

From the Pastor's Desk



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2016

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing"

However, more than one Scripture passage is being fulfilled in this gospel. The words and deeds of Jesus fulfilled the Scripture passage from Isaiah about the coming of salvation: glad tidings for the poor, liberty for captives, sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed. The words and deeds of the people fulfill the Scripture passages about rejecting and killing God's prophets: they question Jesus' origins, become furious at his words, and act to destroy him. Which Scripture passage do we hear? Which do we fulfill?

I hope everyone endured last weekend's blizzard safely. Many of our parishioners were not able to walk to church due to distance, sidewalks were not yet shoveled, and trying to cross over mountains of snow. It is always better to error on safety! We are reminded during this Jubilee Year of Mercy – how God is understanding, compassionate, forgiving and merciful!

This week we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week and the theme being: *Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*. There will be representatives from St. Ephrem School at all the Masses this weekend and they will share how they are a Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service. Once again all are welcomed, following the 10:00 AM Mass, to come over to see the wonderful educational environment and learn about the many new and innovative programs that are offered at St. Ephrem School. Please share this invitation to everyone, especially those who may be looking to enroll their children in Catholic School.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert

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"Before you were born, I consecrated you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



January 17th, 2016:
We Share (Online Giving)

622 Envelopes \$15,268.00
7 Families \$203.00

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

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



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

"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 30th & 31st. Thank you for your usually generosity!!!!

Feast of St. Blaise

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr in persecution of Licinius, early 4th 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**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 30th:

- 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 31st:

- 8:00am Daniel Kane & Robert Cortese
- 10:00am Joseph Caruana
- 12:00pm Joan Walker
- 5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

Monday, February 1st:

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

- 8:45am Mrs. Madeline Scotto

Tuesday, February 2nd:

- 7:00am James Campbell
- 8:45am Rose Cinardi (Birthday)

Wednesday, February 3rd:

- 7:00am Philomena Straka
- 8:45am Ralph Nicosia (Living)

Thursday, February 4th:

- 7:00am Michael Zraick
- 8:45am Maddalena Piscioneri

Friday, February 5th:

- 7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 8:45am Domenico Mazzone

Saturday, February 6th:

- 8:45am Purgatorial Society Mass
- 5:00pm Tommaso Giannotta
Peter J. Carlin
Anne, Florence & Nicholas Infantino
Domenic Albergo
Emilia Esposito

Sunday, February 7th:

- 8:00am David Durney
- 10:00am Anne Lamia
- 12:00pm Sebastian Striano
- 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



CONSOLATION MINISTRY

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

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

Marguerite Rezza

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



Eucharistic



First Friday Devotion

Friday, February 5th 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, February 3rd.



Baseball Registration
The Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall

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

CHOIR SCHEDULE

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

JANUARY EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Bereavement Support Group meets Monday, February 1st at 7:00 PM.



Scripture Group meets Thursday, February 4th at 9:30 AM. New members are welcome.

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.



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 8th 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 by February 4th.



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 21st through April 11th.** 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 3

Perfect Attendance

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Alfred Chen | Ryan Chen |
| Sophia Chen | Liza Donnelly |
| Jonathan Dopson | Kristen Moran |
| James Rivera | John Rivera |
| Scarlet Susi | Zaviela Rotondi Vazquez |



Most Improved

James Price

Best Effort

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Ryan Zi Han Chen | Kristen Moran |
| Christopher Pacelli | |



Most Cooperative

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| Liza Donnelly | Benjamin Fernandes |
| Scarlet Susi | |



BAY RIDGE WINTER RECESS CAMP

Bay Ridge All Sports Winter Recess Camp is open for Registration. Camp runs from Monday, February 15th until Friday, February 19th. Camp is for boys and girls ages 4-16 years old. Camp is located at Holy Angels Academy on 74th St, between 3rd & 4th Avenues. For further information call 718-745-7776 or BayRidgeSportsCamp.com



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 31st after the 10:00am Mass. Feel free to call us at 718-833-1440 or visit our website at www.stephremschool.org

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