

From the Pastor's Desk



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

“My Sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

The focus of today's gospel is giving, giving, giving. The Father gives us to Jesus as his flock. We give Jesus our attentive listening and faithful following. Jesus us eternal Life. There are no qualifying words in this gospel at all, no "its" about the giving. This is simply the way living risen Life is. Jesus gives us the gift of risen Life we give Jesus the gift of ourselves.

The gospel conveys Jesus' great, tender care and concern for his "sheep." This care does not keep his followers from "violent abuse" or "great distress." It does assure them of protection in the midst of persecution and of eternal Life because Jesus says: "No one can take them out of my hand...they shall never perish." But this assurance only comes when we followers of Jesus "hear [his] voice" and live out the personal relationship God offers us. It comes when we give the gift of ourselves in hearing and following.

We follow by listening. The call to follow is a call to faithful obedience. In other words, hearing Jesus – heading his voice – is already and act of following. Heading Jesus' voice is already our own participation in proclaiming the Gospel. But probably most importantly hearing Jesus' voice is already our participation in risen Life. Ultimately this promise of risen Life is the reassurance and care that Jesus offers by hearing Jesus' voice and following him will not perish. No better care than this could the Good Shepherd give us as gift!

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we prayer that more will "hear the voice" of Jesus inviting them to follow him in service of God's people. Scripture tell us: "the harvest is plenty, but the labors are few," we pray that more will hear Jesus' voice and serve the church as priests, deacons, consecrated life and all forms of ministry.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



April 10th, 2016 344 Envelopes \$ 9,461.00

We Share (Online Giving) 8 Families \$205.00
Mass Attendance: 881

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!



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



Our Parish Goal \$104,459.00
Amount Pledged: \$46,020.00
113 Donors
Paid to Date: \$28,966
Reached 44% of Goal

All monies collected over goal is returned to St. Ephrem Parish

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Take the opportunity to pray and sing with the Lord, during this period of Adoration.

Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM



St. Vincent de Paul Society will be here 9am to 11:45am in the parking lot, on 74th Street, Saturday, May 21st. All types of clean usable clothing, blankets and towels will be accepted.

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(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.”

Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the

Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-

2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."
10:27-28a

Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday, April 16th:

8:45am Kristine Murray
5:00pm Michele DeLeo
Mary Moore
Mrs. Madeline Scotto
Vito Gentile
Dominic Bergamini & The Deceased Members of the Tozzi & Bergamini Families

Sunday, April 17th:

8:00am The Tuorto Family
10:00am Rosa Napoli
12:00pm Giovanni, Rosa & Cesare Scagnelli
5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

Monday, April 18th:

7:00am Jill McDonagh (Living)
8:45am The Deceased Members of the Pologruto Family

Tuesday, April 19th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Immacolata Macannuco

Wednesday, April 20th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Sean O'Sullivan

Thursday, April 21st:

7:00am Catherine Kain
8:45am Jack Zandberg

Friday, April 22nd:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 23rd:

8:45am Laura Cavazzini
5:00pm Margaret & Louis Parise
Peter James Carlin
Joseph Mondiello (Birthday)
Filomena D'Egidio
Angelo Tesoriero

Sunday, April 24th:

8:00am Mary & Patrick Tevington
10:00am Salvatore Moscola
12:00pm Anthony W. & Josephine DeFina
5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's



For the recovery of Christina Flood, Miriam Ligammari, Orazio Arrabito, Silvia Gutierrez-Lopez, Marisa & Rita Schievello, Maureen Cashman, Maria Concetta Conte Bedessi, AnnaMarie McMahon



BREAD AND WINE

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR ALL MASSES THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF SEAN O'SULLIVAN, REQUESTED BY, HIS LOVING FAMILY.



THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING FOR THE WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF SEAN O'SULLIVAN REQUESTED BY, HIS LOVING FAMILY.



MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

We prayerfully remember those parishioners who have gone to the other side of life.

Patrick Joseph Murray, Joseph Pepey
Vincent Allocca, Gerald M. Cunningham
Rose Cardinuta, Matthew P. O'Connor,
Patrick Curran

May they rest in peace. Amen

Registration for September 2016 is ongoing.

