



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2016
"Whoever loves me will keep my word."

Today's gospel Jesus desires that we keep his word. Jesus' word is a promise of a new relationship with him and his Father, where God comes and dwells within us through the power of the Holy Spirit. We keep his word, therefore, when we embody in our living the fearlessness and peace of Jesus that are evidence of the Presence of the Spirit. We keep his word when we respond to indwelling divine Love with self-giving as modeled by Jesus. The truth and power of the word come from within, and it is the truth and power of the Holy Spirit. We are fearless not because of our own power, but because of the Spirit dwelling within us.

The word of Jesus we are to keep is his command to love as he loves us. Jesus' word, however, is not simply spoken – it is love in action. His love-in-action is the gift of the Spirit of peace, of untroubled hearts, of rejoicing, of new Life and relationship with him. Our love-in-action flows from the gift of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us and teaching us to keep Jesus' word command to love. Our love-in-action is risen Life-made visible. Jesus' own obedience to his Father, his own handing over his spirit, his own love-in-action. So must it be ours.

Last Saturday, nearly 300 people gathered for our Doo-Wop. The evening was filled of music provided by John Kuse and the Excellents, Vinnie Medguno and Charlie Poveromo, they were amazing. Everyone had a great time and left singing and wanting more shows. I want to thank the committee who worked so hard to plan this event, as well as making the Doo-Wop show a big success.

This Wednesday, May 4th our Friendship Club resumes meeting in The Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall of St. Ephrem School. I hope all our Senior Citizen's from our community will join us for our meetings, which will have coffee, cake and bingo. I thank those of the parish who have agreed to be coordinators of the Friendship Club, so that we can continue this wonderful opportunity for our Seniors to come together and enjoy some time together. Please join us and bring a friend.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



April 17th, 2016 315 Envelopes \$9,144.00

We Share (Online Giving) 8 Families \$215.00
 Mass Attendance: 705

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: \$55,895.00
132 Donors
Paid to Date: \$36,351
Reached 53.51% 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

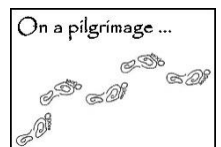
Take the opportunity to pray and sing with the Lord, during this period of Adoration.
Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM



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.

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I." - Jn 14:27-28

Mass for the Intentions } Week

Saturday, April 30th:

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

Sunday, May 1st:

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

Monday, May 2nd:

7:00am Deceased Members of the Sichenze, Amplo & DeMaio Families
 Anna Fierro

Tuesday, May 3rd:

7:00am Matthew P. O'Connor
 8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, May 4th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
 8:45am Christopher D. Joyce
 7:30pm Vigil Anthony Napolitano

Thursday, May 5th: (The Ascension of the Lord)

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
 9:00am Robert Offitto
 11:00am Pasquale Marsillo

Friday, May 6th:

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 8:45am Margaret Baranello

Saturday, May 7th:

8:45am Purgatorial Society Mass
 5:00pm Raffaella Losardo
 Deceased Members of the DiPretoro & Tuorto Families
 Peter James Carlin
 Dolores Santangelo
 Gloria McCauley

Sunday, May 8th:

8:00am Mothers' Day Intentions
 10:00am Virginia Ingenito
 12:00pm Frances Gambino
 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

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR ALL MASSES THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOSEPH & ADELE KENNY, REQUESTED BY THE KENNY & MARTIN FAMILY.

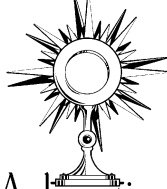


THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING FOR THE WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANNE LAMIA, REQUESTED BY, HER LOVING HUSBAND DINO.

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.*



Eucharistic



Adoration

First Friday Devotion

Friday, May 6th following the 8:45 Mass, The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for personal Adoration with Benediction at 12:30 P.M. When there is a Funeral Eucharistic Adoration will follow. To assure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone, we ask that two people sign up for an hour of Adoration. Please sign up in the Rectory office by Wednesday, May 4th.

from the Parish Secretary

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



Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 4th 7:30pm Vigil
 Thursday, May 5th 7:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am

EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER



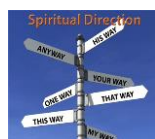
Bereavement Support Group meets Monday, May 2nd at 7:00pm.

The 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality Program – Session 11 “Make Your Feelings Work for You” will be held Tuesday, May 3rd at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.

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

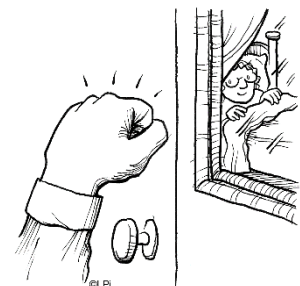


Our Parish Mission will be held Monday – Wednesday, June 6-8 at 7:30pm in the church. The theme is “Walking by Faith: A Spirituality for Living Now.” The presenter is Rev. Paul Fagan, CP.



Spiritual Direction

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



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 4th 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!!!!

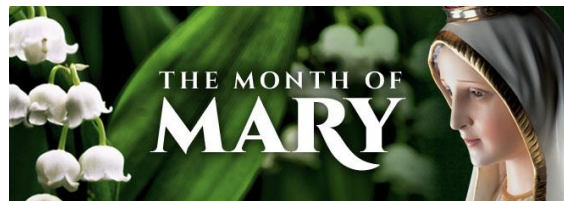
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“Those who love Me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation

Office at (718) 827-2454 or email:

vocations@diobrook.org.

Our parish children will be receiving their first Holy Communion the weekend of May 14/ 15 at the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, May 14th and the 10 AM and 12 Noon Masses on Sunday, May 15th. Please remember these children and their families as they join us at the Lord’s Table for the first time



Prayer the Rosary

Each day we gather to pray the Rosary through the intercession of Mary at 8:15 AM & 7 PM for the Month of May. Please join us!



May Crowning

On Saturday, May 21st following the 5PM Mass we will have our May Crowning with the children of our parish who have received First Holy Communion.



Memorial Pavers

You can have your loved one (Living or Deceased) remembered in a very special way by having a paver placed by our Blessed Virgin Mary Prayer Garden. Each paver is 11 X 11 and a donation of \$350.00. For information please contact the rectory.



Please join Fr. Bretone for a day of Prayer and Thanksgiving surrounded by nature at Heaven’s Embrace in the Catskill Mountains on June 4, 2016. A bus will

depart from in front of St. Ephrem’s at 8:30am and St. Patrick’s at 8:45am. The cost will be \$35, bring a bag lunch and dress comfortably. A free will offering to EFOH Ministries is tax deductible. If you are interested please call Marianne Kinnane 718-745-3502 or Rose Mazzone 718-836-8127.

Choir Schedule		
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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