

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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*
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November 3, 2024

Thirty First 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-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.



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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***“Love the Lord your God.
Love your neighbor.”***

Mark 12: 28b-34

Dear Parishioners:

The scribe who asks Jesus about the greatest commandment is an interesting character. It is hard to get a read on him: this kind of question, from a scribe, is usually intended as a trick for Jesus. His response, though, is one of sincere acceptance, showing an understanding that earns Jesus’ approval. Perhaps his question, then, was not a trick but one of an earnest seeker striving after God love. Jesus’ response gives two commandments rooted in love; perhaps the scribe’s recognition of the truth in Jesus’ answer came from a heart already shaped by genuine love for God and neighbor. In any event, this gospel reminds us that many of our human boundaries fall apart in the face of the God who calls us to love. Jesus and the scribe, usually enemies, here understand each other and are able to engage in honest dialogue.

The commandments that guide our faith vary in weight. In terms of church teachings, a comment Pope Francis makes on an airplane is significant, but a decree put forth at a church council holds even more importance.

Then today’s gospel, Jesus says clearly: “There is no other commandment greater than these: you shall love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love God. Love, your neighbor. Love yourself. Everything else stems from these ancient calls. As followers of Christ, baptized in the Holy Spirit, we are sent into the world to make God’s steadfast love known to all of creation. We are also called to recognize the ways creation reflects God’s love back to us.

On Tuesday, November 5th, Election Day, I urge if you have not yet voted to please vote. It is our Faithful Citizens obligation. Catholic social teaching strongly promotes active citizenship. Through our opportunities as citizens, we can help shape a world more committed to protecting human life and dignity and promoting justice and peace. In their statement Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the bishops state, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (No. 13).

Next weekend is Hospitality Sunday, as we honor our Veterans who served our Country. I hope you can join us after Mass to renew friendships and establish new ones.

In the Good Shepherd,

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY HAA
PRESENTS

*A Night of
Cheers and
Celebrations*

Friday, November 15th

7:30pm-11:30pm

SIRICO'S , 8023-13th Avenue
Dinner, Dancing, and Open Bar



FEATURING
SPECIAL GUEST
DJ BRYAN ROOT

HONORING MS. MARIE PASCARELLA
AND MR. SYLVESTER SICHENZE

\$125 PER PERSON; TABLES OF TEN AVAILABLE
ALL 21+ ARE WELCOME!

For table reservations or to purchase tickets,
please email haa@stephremschool.org
and Venmo @stephrem; please RSVP by 11/8

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY
\$5,000 CASH RAFFLE!!!
TICKETS ARE \$100 EACH
ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

Drawing will be held at Parent's Night Out at Sirico's on Friday, 11/15! Winner does not need to be present.

Pass along to your family and friends! Good luck everyone!!!

[Get Your Tickets By Clicking Here!](#)

Or Scan the QR Code

For more information, e-mail
haa@stephremschool.org



When purchasing your ticket, you are
NOT required to pay a fee, select Other
and \$0 Contribution

The Book of the Dead



Will be available in our Church during the month of November. The names of the parishioners who had their funeral Mass at St. Ephrem last year are already inscribed.

If you would like you may inscribe your loved ones name.

May the 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

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.

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

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

NATIONAL NEWS

Prayer Before a Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

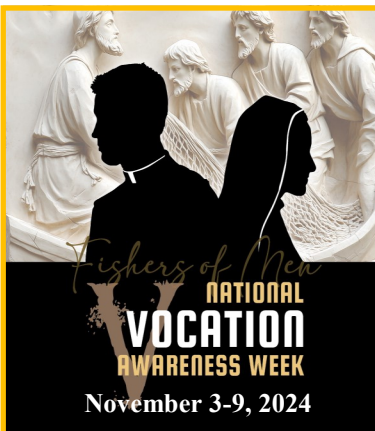
We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love,

and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



DIOCESAN NEWS



“Do not be afraid to proclaim the Gospel, to meet, to guide the lives of young people. Do not be timid in suggesting the priestly life to them, showing them above all with your joyful witness, that it is beautiful to follow the Lord and give him your life forever!”
Pope Francis

