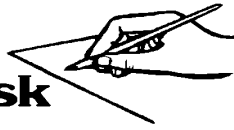


From the Pastor's Desk



Easter Sunday
March 27, 2016

"He is not here, but he has been raised."

The women arose early on the first day of the week, three days after Jesus' death and burial, to do him the homage of caring for his lifeless body. They were greeted with an empty tomb, with "two men in dazzling garments." Perhaps they were Moses and Elijah who had appeared with Jesus at his transfiguration? Perhaps they were the ones who helped the women remember Jesus' words? Perhaps they were the ones who encouraged the women to go to the other disciples and announce "all these things"? This announcement had never before been made, even from the beginning of creation: He is risen!

The disciples do not believe the women who return from the empty tomb with a message to announce. Peter and John must run and see the empty tomb for themselves. The gospel story relates that they were "amazed." What amazed them? That they "saw the burial cloths alone"? What the "two men in dazzling garments" had said to the women: that "he has been raised"? That they were brought from unbelief to belief?

Do we believe the message announced to us in the words of this gospel? Do we need to run and see for ourselves? And, if so, where do we run? Where do we look? What do we believe? What do we announce?

Let us announce together: He is risen! As we gather to celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, renew our baptismal promises, which is our belief that we will have life forever because of Jesus' rising from the dead! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On behalf of the Staff and myself, we wish you a Blessed and Happy Easter!

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



March 13 th , 2016	352 Envelopes	\$ 9,661.00
Second Collection:		
Easter Flowers	148 Envelopes	\$ 2,027.00
We Share (Online Giving)	8 Families	\$200.00

Mass Attendance: 960

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



Our Parish Goal \$104,459.00
Amount Pledged: \$42,900.00
102 Donors
Paid to Date: \$25,492
Reached 41.7% 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

"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

Jubilee Year of Mercy – Divine Mercy Devotion



St. Ephrem's 15th Anniversary of devotion to Divine Mercy. **Monday, March 28th through Saturday, April 2nd at 2:45 PM with:**

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Reflections of St. Faustina
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy

On **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd** we will recite St. Faustina's Praises of the Divine Mercy and the Chaplet beginning at 2:30PM. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Richard Bertone beginning at 3:00 PM.

"And here the first word that I wish to say to you: joy! Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but of having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst." Pope Francis

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday, March 26th:

9:00am Morning Prayer
8:00pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27th:

8:00am Mary & Daniel Kane
10:00am Michael F. Mathieson
12:00pm Joseph Losardo

NO 5:00PM MASS

Monday, March 28th:

NO 7:00AM MASS

8:45am Rae Esposito

Tuesday, March 29th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Celestino Catalano

Wednesday, March 30th:

7:00am Anna & James Fleming
8:45am Joan Ferris

Thursday, March 31st:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Dorothy Wall

Friday, April 1st:

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

Saturday, April 2nd:

8:45am Purgatorial Society Mass
5:00pm Mary E. Durney
Mary & Carmine Calderone
Colleen Hickey
Filomena E'Egidio
Dennis Cascio (Living)

Sunday, April 3rd:

8:00am Clara Calabrese
10:00am Anne Lamia
12:00pm Louis Offitto, Sr.
3:00pm Divine Mercy Mass
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, Marisa & Rita Schievello, Maria Concetta Conte Bedessi, Maureen Cashman



BREAD AND WINE

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR ALL MASSES THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF MADELINE SCOTTO, REQUESTED BY, BRUNO & RITA CAVALLARO AND FAMILY.



THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING FOR THE WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF MADELINE SCOTTO, REQUESTED BY BRUNO & RITA CAVALLARO AND FAMILY.

Wedding Banns

Victor Morales
Delta Sabino

Randolf Marsillo
Carla DePena



MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

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

Vincent L. Formica Grace Corley
Marie P. Esposito Filomena D'Egidio
Ida Mary Decina Isabella Mancini
Nancy Simione

May they rest in peace. Amen



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.*

CHOIR SCHEDULE

3/27	10:00 Mass	Children's Choir
	12:00 Mass	Adult Choir

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Bereavement Support Group

A new Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, April 11th 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.

The 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality Program – Session 7 will be held Tuesday, April 5 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.

BEREAVEMENT DEANERY CORNER



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

Spiritual Direction

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



The remaining sessions of “The 12 Keys to Spirituality Vitality Program” with Richard Johnson (DVD Program) will begin Tuesday, April 5th at 1pm. All are welcome.

R.C.I.A.: CONGRATULATIONS!



It is with great joy that we welcome Jane Peck into the Catholic Church. Jane will be baptized, confirmed and join us at the Eucharistic table for the first time at the Easter Vigil. We congratulate Jane, her sponsor Brian Kidney, her family and Tom and Karen Mucci, her catechists. The parish family of Saint Ephrem rejoices in the new life experienced in the celebration of these Easter sacraments and promises our prayerful support as together we continue our journey in faith.



ATTENTION ALL ENGAGED COUPLES GETTING MARRIED AT ST. EPHREM’S CHURCH
On Wednesday, April 20th at 7:30pm in the church, we will have our annual Wedding Music Night.

Here you will have the opportunity to listen to all of the music selections, the singers and the different instruments available for your wedding ceremony. This is the **ONLY** night for 2016.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help High School Class of 1966 – 50th Reunion
12:30to 4:30 – Saturday June 4th
at the Bay Ridge Manor
\$60 pp includes beer and wine.

Contact Barbara “Adams” Cashin bcashin@amanet.org or 212-903-7947

5th Annual St. Ephrem Summer Camp



Come join us for a summer full of fun!!!

Park visits, activities, weekly trips, water games and much more!! Camp begins on Monday, July 11th and ends

Thursday, August 18th. For more information, call 718-833-1440.

Camp is open to all children, Pre-K to 6th Grade (September, 2016)

Registration for our Camp & Enrichment Program
Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 2:45 PM
St. Ephrem School Cafeteria



An Evening of Doo-Wop

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.**

The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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