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.



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“He began to send them out.”

Mark 6: 7-13

Dear Parishioners:

Today’s gospel highlights the importance of the Sabbath practice. Jesus tells the apostles: *“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”* The Son of God recognizes that daily life demands a lot from disciples then and now. The to-do list never stops growing. Our calling may pull us in many directions a reality that makes the practice of Sabbath even more necessary. To pause from work and worry, if even for an afternoon, can renew energy for the day-to-day grind. To worship, withdraw, wonder, walk and welcome others draws us closer to God.

We might feel some pity for Jesus here, after a busy stretch of ministry he attempts to retreat with the apostles only to find that the crowds have walked to meet them. But his response is not one of annoyance or impatience, justified as those reactions would be. He rather sees the need of those who are seeking him, and he responds to that need with compassion. He is able to do so in part because he does not operate from a scarcity mindset. It seems there is not enough time for both ministry and rest, but Jesus operates from a place of trust. In God his needs and ours will be abundantly met, and Jesus is able to share that generosity with those who are seeking him.

Jesus’ heart is moved with “pity” for the crowds. This is perhaps better translated as compassion or mercy. Jesus sees in the crowds a deep hunger for a shepherd, someone to lead them into the promise of a better tomorrow. The Son of God allows himself to be interrupted by the needs of the crowd.

In the Good Shepherd,

St. Ephrem Fever On Saturday Night

Dress to impress in your disco best!

Featuring



Live Show



**Two live shows
1 Hour and 15
Minutes Each**

**\$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**



**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**

Amazon Wish List
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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



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

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1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am -12:00 pm

2024 July Calendar Raffle Winners July 1st to 15th Next drawing July 31st

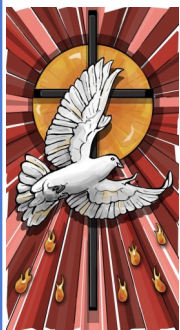
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| July 1st | \$50 |
| July 2nd | \$50 |
| July 3rd | \$50 |
| July 4th | \$250 |
| July 5th | \$75 |
| July 6th | \$50 |
| July 7th | \$100 |
| July 8th | \$50 |
| July 9th | \$50 |
| July 10th | \$50 |
| July 11th | \$50 |
| July 12th | \$75 |
| July 13th | \$50 |
| July 14th | \$100 |
| July 15th | \$50 |





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 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, 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

Monday, July 22nd

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Francesco Riera

Tuesday, July 23rd

7:00 AM Peter Murray
8:45 AM Mary Lou Doolan

Wednesday, July 24th

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

Thursday, July 25th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Doreen Delaney

Friday, July 26th

7:00 AM Florence & Benjamin Nigro
8:45 AM Maria Mastromarino

Saturday, July 27th

8:45 AM For the Intentions of Alvern Valmont & Mario Jn Peirre
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
John Riordan
Judy Chiarchiaro
Maria Volpe
For the Intentions of Tina Stucchio
For the Intentions of Kaiden Vessup (Birthday)

Sunday, July 28th

8:00 AM Nicholas Aldawaliby
11:00 AM Costanza & Guariglia Family

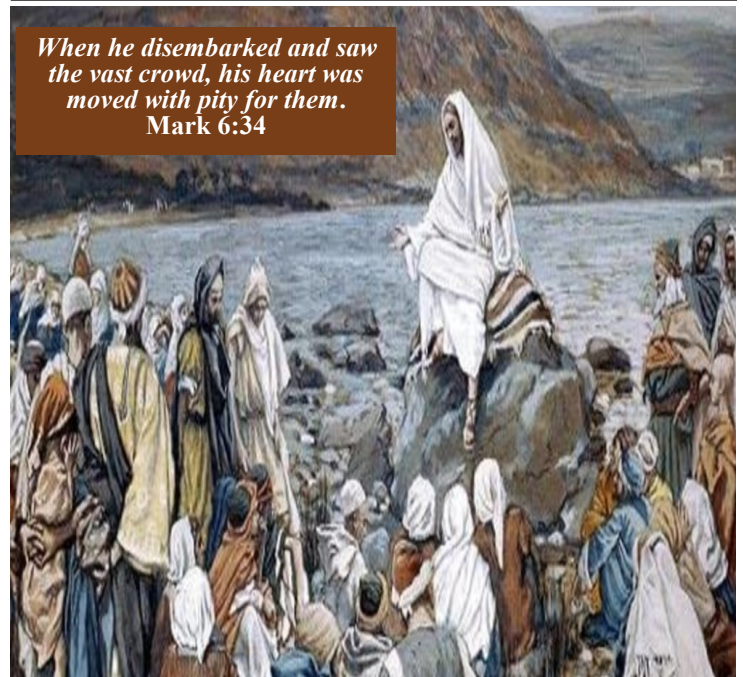
MEMORIALS

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.



Altar Flowers
In Memory of
Francesco Riera & Frank Iannizzi
Requested by Betty Iannizzi

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them.
Mark 6:34



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.*

On August 2nd
Benediction takes place at 11:00 AM.



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% |

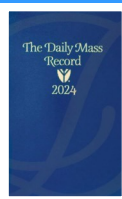
Thank You for your Generosity!

**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



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
 DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
 Amount Pledged: \$89,029.59
 Amount Paid: \$67,644.59
 Donors 114

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