



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016

“Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may be one”

Jesus’ prayer for his disciples at the Last Supper is not only for them, “but also for those who will believe in” him because they have heard the disciples’ word. This includes each one of us, here and now. His prayer for us? First and foremost, that we “be one” in him. This oneness is a communion of Jesus’ disciples with himself and his Father that knows no limits and knows no time restrictions, enduring into eternity itself. Jesus’ loving prayer for unity spills over into his desire that we share in his risen glory that we “be brought to perfection that we be loved, that we know he was sent by the Father. This prayer equips us with all we need to be faithful disciples and makes clear our work as his followers help: “the world” come to unity, glory, perfection, love. Our work, ultimately, is to transform the world.

In this intimate prayer of Jesus before his suffering and death, we see clearly how much Jesus sustains us in our discipleship. Our peek into what is deepest in Jesus’ heart encourages us. The gift of the Spirit that we receive helps us see who we are to be as the one Body of Christ: those lives are spent in self-giving surrender for the sake of others. Truly, Jesus’ prayer at the Last Supper is not only for the disciples who were present with him so many years ago at the Last Supper, but is also his prayer for us today. In this very heartfelt prayer, Jesus reveals the intimacy he enjoys with his Father – the same intimacy he desires with and for us. Such a love! Such a unity! Such a gift! Such a Life!

Today, we celebrate Mother’s Day and we ask God to bless these women who have given us life; have nourished us; protected us; supported us; were our cheerleaders; our advocates; and shared their gift of faith. We are one with these outstanding women, whether living or deceased, and we give thanks to God for them.

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Mary, the birthday of the Church. The children of our parish will be receiving First Holy Communion at the Vigil Saturday 5 PM Mass, the Sunday 10 AM Mass and the 12 Noon Mass, we pray for them as they approach the Table of the Lord to receive Jesus for the first time that they will be filled with the same spirit. In addition, a young adult of our parish will receive Confirmation at the Sunday Evening 5 PM Mass, we also pray for Catherine Canny that she too will be filled with the Holy Spirit and her gifts will be used to benefit all.

As we prepare for the Feast of Pentecost, let us pray, Come Holy Spirit!

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



April 17th, 2016 277 Envelopes \$10,011.00

We Share (Online Giving) 8 Families \$215.00
Mass Attendance: 643

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: \$56,905.00
136 Donors
Paid to Date: \$37,012.00
Reached 54.98% 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

During the month of May, Catholics everywhere pay homage to Mary. It is especially significant during the Jubilee Year as Mary is known as the “Mother of Mercy.” Saint Pope John

Paul II said, “Mary is Mother of Mercy because her Son, Jesus Christ, was sent by the Father as the revelation of God’s mercy;” therefore we pray, “Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.”



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.



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.

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“You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth.” If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at

(718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." - Jn 17:22-23a

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, May 9th:

- 7:00am Mother's Day Intentions
- 8:45am Fanny Scavone & Louise Crittelli

Tuesday, May 10th:

- 7:00am Mother's Day Intentions
- 8:45am Michael & Winifred McNamara

Wednesday, May 11th:

- 7:00am Mother's Day Intentions
- 8:45am Deceased Members of the Andrews Family

Thursday, May 12th:

- 7:00am Mother's Day Intentions
- 8:45am Joseph P. Gibaldi

Friday, May 13th:

- 7:00am Mother's Day Intentions
- 8:45am Joseph Forlini

Saturday, May 14th:

- 8:45am Rev. Francis Ricigliano (1978)
- 5:00pm Catherine Stemberger
- Jeremiah Hickey
- Benjamin Russo
- Antonina Lipari
- John Granito

Sunday, May 15th:

- 8:00am Carol Lemmon
- 10:00am Steven Lopez
- 12:00pm Vincent Nunziato
- 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 & Wine
In Loving Memory of:
The Pascale & Lefande Families



Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of:
The Pascale & Lefande Families

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



First Holy Communion Weekend

Next weekend sixty-two of our parish children will join us at the Lord's table for the first time. There will twenty-seven children and their families at the 5 PM Mass on Saturday evening, ten children and families at the 10 AM Mass and twenty-five children and families at the 12 PM Mass on Sunday, May 15th. Please pray for these children as they receive their first Holy Communion. May they and their families grow in their love of God and each other. Let us support them with our prayers and example as we walk together in faith.

Pentecost Sunday



On Sunday, May 15th the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the Church. It is a time for us to reflect on the many gifts we have been given and share with one another in the community. We pray for Catherine Canny who will complete her Sacraments of Initiation at the 5 PM Sunday Mass. We pray for Catherine who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and for her family who have accompanied her on this faith journey.

Choir Schedule		
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

EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Bereavement Support Group
Meets Monday, May 9th at 7:00pm.

The 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality Program –
Session 12 “Achieve Balance in your Life” will
be held Tuesday, May 10th 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 presider is Sister Ave Clark, OP.
All are welcome.



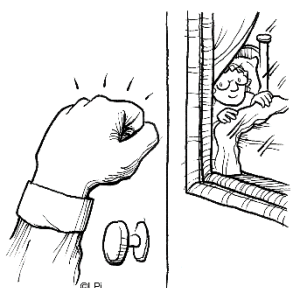
Scripture Group
Meets Thursday, May 12th at 9:30 AM.
New members are welcome.

Meets Thursday, May 12
at 4:00 PM. The book
selection for this session
**“Everything I Never
Told You”** by Celeste Ng. New members are welcome

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



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.



St. Ephrem Friendship Club

has resumed meeting on
Wednesday’s 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!!!!



*Celebrate the Year of Mercy by following the
example of the Blessed Mother, and honoring
her with these devotions.*

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.

Eucharistic Procession

**On Sunday, May 29th the Church
celebrates the Feast of Corpus
Christi. Following the 10 AM
Mass we will process around the
block of the Church. We will
conclude with Benediction on the
front steps of the Church.
Please join us!**



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.



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