

# Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

[www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org](http://www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org)

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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*  
Mrs. Theresa Swenson, *Coordinator of Faith Formation*  
Mr. Robert Cote, *Youth Minister*  
Mr. Michael Phillips, *Academy Principal*  
Ms. Helena Kim, DMA, *Director of Music/Liturgy*  
Mrs. Michele James, *Business Manager*  
Mrs. Lisa Pinsky, *Parish Secretary*

October 20, 2024

Twenty-Ninth 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](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-ignite 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.



**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 20, 2024**  
*“The Son of Man came  
 to give his life as a ransom for many.”*  
**Mark 10: 35-45**

Dear Parishioners:

Today’s gospel passage repeats themes from several weeks ago. Jesus repeats that his disciples who wish to be great need to live lives of service to others. “Follow me” to the cross is a frightening summons to a life of sacrifice and suffering. James and John saw the trials firsthand. It tried their trust. Who would not relish the guarantee that after a lifetime of hard work, a special seat sits waiting on the other side? Yet once again, Jesus invites his disciples and all of us to break free from our worldly wants. He promises the way of the cross, while challenging, will be the way of connection, growth, and ultimately, eternal life.

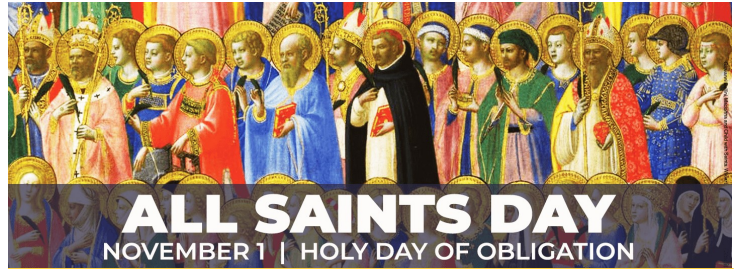
Jesus’ sacramental references remind us that the way of the cross is a communal way. We share in the waters of baptism. We drink from the same sacred cup. The ritual celebrations we engage in as a church are meant to draw us closer to one another and to Jesus himself, who promises his full presence when two or three are gathered in his name. Signed, sealed, and nourished by the sacraments, we are sent out into the world to be people of service. We are called to take up the cross in our homes and workplaces, across our neighborhoods and beyond. Each encounter with another person or the earth, each call answered, each forgiveness granted, each injustice challenged offers opportunities for growth. Our bodies, and hearts, know growth never comes without aches and pains.

Yet we keep going together. We keep taking up the cross of daily demands time and time again, trusting that this is the path to eternal life. Through affliction, we trust that we will “see the light in fullness of days” as the prophet Isaiah says in today’s first reading. Jesus promises that the darkness of the cross leads to the light of resurrection. May we find strength in his promise.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Disco Night, by purchasing a gift, and/or attending, you made it successful! Thank You again!

Next, Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, the parking lot will be close for a Academy event, sorry for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding!

In the Good Shepherd,



**Mass will be offered:**  
**Thursday, October 31st at 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, November 1st**  
**7:00 am and**  
**8:45 am**  
**with St. Ephrem Catholic Academy**



*Saturday, November 2nd*  
*at the 5:00 PM Mass*  
*We will remember our Deceased*  
*Parishioners who’s Funeral Mass was*  
*celebrated here at St. Ephrem.*  
*May they Rest in Peace!*

*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**





## ACADEMY NEWS



# ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY

924 74th Street Brooklyn, NY






- Early Morning Drop Off (7:15 AM)
- Extended Day Program (until 6:00 PM)
- Summer Camp
- Art Classes
- Digital Art
- Sports Program
- Children's Choir
- STEM Lab
- Orton-Gillingham Certified Teacher
- Special Education SPEECH Services (SETSS, OT, PT)
- National Junior Honor Society
- Title I Programs (ELA, Math, Guidance)
- Google Apps for Education
- Full-Size Gym and Classes



**For Tours and Information call 718-833-1440 or visit our website [www.stephremschool.org](http://www.stephremschool.org)**



