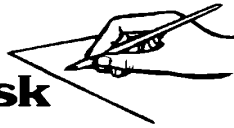


From the Pastor's Desk



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.”

After fishing all night and catching nothing, Peter obeys Jesus, putting out his boat and nets once again. He makes a great catch of fish. Even more, he comes to a great insight about himself. Encounter with Jesus leads Peter to see himself as he really is (“I am a sinful man”), and to become what he is not yet: a follower of Jesus participating in his saving mission. Jesus “caught” Peter. He will “catch” us, too. All we need to do is heed Jesus’ word.

Last Saturday night we had our Mardi Gras Celebration, a sold out event. Over 250 people attended and a great time was had by many. This past week everyone that I ran into, just kept talking about “how wonderful it was.” I want to thank the committee who worked so hard to make this truly a wonderful celebration.

This Wednesday, we begin the Season of Lent. May we open our hearts to the Lord, throughout this Season of Lent. It is a season in which we are open to God’s work in us leading to conversion of heart. We can do nothing without God. Let us deepen our relationship with God throughout this Lenten journey.

Next Saturday, February 13, at the 5:00 PM Mass, we will have a communal Anointing of the Sick, during Mass. If you would like to be anointed please fill out the card in the church and return it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket. Due to the fact that this is a Sacrament, we must keep a record of who is anointed.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert

“In his message for Lent entitled “I desire mercy and not sacrifice. The works of mercy on the road of the Jubilee” the Pope reiterates the importance of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and condemns the attitude and actions of the proud, the powerful and the wealthy who refuse to open the doors of their hearts to God and to the poor.”
Pope Francis



church support

January 24 th , 2016:	112 Envelopes	\$4,167.50
Second Collection:		
	Diocesan Mission 69 Envelopes	\$1,380.00
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!



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



Meditation on the Shroud of Turin

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

To Care for the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is both “a liturgical and a communal celebration.” In the family home, hospital, or church, members of the Body of Christ gather for the sacramental rite led by a priest. The Penitential Rite followed by the Liturgy of the Word and sacramental anointing of the sick can inspire and comfort both those who are ill and their family and friends who are gathered (CCC, nos. 1517-18).



Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering or elderly. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit’s gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], nos.1520-23).

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament.

On Saturday, February 13th we celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at the 5:00 PM Mass.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. - Lk 5:5-6

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, February 8th:

- 7:00am James Campbell
- 8:45am Mrs. Madeline Scotto

Tuesday, February 9th:

- 7:00am Philomena Straka
- 8:45am Souad & Michael Naser

Wednesday, February 10th: (Ash Wednesday)

- 7:00am Peter Spinelli
- 8:45am Vincent Ingenito
- 3:45pm Prayer Service
- 7:30pm Prayer Service

Thursday, February 11th:

- 7:00am Bela (Bill) Nagy
- 8:45am John (16yrs) & Catherine Ondreicka

Friday, February 12th:

- 7:00am Joseph & Carolyn Vella (Living)
- 8:45am Bridget & Val McDonagh

Saturday, February 13th:

- 8:45am Nicoletta DiFilippo
- 5:00pm Nick Adamo
- Mario Gaudiuso
- The Deceased Members of the Tevington & Burecke Families
- Lisa Lombardi (Living)
- For the protection of all life in China

Sunday, February 14th:

- 8:00am Patrick & Nora Murray
- 10:00am Matthew Rhinehart
- 12:00pm Frances Gambino
- 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 MARIO GAUDIUSO, REQUESTED BY HIS LOVING FAMILY.



ALTAR CANDLES
THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING FOR THE WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY PATRICIA MEYER, REQUESTED BY ADRIAN & JO CALDERONE.



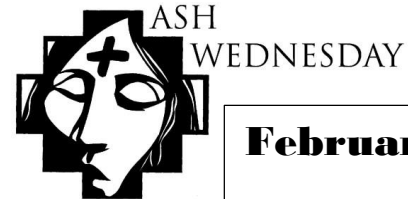
CONSOLATION MINISTRY

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

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

Filomena & Luigi Camporeale, Francis Quinn, Carol Schreiber

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Ashes will be distributed during the:

7:00 AM & 8:45 AM Masses

And

3:45 PM & 7:30 PM - Prayer Services



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards

Stations of the Cross

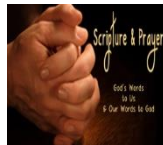


We will gather to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during the Season of Lent at 7:30 PM. Beginning February 12th

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Bereavement Support Group A new Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, February 22 at 7:00 PM in the Spirituality Center. Sessions run on a 6 week cycle. If you recently lost a loved one and would like to join the group for some compassionate listening, honest sharing, and consoling prayer, please come to the Center. Individual (one on one) sessions are available on request.



Scripture Group meets Thursday, February 11th at 9:30 AM. New members are welcome.



A Lenten Retreat – “HAVING MERCY” begins Tuesday, February 9 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.

Spiritual Direction



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



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.



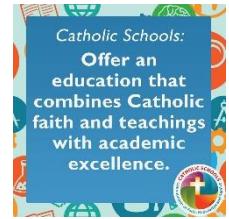
Our Lady of Angels Church is hosting a St. Patrick/St. Joseph Celebration on Sunday, March 6th at 2:30pm, featuring Anthony Kearns. For reservations call 718-836-7200.

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



Catholic Schools Week



Thank You to all who helped celebrate Catholic Schools Week Mass last Sunday. I hope you had an opportunity to visit St. Ephrem School and see the wonderful learning environment and the excellent education that is offered. If you would like more information please call our school at (718) 833 – 1440. Registration is ongoing.



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

Grade 4

Perfect Attendance

Evangelia Ameno- Cataudella

Amelie Bajor

Richard Cleary Frank Creo

Matthew Kotsatos Alexa Krupczynski

Jiatu Liang Gianna Loccisano

Julia McLoughlin Sara Oliveri

John Porcu Erich Smith

John Torres



Most Improved

Richard Cleary

Matteo Pipitone



Best Effort

John Fitzgerald

Julia McLoughlin

Sara Olivieri



Most Cooperative

Evangelia Ameno-Cataudella

Ryan Cassidy

Gabriella Chiara



CHOIR SCHEDULE

2/14	10:00 Mass	Adult Choir
2/21	12:00 Mass	Adult Choir
2/28	10:00 Mass	Children’s Choir
	12:00 Mass	Adult Choir

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