

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**



**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 24, 2016**

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."*

Today's gospel is about leave taking – one leads to betrayal and despair; the other leads to an invitation to participate in the love Life of the One who willingly embraces death and in that embrace defeats it for himself and for us.

The two departures are noted in this gospel: that of Judas ("When Judas had left") and that of Jesus ("I will be with you only a little while longer"). Judas's departure initiates the events of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. Jesus' imminent departure initiates his giving the disciples the commandment to love as he has loved. Jesus' passion, death, is the full revelation to us of what it means to love as Jesus loved. Love means giving one's life for others. It is the full revelation of how we are to love: not counting the cost, but always looking to the glory that is the outcome of deep and abiding love. This is God's glory. This is Jesus' glory. This is our glory. Jesus' resurrection is the full revelation of this glory.

Jesus doesn't ask of us anything that he himself hasn't already undertaken to the fullest: the Good Friday. Easter events make clear the extent of Jesus' love for us – he will lay down his very life so that we might have a share in his risen Life and glory. As disciples we are commanded to love as the risen Lord loved. If our love is to imitate his, then our love must also include the willing ness to lay down our lives for others. The king of love that Jesus commands leads to self-emptying dying to self.

I would like to thank Tom Marchesiello and Jeannine Bardo who organized the Year of Mercy Art and Music Exhibition, last Sunday. The trio of musicians, violin, flute and piano which included music of Bach, Beethoven and other composers, with the art of many local artists certainly was a delightful afternoon. Thank you to all who attended!

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

344 Envelopes \$10,045.35

We Share (Online Giving) 8 Families \$205.00

Mass Attendance: 888

*Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!*



**Parish Goal:** \$980,000.00  
**Amount Pledged:** \$1,104,629.00  
**Paid to Date:** \$463,865.00



**Our Parish Goal \$104,459.00**

**Amount Pledged: \$54,735.00**

**127 Donors**

**Paid to Date: \$32,931**

**Reached 52.4% 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.

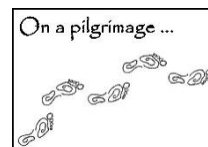
**Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM**



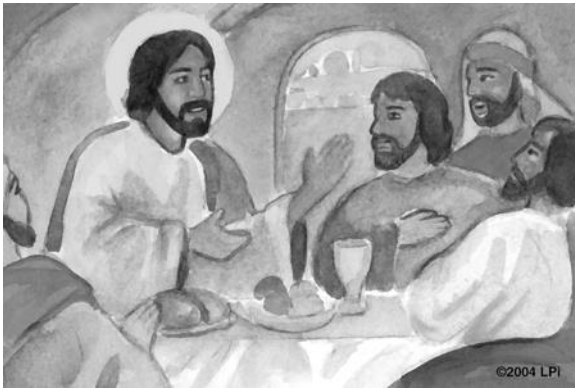
St. Vincent de Paul Society will be here 9am to 11:45am in the parking lot, on 74<sup>th</sup> Street, **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. All types of clean usable clothing, blankets and towels will be accepted.

**Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Italy and Medjugorje October 18-28, 2016**

Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael Cave, Siena, Forli, Tolentino (St. Nicholas), Loreto, Medjugorje and Dubrovnik in Croatia. \$3,359 (Air, Tax, Hotel, Breakfast and Dinner) Fr. Anthony Chanan – Chaplain - Parochial Vicar St. Ephrem Church. Please call Maria at (718) 445-9377 or (212) 676-9070



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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### Mass for the Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:

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

#### Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:

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

#### Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am David Durney  
8:45am The Deceased Members of the Pologruto Family

#### Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Irene Dunn  
8:45am Maria Ortega

#### Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Patrick McDonagh  
8:45am Deceased members of the Hickey Family

#### Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Rae Darcy  
8:45am Vito Maniaci

#### Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Theresa Amodio  
8:45am Antonio Alaimo

#### Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:

8:45am Cavallaro & Deblasio Family  
5:00pm Nancy & Michael Bagnato  
Vincent Bagnato  
Michael Bagnato (Grandson)  
Raymond Duffy, Jr.  
Maria Bagnato

#### Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:

8:00am Msgr. John J. Antoncic (2003)  
10:00am Anne Lamia  
12:00pm George J. Watt  
5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's



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

*THE BREAD AND WINE FOR ALL MASSES THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. MADELINE SCOTTO, REQUESTED BY, THE KINNANE FAMILY.*



*THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING FOR THE WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. MADELINE SCOTTO, REQUESTED BY, THE KINNANE FAMILY.*

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.*



#### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVES BACK

St. Ephrem should share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will back to our church **\$50/\$100 per vehicle**. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718-491-2525. Thank you for your participation.



**from the Parish Secretary**

The Mass Book for **July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016** will open on **Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

**EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER**



**Bereavement Support Group** meets Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**The 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality Program** – Session 10 “Discover the Deep Meaning in your Life” will be held Tuesday, April 26 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.

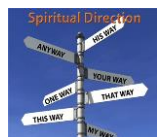
**SAVE THE DATE**

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

**BEREAVEMENT DEANERY CORNER**



For information regarding a Bereavement Support Group please contact:  
Sister Jeanne Elaine at 718-238-2600x178 – St. Patrick Parish  
Judy Chiarichiaro at 718-748-1164 – Our Lady of Angels Parish  
Sister Ann Martha at 718-921-9518 – St. Ephrem Parish



**Spiritual Direction**

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

**5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (September, 2016)**

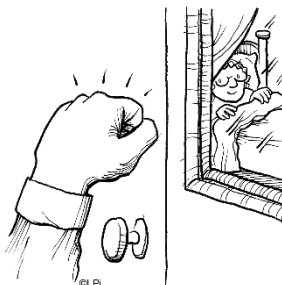
St. Ephrem is once again offering our Summer School Enrichment Program. Classes in Math and Reading will take place Monday thru Thursday from 9 am to 10:30 am and 11 am to 12:30 pm. These classes will fulfill requirements for students who are required to attend Summer School. For further info please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



**St. Ephrem’s 2016 Spring Spectacular Ladies Night Out**

Join us Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-11pm at Gargiulo’s Restaurant, 2911 W. 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



**OUR PRIESTS ARE VISITING THE HOMEBOUND**

During this time of year, it has been a tradition for the active priests of St. Ephrem Church to visit the homebound and offer them the Sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick as well as Holy Communion. If you have a family member who is not able to come to church and would like a visit from one of the priests, please submit their name, address and phone number to the parish office and you will be contacted in the coming weeks to set up a mutually convenient time for the visit.



Join our St. Ephrem Friendship Club for their first meeting on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall.

Doors opens at 11:30am. Meeting is from 12pm-2pm. Please call the rectory if you are able to join us!!! Bring a friend!!!!

**THE NEXT C.A.P. MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM AT 9:30AM. SEE YOU THEN!!!!!!**

<b>Choir Schedule</b>		
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
5/21	5:00 Mass	Adult Choir
5/29	10:00 Mass	Adult Choir

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“By this everyone will know that you are My disciples.” How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord’s new commandment of love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email:

[vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

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