

# 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*  
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*

November 10, 2024

Thirty-Second 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.



**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 10, 2024**

***"The poor widow put in more than all the others."***

**Mark 12:38-44**

Dear Parishioners:

***"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had."***

This poignant passage reiterates, as so much of the gospel does, that God's ways are not our ways. Without the protection and statues of husband or sons, widows were left vulnerable to poverty and social exclusion. This widow faces those conditions bravely, enters the temple to offer what she can, and is commanded by Jesus for her generosity. She makes a gift that seems small to those around her. She herself probably perceived this as a small gift, even though she alone knew how hard it would make her life. And yet this brief moment has been noticed and memorialized, celebrated all these thousands of years later. We, likewise, do not know what impact our sacrifices and generosity have. Things that might seem small or meaningless are noticed by God and taken up into the bigger project of bringing about God's vision of justice and love.

Today's familiar gospel story of the widow who donated two small coins to the treasury should not be read as an endorsement of poverty. The women got to such a poor state because she fell victim to sins of fraud and prejudice. Many women today find themselves in similar unjust situations. Rather than glorify her economic situation, we would do well to celebrate her motivation for giving the coins in the first place. She loves her faith community. She believes in the holiness of the temple and wants to see it maintained.

On this Veteran's Day weekend, let us honor all those who served our Country! Let us not forget because of them we have freedom.

This weekend is Hospitality Sunday, please join us after Mass in the Msgr. Kain Hall for light refreshments.

In the Good Shepherd,

**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!*



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

**St. Ephrem RC Church  
Statement of Income and Expenses  
For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024**

**Ordinary Income**

Sunday/Holy Day Collections	\$ 421,521		
Christmas and Easter Gifts	41,906	\$ 463,427	(Total Collections)
Votive Shrines	1,886		
Rental Income Convent/Senior Priests	57,560		
Rental Income Other	4,000		
Religious Education	12,603		
Clergy Fund (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, Etc.)	20,349		
Other Auxillary Receipts	-		
Fundraising (net expenses)	307,658	404,056	(Total Other Ordinary Income)

**Total Ordinary Income**

867,483

**Ordinary Expenses**

Salary & Expense Clergy (Medical, Pension Fund, Etc.)	219,667		
Religious Stipend	38,556		
Salaries (organist, singers, choir etc.)	85,285		
Employee Benefits & Taxes	174,694		
Rectory Household Salary & Expenses	116,242		
Fuel & Electricity	24,487		
Insurance - Parish Buildings	171,056		
Diocesan Assessments	118,988		
Ordinary Maintenance & Repairs - Salary & Expense	200,415		
Convent Expenses	79,791		
Office Salary and Expenses	178,160		
Altar Supplies	31,647		
Religious Education Program - Salary & Expense	53,162		
Parish Programs/Events	17,050		
Donations to Other Parishes/Org.-Charity	4,125		
Misc Expenses	10,512	1,523,838	(Total Ordinary Expenses)

**Income (Loss) From Ordinary Operation**

(656,356)

**Extraordinary Income**

Annual Stewardship Appeal	10,170		
Donations/Bequests	165,065		
Interest Income	17,376		
Unrealized Gains(Losses) net expenses	175,206		
FEMA reimbursement (covid expenses)	24,584		
School Rental	947,779	1,340,180	(Total Extraordinary Income)

**Subtotal Income (Loss) from Ordinary Operation + Extraordinary Income**

683,824

**Extraordinary Expenses**

Major Repairs & Renovations:Total	986,872		
Handicap Ramp, Air Conditioning, Church Roof, Sidewalk repair, Church Terrazzo Refinishing, Electical Work (garage, Msgr. Kain hall, Boiler Conversions (convent, church, academy,) Old School (façade, new roof, masonry work,water repellant sealant, permits and expeditor, etc.)			
Interest on Diocesan Loans	67,392	1,054,265	(Total Extraordinary Expenses)

**Net Income(Loss)**

\$ (370,440)

**Diocesan Second or Special Collections & Payments**

\$ 37,669

**Words of Explanation for the Financial Report of the Fiscal Year September 1, 2023 through August 31,2024**

Please note that our Ordinary Income (Sunday & Holy Day, Christmas, and Easter Collections) do not cover our Ordinary Expenses. This is the primary way in which we sustain ourselves.

You will also notice under Extraordinary Income that it reflects several items such as: FEMA Reimbursement for COVID Expenses, Parish Fundraisers, return from our investments and the rental from our Old School Building.

Also reflected is the Extraordinary Expenses of over \$986,872 due to Major Renovations to our Church and other upgrades to our entire plant.

Lastly, we did close the year with a loss of (\$370,440).

Your generosity has allowed us to sustain our parish. This includes our many ministries, paying our bills, the salaries of our devoted staff, and parish improvements.

Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure with our faith community.



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

**PARISH AND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

Join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy!