# St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

## Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights

stephremschool.org  
924 74th St., Brooklyn, NY 11228  
**718-833-1440**

*Your child will take part in an educational process that is child-oriented and balanced physically, emotionally, aesthetically, and socially with a developmentally appropriate, academically challenging, gospel-infused curriculum.*

▶ <b>PERFORMING ARTS</b>	▶ <b>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>
▶ <b>VISUAL ARTS/ GRAPHIC DESIGN</b>	▶ <b>STEM LAB (LABLEARNER)</b>
▶ <b>BAND/CHOIR/VIOLIN</b>	▶ <b>ALGEBRA I/LIVING ENVIRONMENT</b>
▶ <b>NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY</b>	▶ <b>SPORTS PROGRAM</b>
▶ <b>SPEECH THERAPY</b>	▶ <b>CLUB HOUR (ARCHITECTURE, BOARD GAMES, YEARBOOK, ETC)</b>
▶ <b>PHYSICAL THERAPY</b>	
▶ <b>ORTON GILLINGHAM</b>	

*Tuition starts at \$5,650.  
See school/website for sibling discounts and aid.*

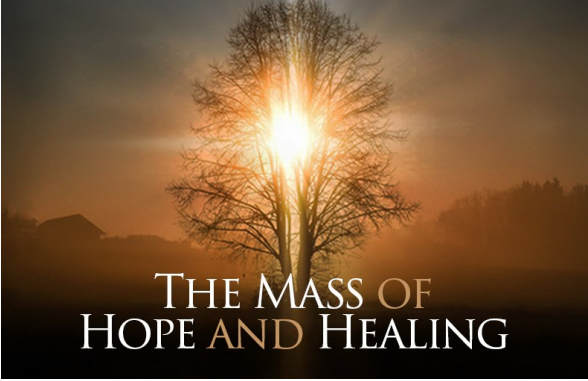
## PARISH NEWS



**On Saturday, October 26th  
The Parking Lot will be closed.**

*Sorry for any inconvenience!*

## DIOCESAN NEWS



# THE MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING

**Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

**St. Pancras Church  
72-22 68th Street  
Glendale, New York 11385**

*All those effected by the trauma of abuse are invited to this evening to come together to pray for healing and peace.*

**ST. EPHREM YOUTH MINISTRY  
SOCKTOBER**

Middle School Service Project

**Sun. Oct. 27 @ 12 noon  
in the Church**



Please RSVP using the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/dAoH1dEjoLH3PQPJA>



youthministry@stephremparish-brooklyn.org

Parishioners, please donate NEW packages of socks the weekend of October 26/27.





**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.

**Confirmation Retreat  
November 16th**

*Candidates & Sponsor attend 5:00 pm Mass*

All should be attending mass every weekend



**Proximate Preparation for Communion**

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

**October 20th Session II**

**Sunday, November 17th Session III**

**Sunday, January 5th Session IV**

**Sunday, February 9th Session V**

**Sunday, March 9th Session VI**

All should be attending mass every weekend



*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](mailto:Faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org)*

**PARISH AND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

Join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy!

**St. Ephrem Parish**

Led by Fr. Robert B. Adamo, Pastor & Spiritual Director

March 23 - April 1, 2025

Rome ~ Vatican City ~ Orvieto ~ Florence ~ San Gimignano ~ Assisi

**Jubilee 2025**



Brochures are available at the Rectory



Limited Space Available! Enrollment Deadline October 30th!

**Peter's Way Tours**  
[www.PetersWay.com](http://www.PetersWay.com)

To request a brochure  
E-mail: [Peter@petersway.com](mailto:Peter@petersway.com)  
Ask for Tour Code #1258  
800-225-7662 • 516-605-1551

**Altar Servers  
Needed**



**Training Sessions**  
Sundays at 10:00 am  
in the Church.

**October 27th  
November 3rd  
November 10**

**Mass of Installation**  
Sunday, November 10th  
At 11:00 am

St. Ephrem Parish is seeking to assist the priests & deacons at Mass.

3rd Grade and above, and Adults are invited.