Today begins Vocation Awareness Week

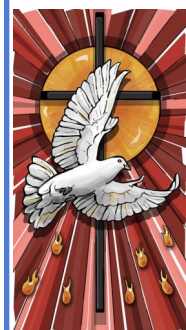
During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today’s culture will hear and respond to God’s call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and consecrated life!

vocations@diobrook.org
Office phone: (718) 827-2454
Fr. Chris Bethge, Vocation Director
cbethge@cathedralprep.org



**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.**

- 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

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 November 30th!

For information on tour code #1258 E-mail: Peter@petersway.com



Or SCAN the QR code to view the brochure!



**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

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 November 3, 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, November 2nd

8:45 AM Vincenzo Mazzone
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Gerda Michaud
Jozef Cupela
Roman Cynar
Carmelo Crivellone
Maria Marsillo
Nick Acquafredda
George Fischetti
Inez Kennedy Bunza

Sunday, November 3rd

8:00 AM Antoinette Minko
11:00 AM Mary Bonfiglio

Monday, November 4th

7:00 AM Teresa & Chao-Nan Kuo
8:45 AM Pietro Nesta

Tuesday, November 5th

7:00 AM John Carr
8:45 AM Evelyn & Henry Ciolli

Wednesday, November 6th

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Adele & Joseph Cassese
8:45 AM Michael & Winifred McNamara

Thursday, November 7th

7:00 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45 AM Calvin Bunch

Friday, November 8th

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

Saturday, November 9th

8:45 AM For the Intentions of Rose Mazzone

5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Sister Mary Ann Ambrose, CSJ
Eric Liberth
John Marsh
Theresa Tuohy
Dr. Michael & Lauretta Cannariato
Lorenzo & Rosalia Zanca
John Ferretti
Robert Zoltowski

Sunday, November 10th

8:00 AM Florence & Benjamin Nigro
11:00 AM Matthew A. Gilmartin

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.



Bread and Wine

In Memory of

Jozef Cupala

Requested by His Loving Family



Altar Candles

In Memory of

Charles & Alice Amass

Requested by The Calderone Family



Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

The Ryan & Hampl Family

Requested by Joann Ryan

Hospitality Sunday

November 9 & 10

Please join us following each Mass, for light refreshments at

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy!

Renew old friendships & establish new ones!



VETERANS DAY
Honoring All Who Served

★ ★ ★ 11TH NOVEMBER ★ ★ ★

**On Monday,
November 11th
As we honor our
Veterans, the Rectory
Office will be closed
and there will be
No 7:00 am Mass.**

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 27, 2024	149 Envelopes	\$6,944.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	3 Envelopes	\$1,241.00
We Share	27 Donors	\$1,142.01

Attendance 465

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 110 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 105
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 250

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	October 28, 2024
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,357,309.31
Paid to Date	\$1,294,312.32
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
 January 1st—June 30th, 2025
Is now open

Please contact the rectory to arrange for any Mass Intentions.

Jesus came to heal the whole person, body & soul

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.



The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 5:00 pm.
 If you wish to be anointed please fill the card by the doors of the Church and return it by November 18th.

ST. EPHREM SAINTS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

CABRINI

7 P.M. | FAITH FORMATION OFFICE | SNACKS



PLEASE NOTE: MOVIE IS PG-13 FOR THEMATIC MATERIAL, SOME VIOLENCE, LANGUAGE AND SMOKING. RUNTIME IS 2HR 25MIN. SCAN TO RSVP.

YOUTHMINISTRY@STEPHREMPARISH-BROOKLYN.ORG



Annual Catholic
 Appeal 2024
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Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
 Amount Pledged: \$98,689.59
 Amount Paid: \$89,971.59
 Donors 126

Thank you very much for all who have participated!
 We now are currently \$267.41 short of our parish goal. That is if everyone fulfills their pledge.
 Thank you again for your generosity!

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