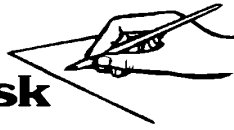


# From the Pastor's Desk



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

*“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”*

In this gospel Jesus clearly proclaims who he is and what he comes to bring. He is One who lives “in the power of the Spirit”; he comes to bring a new teaching. He is God’s anointed; he comes to bring the human community glad tidings, liberty, sight, freedom, favor. He is the long-awaited Messiah; he comes to bring manifest signs of salvation. The “eyes of all...looked intently at him.” Do our eyes look intently upon him?

Jesus is enfleshed today in the lives of those who encounter him, the gospel’s very fulfillment, through the ages. Now we-our own lives-announce the meaning of the Word proclaimed and enfleshed. We can do so because, like Jesus, in our baptism we also have been anointed with the Spirit. By our baptism we have received a share in Jesus’ saving deeds. As his followers, we make present his saving mystery.

Next weekend will be a very exciting weekend. On Saturday evening we will have our first annual Madri Gras celebration. The committee has promised us a fun filled night. No tickets will be sold at the doors, so this is your last opportunity to buy a ticket and join the fun.

On Sunday we commemorate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, our school community will join us at the 10:00 AM Mass. Following Mass there will be an opportunity to visit our school and see the exciting education environment, as well as hear about the many wonderful programs we offer. St. Ephrem School truly offers an outstanding Catholic Education. I hope you can join us and share the wonderful news of the quality Catholic Education here at St. Ephrem School.

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



## church support

January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2016:	289 Envelopes	\$12,290.00
Second Collection:		
	Diocesan Mission 156 Envelopes	\$2,193.00
We Share (Online Giving)	7 Families	\$203.00

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



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

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

December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016



JUBILEE OF MERCY

*“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 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your usually generosity!!!!

### Feast of St. Blaise

*Wednesday, February 3, 2016*

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr in persecution of Licinius, early 4<sup>th</sup> century; bishop of Sebaste in Armenia; associated with the healing of throats.



**The blessing of throats will take place during the 7 AM Mass & 8:45 AM Mass**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor? and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." - Lk 4:18a, 19*  
*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

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

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00am Carmela DeMaio  
 8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00am Thomas Ahern  
 8:45am Yvonne & Chaffic Boumoussa

**Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00am Dolph Mascari, Sr.  
 8:45am Doris Rochford

**Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's  
 8:45am Caibbi Calogiora

**Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 8:45am Lawrence J. McMahon

**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>:**

8:45am In thanksgiving for the intercession of St. Giovanni Bosco  
 5:00pm Fred Lomangino  
 The Tuorto Family  
 Joan Krumm  
 Peter J. Carlin  
 Emilia Esposito

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>:**

8:00am Daniel Kane & Robert Cortese  
 10:00am Joseph Caruana  
 12:00pm Joan Walker  
 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 PETER POGGIOLI, REQUESTED BY, THE POGGIOLI AND MAGURIE FAMILIES



**MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION**

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

Mrs. Josephine DeFina

May she rest in peace. Amen.

**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



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 24, 2016**

"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

**CHOIR SCHEDULE**

1/31	10:00 Mass	Children's Choir
		Catholic Schools Week
1/31	12:00 Mass	Adult Choir

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

**JANUARY EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER**

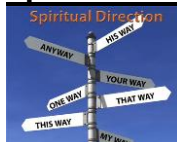


**Bereavement Support Group** meets Monday, January 25 at 7:00 PM.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**A Lenten Retreat – “HAVING MERCY”** will begin Tuesday, February 9 at 1:00 PM. The remaining dates are February 16, 23, March 8, 15, 22. More information will follow.

**Spiritual Direction**



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

**BEREAVEMENT DEANERY CORNER (FEBRUARY)**



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



**CHILDREN'S MARDI GRAS**

Children in kindergarten through grade 4 as well as families – with children of all ages - are invited to a Mardi Gras celebration on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 7:30 PM in Msgr. Kain Hall (the new school gymnasium). There will be pizza, crafts, games of chance, prizes, prayer and lots of fun.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$15.00 for three or more in a family; games of chance are additionally 5 for \$1.00. Contact the Office of Faith Formation for tickets and/ or additional information: 1(718)745-7486 or [stephremreligioused@gmail.com](mailto:stephremreligioused@gmail.com) by February 4<sup>th</sup>.



**STATE SENATOR GOLDEN ANNOUNCES FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE**

Brooklyn- State Senator Marty Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn) today is announcing that he will again host the Volunteer Income Tax

Assistance Program, offering free tax preparation services to residents making less than \$30,000 annually. **Appointments will be available at his district office located at 7408 5th Avenue, on Sundays and Mondays, from February 21<sup>st</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup>.** Sunday appointments will be scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Monday appointments will be scheduled in the evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. According to the VITA guidelines, the program does not permit tax returns to be prepared for individuals with investment income or loss, income from rental property, and/or self-employed taxpayers with business expenses above \$5,000 or losses. Services will be provided by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling Senator Golden’s district office at (718) 238-6044.



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

**Grade 2**

**Perfect Attendance**

Caitlyn Casero  
Christian Marrone  
Thomas Chen  
Justin Venturelli



**Most Improved**  
Steve Halama



**Best Effort**

RitaRose Chahine  
Olivia Mone  
Jayson Cotter



**Most Cooperative**

Matthew Frisari  
Michaela Mathis  
Maria Hlinka



**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 31<sup>st</sup> after the 10:00am Mass. Feel free to call us at 718-833-1440 or visit our website at [www.stephremschool.org](http://www.stephremschool.org)

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