Please call the School Office at 718-833-1440 to make an appointment for Early Nursery, Nursery, Pre K, K and grades 1-7. Parents must bring the following—baptism certificate, birth certificate, immunization record, most current report card/State Test scores for grades 1-7. \$200.00 application fee per child (check/money orders only). All fees are non-refundable. Children must be present at registration for an interview with the principal or faculty member. *Please note: Registration will be scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-10:30am and 1pm-2pm by appointment only.*



MADELINE T. SCOTTO MEMORIAL ESTATE SALE



All proceeds will benefit students attending St. Ephrem School, through the Madeline T. Scotto Scholarship Fund.

April 17, 2016 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
St. Ephrem Old School Hall

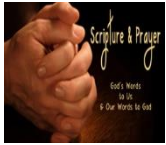
Cash only
BYO Bag and Best Offer

EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Bereavement Support Group meets Monday, April 18th at 7:00pm.

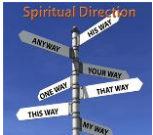
The 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality Program – Session 9 “Celebrate Your Faith” will be held Tuesday, April 19 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.



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

SAVE THE DATE

Mini-Retreat and Brunch Moring – “Mother of Mercy and Hope” will be held Monday, May 9th at 9:30am. The presider is Sister Ave Clark, OP. All are welcome.



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

5th Annual St. Ephrem Summer Camp



Come join us for a summer full of fun!!!

Park visits, activities, weekly trips, water games and much more!! Camp begins on Monday, July 11th and ends Thursday, August 18th. For more information, call 718-833-1440.

Camp is open to all children, Pre-K to 6th Grade (September, 2016)

St. Ephrem is once again offering our Summer School Enrichment Program. Classes in Math and Reading will take place Monday thru Thursday from 9 am to 10:30 am and 11 am to 12:30 pm. These classes will fulfill requirements for students who are required to attend Summer School. For further info please call the school office at 718-833-1440

Registration for our Camp & Enrichment Program
Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 2:45 PM
St. Ephrem School Cafeteria

Choir Schedule		
4/24	10:00 Mass	Adult Choir
5/1	12:00 Mass	Adult Choir
5/8	10:00 Mass	Adult Choir
5/15	10:00 Mass	Children’s Choir
	12:00 Mass	Adult Choir
5/22	10:00 Mass	Adult Choir
5/29	12:00 Mass	Adult Choir



St. Ephrem’s 2016 Spring Spectacular Ladies Night Out

Join us Thursday, April 28th, 6:30pm-11pm at Gargiulo’s Restaurant, 2911 W. 15th Street, Coney Island. Evening includes cocktail hour with butler passed hor’dourves followed by a 3 course dinner, accompanied by wine, beer, soda, coffee and dessert. For more information call St. Ephrem Home School at 718-748-6610.



What does it mean to be a Carmelite?

Please join Our Lady of Angels Lay Carmelite Community and their special guest speaker, Br. Robert Chiulli, O. Carm. On April 23rd, 2016 from 11am to 1pm in the Msgr. Cavanagh Room at Our Lady of Angels Church, 7320 4th Ave., as we listen, pray, and discuss the call and meaning of Carmel. Discover too, how even a lay person can participate in the life of this ancient religious order to which the famous saints, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux and John of the Cross belonged. Carmelite books will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served.



Pathways to Job Opportunities Finding the Job that Works for You

A Free Workshop Presenting Information on Job Opportunities for those Entering or Re-entering the Job Market. Includes a Question & Answer Session with Representatives from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Presented by the St. Anselm Workforce Ministry & the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Opportunity to Network, Question & Answer Session, Feel Free to Bring Your Resume, Refreshments, Free Parking: 82nd St. & 4th Ave.

When: Wednesday, April 20th 2016

Where: St. Anselm Catholic Academy
365 83rd St., Brooklyn, NY,
Meletia Hall (Basement Meeting Room)
Meletia Hall is Handicap Accessible

Time: 7pm – 9pm (Doors open at 6:30pm)

To Register: stanselmworkforceministry.eventbrite.com
Or call (718) 238-2900 x212



Join our St. Ephrem Friendship Club for their first meeting on Wednesday, May 4th in the Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall. Door opens at 11:30am. Meeting is from 12pm-2pm. Please join us!!! Bring a friend!!!!



ATTENTION ALL ENGAGED COUPLES GETTING MARRIED AT ST. EPHREM’S CHURCH

On Wednesday, April 20th at 7:30pm in the church, we will have our annual Wedding Music Night.

Here you will have the opportunity to listen to all of the music selections, the singers and the different instruments available for your wedding ceremony. This is the **ONLY** night for 2016

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