Please call the Rectory Office  
or

Email: [music@stephremparish-brooklyn.org](mailto:music@stephremparish-brooklyn.org)

*A parent/gradian must attend the training session and give their permission for their child to be an Altar Server.*

## Mass Intentions for the week of October 20, 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, October 19th

8:45 AM For the Intentions of Alvern Valmont and Rajiv Goulab

5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem  
Leonard J. Dimino  
Josephine Mondiello  
Jennifer Steed  
Joseph Barracato, Jr.  
Eric Liberth  
Joseph Michael Laura  
Michael Infantino  
George Fischetti

### Sunday, October 20th

8:00 AM Nicholas Aldawaliby  
11:00 AM For the Intentions of Jane & Harry Genzale

### Monday, October 21st

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Rudy Goulab

### Tuesday, October 22nd

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

### Wednesday, October 23rd

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM Michelina Iannelli

### Thursday, October 24th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM Joseph Cronin, Jr.

### Friday, October 25th

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

### Saturday, October 26th

8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem  
Leonard J. Dimino  
Michael Anderson  
Helen Savage  
Marilyn P. Cushing  
Elvira Angelori  
George Fischetti  
Laura Wildner  
Catherine Philomena Collins  
Lorenzo & Rosalia Zanca

### Sunday, October 27th

8:00 AM Nicholas Aldawaliby  
11:00 AM Domenick Mazzone

## 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  
**Michelina & Gina Iannelli**

*Requested by Betty & Theresa*



**Bread and Wine**  
In Memory of  
**Michelina Iannelli**  
*Requested by Betty & Theresa*



**Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar**  
In Memory of  
**Billy Iannizzi**  
*Requested by Betty Iannizzi*

**May all Americans recall the necessity of dialogue, civility, and humility in this election season.**

**October Month of the Rosary**  
**Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**The Rosary is prayed Monday-Saturday 8:15 AM in the Church.**

**Previously Recorded Rosary will be Live-Streamed through the Parish website each evening at 7:00 PM Please share and join us!**



## 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**







October 13, 2024	133 Envelopes	\$4,526.00
Hurricane Helene	8 Envelopes	\$3,903.00
We Share	17 Donors	\$ 375.39

Attendance 461

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 110 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 105  
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 246

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

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

As of	October 15, 2024
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,357,309.31
Paid to Date	\$1,294,006.32
Percent of Goal	120%

**Thank You for your Generosity!**

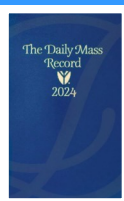
*\*Some pledges have been cancelled due to changing life circumstances.*

**Saint Ephrem, pray for us!**



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

### PARISH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



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

Please contact the rectory to arrange for any Mass Intentions.

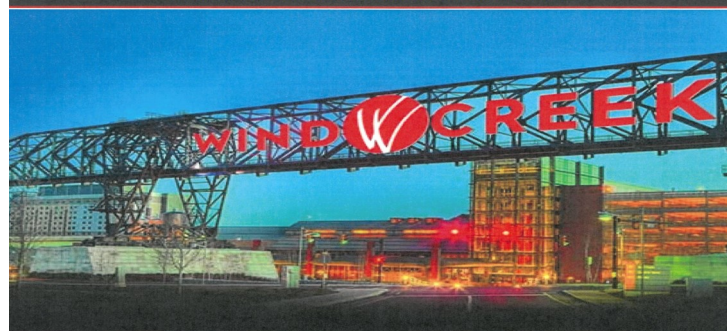


November 3rd at 2:00 am  
 Turn your clocks one hour back!



Sunday, November 3rd  
 Marathon Sunday  
 Good Luck to all the runners!

St. Ephrem Friendship Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA



Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
 the bus departs at 8:45 am sharp  
 \$40.00 per person, with \$25.00 Slot Free Play  
**NO REFUNDS**

For information please call Frank (347) 267-3644 till 7:00 PM in the evening  
 Reservations and full payment no later than October 16, 2024



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024  
 DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



Parish Goal: \$100,198.00  
 Amount Pledged: \$97,189.59  
 Amount Paid: \$86,884.59  
 Donors 124

We are \$3,008.41 away from our goal. Providing that all pledges are fulfilled. Next Sunday's Second Collection will be to help us reach parish goal. Thank You for your Generosity!