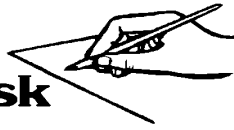


From the Pastor's Desk



Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

In telling of the transfiguration event in today's gospel, Moses and Elijah speak of exodus, of going forth to Jerusalem. By contrast, Peter speaks of pitching tents, of staying on the mountain in the moment of glory. Are we to stay or to go? Both! Disciples must stay in Jesus' presence and "listen to him," and go to their own Jerusalem to pass over from death to new Life. Stay or go? Both!

Our own transfiguration lies in both going and staying. Only by choosing the longer vision of going to Jerusalem with Jesus can we hope to share in his glory. Only by staying close to Jesus can such a journey end in a share in his glory. May our Lenten journey bring us closer to Jesus so that we can be transfigured and *"Be Merciful Like The Father."*

Last Sunday, Ms. Jane Peck, who has been journeying with us through R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), was sent by us and was presented to Bishop DiMarzio. We continue to pray for Janet as she is welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

This weekend we are being asked by Bishop DiMarzio to begin our Annual Catholic Appeal, *Share The Joy Of The Gospel*. Last year the Annual Catholic Appeal was incorporated into the Generations of Faith Capital Campaign which many of you generously participated and continue to make your contribution. Your generous support enabled St. Ephrem to go over goal and make a difference in the lives of our Senior Priests and Youth Ministry in our Diocese. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your generosity and I am most grateful to Msgr. Kain, for his leadership and successfully guiding the process. The work continues as we realize the monies paid and implement the covenant agreement.

St. Ephrem has always taken a leadership role in the Annual Catholic Appeal and I hope that we can continue together to make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters throughout our Diocese. Our parish goal for the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal is \$104,459.00, and all monies collected over goal is returned to our parish. I ask you to support the Annual Catholic Appeal with your prayers and if you are able to make a financial contribution, no gift is too small, so together we can *"Share The Joy Of The Gospel."*

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



February 14 th , 2016:	192 Envelopes	\$7,482.00
Second Collection:		
Black & Indian Mission	131 Envelopes	\$2,685.00
We Share (Online Giving)	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



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

Stations of the Cross



We will gather to pray the Stations of the Cross Wednesday, February 24th at 1:00 PM, with our School Children and Friday, February 26th at 7:30 PM in church. All are welcome.



Meditation on the Shroud of Turin

Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM
in the Church



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Take the opportunity to pray and sing with the Lord, during this period of Adoration.
Monday, March 14, at 7:00 PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. - Lk 9:29-31

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 20th:

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 5:00pm Peter J. Carlin
 Steven Lopez
 Mrs. Josephine DeFina
 Anthony Guerriera
 Fran Valenza

Sunday, February 21st:

8:00am Theresa Canny
 10:00am Kate & Slavko Levacic
 12:00pm Eileen Fitzpatrick
 5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

Monday, February 22nd:

7:00am Anna Iannarella
 8:45am Giuseppina & Battista Sacco

Tuesday, February 23rd:

7:00am Dani Riposo
 8:45am Mary Nicosia

Wednesday, February 24th:

7:00am Emanuel Scavone
 8:45am Anthony W. DeFina

Thursday, February 25th:

7:00am Jean Calderone (Living)
 8:45am Joel Luciano

Friday, February 26th:

7:00am Catherine & Thomas Dorney
 8:45am Mrs. Josephine DeFina

Saturday, February 27th:

8:45am Vivian DiMauro
 5:00pm Teresa-Chao-Nan Kuo
 June Battista-Williams
 Maria Rosa Napoli
 Carmela Oppedisano
 Vincenzo Napoli

Sunday, February 28th:

8:00am Patrick Curry & Christopher Hilliard
 10:00am Felice Sestito
 12:00pm Paolo & Giovanna Mosconi
 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, Silvia Gutierrez-Lopez



BREAD AND WINE
 THE BREAD AND WINE FOR ALL MASSES THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF TERESA POGGIOLI, REQUESTED BY, THE POGGIOLI AND MAGUIRE FAMILIES.



ALTAR CANDLES
 THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING FOR THE WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF KENT HANDLOWICH, REQUESTED BY JANET & DONALD CASSAMASSINO.



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.*

<u>CHOIR SCHEDULE</u>		
2/21	12:00 Mass	Adult Choir
2/28	10:00 Mass	Children's Choir
	12:00 Mass	Adult Choir

Adult Choir News

We are extending an invitation to come and join our Adult Choir. The generous sharing of time and talent by our choir members is truly a blessing. We encourage all who can contribute, to join us in our music ministry here at St. Ephrem Church. Now is a great time to join us as we are preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Rehearsals are on Monday nights at 7:45pm in the Church. Light refreshments are served.



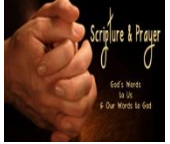
Children's Choir News

Our children's choir is now accepting new members from 2nd grade through 8th grade. Any children interested in joining our choir may begin attending our weekly rehearsals beginning on Thursday February 25th or Thursday, March 3rd. Rehearsals are held weekly in the School Music Room on the 3rd floor from 2:45-3:30pm. The children sing on Sunday's at the 10:00 mass twice a month.

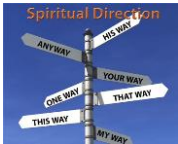
FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER



A Lenten Retreat – “HAVING MERCY”
Session 3 will be held Tuesday, February 23 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.



Scripture Group meets Thursday, February 25 at 9:30 AM. New members are welcome.



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 Chiarchiaro at 718-748-1164 – Our Lady of Angels Parish
Sister Ann Martha at 718-921-9518 – St. Ephrem Parish



You are invited to Bishop Kearney's Gift Auction/Card Party on March 3, 2016 at Dyker Beach from 7pm-11pm. To register or to make a donation please

contact Lorraine Macca, at Lmacca@kearneyhs.org or 718-236-6363 ext. 246.



Diocese of Brooklyn Annual Catholic Appeal 2016
Share the Joy of the Gospel

We are encouraged in a special way in this 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal to share the Joy of the Gospel: by teaching and modeling Christian values; by practicing works of mercy, charity and consolation; by giving to the ACA whose ministries and services share our Catholic faith throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

Our Parish Goal \$104,459.00

All monies collected over goal is returned to St. Ephrem Parish.

Last year we participated in the Generations of Faith Capital Campaign, which incorporated the Annual Catholic Appeal. As we begin the Season of Lent we are being asked to consider the needs of our brothers and sisters in our diocese.



**An Evening of Doo-Wop
Classical Songs & Dancing**

Featuring

John Kuse & The Excellents
*Singing Brooklyn's Doo-Wop
National Anthem: "Coney Island Baby"*

**The Fabulous Duet:
Vinnie Medugno & Charlie Poveromo**

Saturday, April 23, 2016

7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

St. Ephrem School – Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall

\$50 Per Person Includes:

Sandwiches, Snacks, Beer, Wine & Soda

**For Information & Reservations Contact
St. Ephrem Rectory (718) 833 – 1010**

You can arrange for tables of 8 or 10 people.

**Please make reservations by April 15th
No Tickets will be sold at the door.**



JOIN OUR CELEBRANTS
MSGR. THEOPHILUS JOSEPH AND
FR. RICHARD BRENONE FOR A
MASS OF HEALING AT
ST. EPHREM CHURCH
FEBURARY 25TH AT 7:30PM.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



Adult Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults is celebrated on the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May 15, 2016. If you have been Baptized and received First Holy Communion, and would like to be Confirmed please call the Rectory Office.

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