

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**



Third Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016

*"Follow me."*

After the resurrection, the disciples need a jolt. They cannot return to their former way of living. They have encountered Jesus during his earthly ministry. Now they encounter the risen Christ and are invited to share in his ongoing ministry. This Sunday's gospel depicts the transformation made possible by the risen Christ. Disciples net a great number of fish after a catch-less night. Peter jumps suddenly into the sea instead of staying in the boat. Peter three times declares his love, replacing his three denial. The resurrection transforms the way things are. The risen Christ transforms the way we are, enabling us to obey his ongoing invitation, "Follow me."

Risen Life has its demand – we must eat breakfast with the risen Christ! That is, we must open ourselves to be encouraged by all the gifts given to us so that our follow-response is energetic, sustained, and fruitful. Jesus gives us all the nourishment we need in order to meet the demands of daily discipleship. Accepting the nourishment that Jesus offers means that by following him we ourselves become his risen Presence, those who lead others to him. Every day we must take care that our actions announce Jesus' gift of nourishment at the same time that they speak of his goodness and care.

Leading others to Jesus doesn't mean doing big things, it means doing the little things well and so reflect the risen Life dwelling within us. It might mean once a week sitting down and having breakfast with our family. It might mean serving in a soup kitchen once a month. It might mean regularly contributing food for the poor. No matter what our act of love, or when, it always means saying yet to Jesus and to risen Life.

As you well know on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be have our Doo-Wop. If you are interested in joining us for a fun night, this is the last opportunity to purchase your tickets by April 15<sup>th</sup>, no tickets will be sold at the door. I hope you can join us for a night of great music, dancing, food and a good time.

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



March 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	393 Envelopes	\$12,680.00
Senior Priests	244 Envelopes	\$ 1,561.00

We Share (Online Giving)	8 Families	\$210.00
Mass Attendance: 1,652		

*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:** \$46,020.00  
**113 Donors**  
**Paid to Date:** \$28,966  
**Reached 44% 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**



**Movie of Mercy – Entertaining Angels**

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

A DVD presentation (1hr. & 51mins.) on the life of Dorothy Day, a native New Yorker. During the Depression, she vows to house the homeless, feed the hungry, and tend to the sick.

Please call the Rectory to reserve your seat.



St. Ephrem will be sponsoring an Art and Music Exhibition on **Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in church.** Both the art and music will reflect the theme of Mercy to help celebrate this Jubilee Year of Mercy. The trio of musicians, violin, flute and piano will include music of Bach, Beethoven and other composers. The visual art work is created by many local artists and will be in many different art forms.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:18-19

### Mass for the Intentions } Week

#### Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>:

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 5:00pm Frances Gambino  
 Joseph Francis Martin, III  
 Peter James Carlin  
 Clistina Boireau  
 Onofrio Lomangino

#### Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>:

8:00am Lawrence Morrish  
 10:00am Dume Pocina  
 12:00pm Frances Gambino  
 5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

#### Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Mr. & Mrs. Ignazio & Concetta Rizzuto  
 8:45am John McCarthy

#### Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Mr. & Mrs. Ignazio & Concetta Rizzuto  
 8:45am Nancy Gorham – School Mass

#### Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Mr. & Mrs. Ignazio & Concetta Rizzuto  
 8:45am James Fitzpatrick

#### Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Mr. & Mrs. Ignazio & Concetta Rizzuto  
 8:45am Clement McHugh

#### Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Mr. & Mrs. Ignazio & Concetta Rizzuto  
 8:45am Tony Grbic

#### Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>:

8:45am Kristine Murray  
 5:00pm Michele DeLeo  
 Mary Moore  
 Mrs. Madeline Scotto  
 Vito Gentile  
 Dominic Bergamini & The Deceased Members of the Tozzi & Bergamini Families

#### Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:

8:00am The Tuorto Family  
 10:00am Rosa Napoli  
 12:00pm Giovanni, Rosa & Cesare Scagnelli  
 5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's



For the recovery of Christina Flood, Miriam Ligammari, Orazio Arrabito, Silvia Gutierrez-Lopez, Marisa & Rita Schievello, Maureen Cashman, Maria Concetta Conte Bedessi



#### BREAD AND WINE

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR ALL MASSES THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. MADELINE SCOTTO, REQUESTED BY, THE DUFFY FAMILY.



THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING FOR THE WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF NICK PAGANO, REQUESTED BY, THE CIAVARELLA FAMILY.

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.*



### MADELINE T. SCOTTO MEMORIAL ESTATE SALE



All proceeds will benefit students attending St. Ephrem School, through the Madeline T. Scotto Scholarship Fund.

**April 17, 2016 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
 St. Ephrem Old School Hall

**Cash only**

**BYO Bag and Best Offer**

### St. Ephrem Senior Citizen Club



Many thanks to those who completed the survey about re-starting our Friendship Club. Anyone interested in helping to re-start the club is invited to a planning meeting on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Fr. Jim.

**EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER**



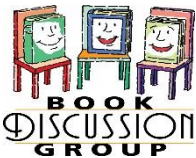
**Bereavement Support Group**

A new Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

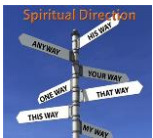
**The 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality Program** – Session 8 “Give of Yourself to Others” will be held Tuesday, April 12 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.



**Scripture Group** meets Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. New members are welcome.



**Book Discussion Group** meets Thursday, April 14 at 4:00 PM. The book, **“A Fall of Marigolds”**, by Susan Meissner will be discussed. 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.



**ATTENTION ALL ENGAGED COUPLES GETTING MARRIED AT ST. EPHREM’S CHURCH**  
On Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**5<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> and ends Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call 718-833-1440.

**Camp is open to all children, Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (September, 2016)**

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

<b><u>Choir Schedule</u></b>		
4/17	10:00 Mass	Children’s Choir
	12:00 Mass	Adult Choir
4/24	10:00 Mass	Adult Choir

**El Camino Movie Showing**



As proposed during Fr. Jim’s presentation last fall about his pilgrimage walk across Spain to the tomb of St. James the Apostle, the movie about the walk, called *The Way*, will be shown on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. All are welcomed and those interested in attending are asked to reserve a seat by calling the parish office at (718) 833 – 1010. For more information, contact Fr. Jim.



***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 15<sup>th</sup>**

**No Tickets will be sold at the door.**



St. Ephrem Church will be collecting non-perishable food items for the OLPH Food Pantry after all weekend Masses, April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your usual generosity!!!!

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