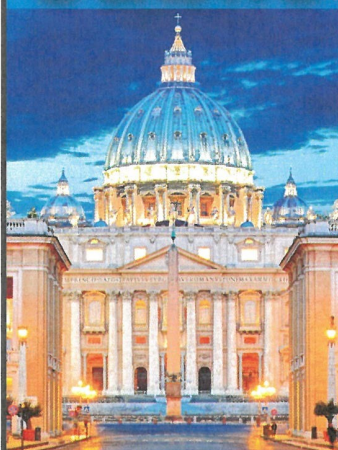
**St. Ephrem Parish**

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 November 30<sup>th</sup>!**

For information on tour code #1258 E-mail: [Peter@petersway.com](mailto:Peter@petersway.com)

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

Or SCAN the QR code  
to view the brochure!



**Prayer After an Election**

**God of all nations,  
Father of the human family,  
we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise  
and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy  
in these United States of America.  
We ask for your protection and guidance  
for all who devote themselves to the common good,  
working for justice and peace at home  
and around the world.  
We lift up all our duly elected leaders  
and public servants,  
those who will serve us as president,  
as legislators and judges,  
those in the military and law enforcement.  
Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord,  
with a common purpose, dedication, and  
commitment to achieve liberty and justice  
in the years ahead for all people,  
and especially those who are  
most vulnerable in our midst.  
Amen.**

## Mass Intentions for the week of November 10, 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 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 & Laurreta Cannariato  
Lorenzo & Rosalia Zanca  
John Ferretti  
Robert Zoltowski

### Sunday, November 10th

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

### Monday, November 11th

No 7:00 AM Mass

8:45 AM John Daniel Connolly

### Tuesday, November 12th

7:00 AM for the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM Florence & Nicholas McManus

### Wednesday, November 13th

7:00 AM Frank Oliviero  
8:45 AM Billy Iannizzi

### Thursday, November 14th

7:00 AM Dorothy McIntyre  
8:45 AM Frank S. Milea

### Friday, November 15th

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

### Saturday, November 16th

8:45 AM Msgr. Theo  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem  
Leonard J. Dimino  
Richard Hyland (1st Anniversary)  
Michael Green  
Joseph Barracato Jr.  
Philomena Collina  
Vincent & Maria Cannariato  
Adeline Micciolo  
Hugh Gallagher  
Mary Ann Thiel

### Sunday, November 17th

8:00 AM Nicholas Aldawaliby  
11:00 AM For the Intentions of Thomas Costanza

## 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  
**Catherine & William Dreichler and Agatha Williams**  
*Requested by Elizabeth Dreichler*



**Sanctuary Lamp**  
In Loving Memory of  
**Joe & Joan Rodie, Cherly Manning and Caty Lepore**  
*Requested by Joann Ryan*



**Altar Flowers**  
In Memory of  
**Catherine & William Dreichler and Agatha Williams**  
*Requested by Elizabeth Dreichler*



**Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar**  
In Memory of  
**Catherine & William Dreichler and Agatha Williams**  
*Requested by Elizabeth Dreichler*



**Flowers at the Holy Family Altar**  
In Memory of  
**Catherine & William Dreichler and Agatha Williams**  
*Requested by Elizabeth Dreichler*



**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.**



<i>November 3, 2024</i>	<i>143 Envelopes</i>	<i>\$5,349.00</i>
<i>St. Elizabeth Seton</i>	<i>100 Envelopes</i>	<i>\$2,134.00</i>
<i>Military</i>	<i>83 Envelopes</i>	<i>\$1,713.00</i>
<i>All Saints</i>	<i>84 Envelopes</i>	<i>\$1,713.00</i>
<i>We Share</i>	<i>27 Donors</i>	<i>\$1,142.01</i>
<i>Attendance 615</i>		
<i>Saturday 5:00 p.m. 295 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 95</i>		
<i>Sunday 11:00 a.m. 225</i>		
<b>903 Families Registered and Receive Envelopes</b>		
<b>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.</b>		
<b>To learn more about ways to give, visit our parish website at: <a href="http://www.stephemparish-brooklyn.org">www.stephemparish-brooklyn.org</a></b>		
<b>Click on 'Giving' and follow prompts.</b>		
<b>Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!</b>		

*"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	November 4, 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!**



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

**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.

*Anointing of the Sick*

**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.

**Thanksgiving Mass**  
**Wednesday, November 27, 2024**  
**At 7:00 PM**



Join us around the table of the Lord to give thanks for all the blessings we have received. We invite you to bring non-perishable food items for St. Andrew the Apostle's Food Pantry

*On behalf of the Parish Staff*  
*We wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving!*

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2024**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



**Parish Goal: \$100,198.00**  
**Amount Pledged: \$100,829.59**  
**Amount Paid: \$92,332.59**  
**Donors 129**

**Thank you very much for all who have participated!**  
We have reached our parish goal.  
That is if everyone fulfills their pledge.  
Thank you again for your generosity!

