

From the Pastor's Desk



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016

"Do what he tells you."

This Sunday's gospel is about running out, not having enough. It is about a bride and groom potentially being embarrassed on their most important day. It becomes about abundance signifying that all is well, that love and life abound. It becomes about Jesus' "hour."

What is Jesus' "hour"? It is a time of the revelation of God's immense gift of abundance. In this gospel, not one jar of water became wine, but six. Not a little bit of wine, but over a hundred gallons. Not partially filled jars, but "to the brim." Not inferior wine, but "good wine." Not just one sign, but "the beginning of his signs". More is yet to come. In the "more" "God's glory" is revealed in many signs of abundance. Most fully in Jesus himself. Most fully in us, the Body of Christ, as we come to deeper belief and continue his ministry.

Yes, these common, ordinary signs of God's abundance, love, and glory are all around us. By responding to other persons we ourselves become signs of God's abundance, God's fullness. We ourselves are the good wine kept until after Jesus' ascension when we take up Jesus' mission as disciples. Living the paschal mystery means that we empty ourselves in order to be filled with the goodness of God's glory.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



January 1 st , 2016:	171 Envelopes	\$3,925.00
January 3 rd , 2016:	355 Envelopes	\$9,991.00
Second Collection: The Tablet	105 Envelopes	\$1,993.00
We Share (Online Giving)	9 Families	\$205.00

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!



<u>Parish Goal:</u>	\$980,000.00
<u>Amount Pledged:</u>	\$1,096,984.00
<u>Paid to Date:</u>	\$361,036.19

Your generosity to our Diocese and to our Parish continues to make a difference. Thank You!



JUBILEE
OF MERCY

December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016

"We constantly need to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a well spring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it."

Pope Francis

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy."

Pope Francis



St. Ephrem Church will be collecting non-perishable food items for the OLPH Food Pantry after all weekend Masses, January 30th & 31st. Thank you for your usually generosity!!!!

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"There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 16th:

8:45am Mr. & Mrs. Ignazio & Concetta Rizzuto
 5:00pm Frances Gambino
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 Karen Savage
 Mrs. Madeline Scotto
 Peter James Carlin

Sunday, January 17th:

8:00am Gerard & Patricia Strype
 10:00am Carmen Rodriguez
 12:00pm David Durney
 5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

Monday, January 18th: (Martin Luther King Jr.)

NO 7:00AM MASS

8:45am Theresa Murray

Tuesday, January 19th:

7:00am James Campbell
 8:45am Vincenza Jean Tammara

Wednesday, January 20th:

7:00am Philomena Straka
 8:45am Deceased Members of the Pologruto Family

Thursday, January 21st:

7:00am Michael Holmes
 8:45am Alvira Russo

Friday, January 22nd:

7:00am For the children lost by abortion
 8:45am Leonard Schroeder

Saturday, January 23rd:

8:45am John Doolan
 5:00pm Valerie Yankowskas
 James & Catherine Soracchi
 Lawrence J. McMahon
 Rita Richards

Sunday, January 24th:

8:00am Patrick & Josephine Murray
 10:00am Michael Sloan
 12:00pm Anthony W. DeFina
 5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's



Pietro Scarso, For the recovery of Christina Flood, Baby Girl Cameron King, Thomas Stephen Ryan, Paul Murphy, Vinny Amato, Edward O'Connor, Adrienne Jacobs, Miriam Ligammari, Patrick Curran, Orazio Arrabito



BREAD AND WINE

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR ALL MASSES THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF RITA RICHARDS, REQUESTED BY MR. & MRS. PAUL GENTILE.



ALTAR CANDLES

THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING FOR THE WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF FRANCESCO GIANGREGERIO, REQUESTED BY LESLIE & PETER CUSANO.



MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

We prayerfully remember those parishioners who have gone to the other side of life.
 Carmela DeMaio Lucy Pucciarelli
 Mary Patricia Meyer
 May they rest in peace. Amen.

5th Annual Swish For Kids

Basketball Classic Benefitting Frankie's Mission Pediatric Cancer Foundation

Sunday, January 24th at 10:00 AM

If you know a child currently battling cancer, in remission or survivor please have the family contact
 Mr. Frank Stella.
 (718) 757-6000



St. Ephrem Mardi Gras Celebration

Saturday, January 30, 2016

Following the 5:00 PM Mass
 The Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall
 (The New School Hall)



Join us for a night filled with fun:

DJ, Hot Food, Chips, Soda, Dessert, Coffee, Basket Raffles, 50/50 Raffle & Much More

\$20 per person. (Adults Only)

Individual and Table Reservations Available.
 B.Y.O.B., Casual Attire, Mardi Gras Attire Optional
Tickets are available at the Rectory.

If you would like to donate a new gift or make a monetary donation feel free to bring it to the Rectory!

JANUARY EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Bereavement Support Group meets Monday, January 18 at 7:00 PM.



Scripture Group meets Thursday, January 21 at 9:30 AM. New members are welcome.

Spiritual Direction



Please call Sister Ann at the Spirituality Center at 718-921-9518 for information or to make an appointment.



Registration for St. Patrick/St. Ephrem Learn to Swim program for the 2016 is now open. The learn to swim registration is \$125 and is LIMITED to the first 60 registrations. This program is BEGINNING swimmers in grades K-4th grade ONLY. Sibling discounts will be applied at the time of registration.

Registrations are only done online at www.stpsports.org. Look for the yellow "Register Now" button on the main page. Only parents with valid email addresses can register their children. Please send an email to stpsports@gmail.com with any questions.



Altar Servers Installation
January 10, 2016

- Jean-Pierre Benavides
- Richard Cleary
- Christian Daloul
- Anthony DiNatale
- Lauren Esposito
- Mia Franki
- Abbie Rose Giordano
- Markus Katz
- Giulietta Moraca
- Olivia Schoenfeld
- Gabriela Wong
- Patrick Wong



Saint Ephrem School is proud to announce its students outstanding achievements for the first trimester:

Grade 1

Perfect Attendance

- Matthew Blandino
- Ashleen McGinn
- Christian Wilson
- Eliana Daloul
- Andrew Tolfree
- Brianna Zogby



Most Improved

- Ashleen McGinn
- Erik Sadowski
- Thomas Surace

Best Effort

- Caroline Castellano
- Michael Chiara
- Ryan Schollin



Most Cooperative

- Dominic Colavito
- Brian McKinney
- Christian Wilson



Baseball Registration
The Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall

Wednesday, January 27, 2016
7:00 to 9:00 PM

Sunday, January 31, 2016
11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Registration is open to boys and girls of ages 5 to 14.

For more information you can contact
Sylvester Sichenze at (917) 692 - 1367



St. Ephrem School
Open House

Please join us for our open house and see the wonderful learning environment and the outstanding Catholic Education that is provided. Sunday January 31st after the 10:00am Mass. Feel free to call us at 718-833-1440 or visit our website at www.stephremschool.org

THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, JANUARY 18THTHERE WILL BE NO 7:00AM MASS....

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