

From the  
Pastor's Desk



**Pentecost Sunday**  
May 15, 2016

*“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”*

In this gospel Jesus reminds us that our love binds us together and to him. Our love motivates us to keep his commandments and word, the measure of our being together in community. Love is a strong motivator. The strength of our love for Jesus is the measure of how well we keep his commandments and word, how well we care for each other. Why and how we keep Jesus’ commandments and word is, in the end, keeping Him-the Divine Word who was sent by the Father. Pentecost is a celebration of both the gift of the Spirit and the effects of that gift – we are shares in the one Body of Christ who take up Jesus’ mission to preach the Good News of Salvation.

Today we welcome 62 children of our parish to the table of the Lord to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. How appropriate, on this Feast of Pentecost, that our children encounter the Lord in the Eucharist and become one with us around the Table of the Lord. We pray for them and their families that we all would be one and filled with the Holy Spirit, may we become one body, one spirit in Christ.

During the month of May, we honor our Blessed Mother in many ways, praying the Rosary, Flowers, and crowning her Queen of Heaven and earth. Next weekend we will gather with the children of our parish who have received First Holy Communion, to place a crown of flowers on Mary. We place all our children and ourselves under the loving mantel of Mary. Throughout Mary’s life she led many to her son Jesus. We pray through Mary to Jesus.

You may have noticed published in the bulletin information about our Annual Catholic Appeal. First, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued generosity and support to the parish and Diocese of Brooklyn. I know many have made a commitment to our Diocesan Capital Campaign, *Generations of Faith*, once again I am grateful for your extreme generosity and over the next five years we hope to fulfill our amount pledged. Your response has been overwhelming and exceeded our goal. In the name of our Senior Priests’ thank you!

Secondly, if you did not participate in *Generations of Faith*, I am asking you to please make a commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have reached more than 50% of goal and if we all participate, together we can help the needs of the parish and diocese. Remember anything collected over goal remains in the parish. There is information at the doors of the church. May I ask you to please read the information and consider making a commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in our Diocese who will benefit from our prayers and support.

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	297 Envelopes	\$8,385.00
Communications	142 Envelopes	\$1,951.00
We Share (Online Giving)	8 Families	\$215.00

Mass Attendance: 723

*Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!*



**Parish Goal:** \$980,000.00  
**Amount Pledged:** \$1,104,629.00  
**Paid to Date:** \$463,865.00



**Our Parish Goal** \$104,459.00  
**Amount Pledged:** \$60,305.00  
**138 Donors**  
**Paid to Date:** \$41,047.00  
**Reached 57.73% 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!*

**December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016**



JUBILEE  
OF MERCY

During the month of May, Catholics everywhere pay homage to Mary. It is especially significant during the Jubilee Year as Mary is known as the “Mother of Mercy.” Saint Pope John

Paul II said, “Mary is Mother of Mercy because her Son, Jesus Christ, was sent by the Father as the revelation of God’s mercy;” therefore we pray, “Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.”



St. Vincent de Paul Society will be here 9am to 11:45am in the parking lot, on 74<sup>th</sup> Street, **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. All types of clean usable clothing, blankets and towels will be accepted.



Our Parish Mission will be held Monday – Wednesday, **June 6-8 at 7:30pm** in the church. The theme is “Walking by Faith: A Spirituality for Living Now.” The presenter is Rev. Paul Fagan, CP.



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“The Spirit gave them ability.” Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord’s mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

## PENTECOST SUNDAY



*Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." - Jn 14:23*

### Mass for the Intentions Week

#### Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>:

8:45am Rev. Francis Ricigliano (1978)  
 5:00pm Catherine Stemberger  
 Jeremiah Hickey  
 Benjamin Russo  
 Antonina Lipari  
 John Granito

#### Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:

8:00am Carol Lemmon  
 10:00am Steven Lopez  
 12:00pm Vincent Nunziato  
 5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

#### Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 8:45am Conversion of Sinners

#### Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's  
 8:45am Philip Baffuto

#### Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Matthew P. O'Connor  
 8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Joan & William Cooney  
 8:45am Joseph Multari

#### Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Sophia Calderone  
 8:45am Patrick Curran

#### Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:

8:45am All Souls in Purgatory  
 5:00pm Deceased Members of the Cogan Family  
 Peter James Carlin  
 Angelina Femia  
 The Lombardi Family  
 Grace Corle

#### Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>:

8:00am Michael & Rose Murray  
 10:00am Suzana & Anton Kulas  
 12:00pm Giovanni & Margherita Mosconi  
 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,  
 AnnaMarie McMahon

### The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of:

**Vincent Nunziato**

Requested by Caroline Parlato.



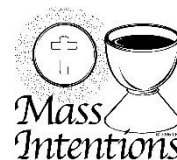
### Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:

**Matthew P. O'Connor**

Requested by The Lavelle Family.

**THE MASS BOOK FOR 2016 WILL OPEN MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, FROM 9AM-11:30AM AND 1:30PM-4:30PM.** Please fill out the yellow sheet located by all the exits of the church in advance. The Mass stipend is \$15. The Bread and Wine or Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp is \$25 for the week.



### *Congratulations!*

*It is with great joy that we welcome the following young people to the Eucharistic table*

Michael Amato	Emma Gallagher	Olivia Mone
Ariana Ayala	Marco Gallina	Mario Ortiz
Leonard Bilali	Jordan Garcia	Andre Pagan
Giuseppe Bonello	Lily Genovese	Jack Parchment
Madeleine Bonello	Francis Giordano	Damian Petrone
Zayla Cabrera	Nicola Giordano	Gabriella Rios
Caitlyn Casero	Christian Grasso	Samantha Sayar
Julianna Cecere	Steve Halama	Gianna Scarpaci
Vincent Cecere	Anthony Hennigan	Lorenzo Schoenfeld
Rita Rose Chahine	Edward Hernandez-D'Amore	
Aidan Cinardi	Maria Hlinka	Isabella Scire-Banchitta
Jayson Cotter	Mikel Katz	Luca Scire-Banchitta
Luisa Del Priore	Ava Kosta	Salvo Scire-Banchitta
Gianfranco Dimino	Lauren Lamanna	Sean Solitario
Angela Donahue	Leonardo Lechner	Lauren Spoto
Matthew Donnelly	Olivia LoFaso	Jayson Taliento
Grace Fallon	Christian Marrone	Justin Venturelli
Louis Fecci	Michaela Mattis	Abigail Wong
Adriana Fernandez	Haley Mendez	Jacob Yared
Thomas Flynn	Lauren Mignone	James Young
Matthew Frisari		Olivia Zillini
	Rohan Zumbo	

*May they always be aware of God's love for them especially in the Eucharist. Let us continue to support them with our prayers and by our example as we journey in faith together.*

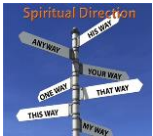
**EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER**



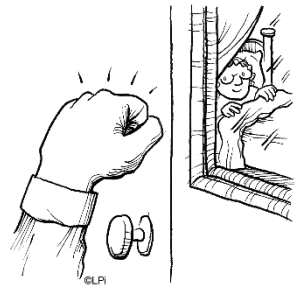
**Bereavement Support Group**  
Meets Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.



**Scripture Group**  
Meets Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



**OUR PRIESTS ARE VISITING THE HOMEBOUND**

During this time of year, it has been a tradition for the active priests of St. Ephrem Church to visit the homebound and offer them the Sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick as well as Holy Communion. If you have a family member who is not able to

come to church and would like a visit from one of the priests, please submit their name, address and phone number to the parish office and you will be contacted in the coming weeks to set up a mutually convenient time for the visit.



**St. Ephrem Friendship Club**  
Has resumed meeting on Wednesday's in the Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall. Doors opens at 11:30am. Meeting is from 12pm-2pm. Bring a friend!!!!



**Brooklyn's 149<sup>th</sup> Kings County Memorial Day Parade**

All members of the parish are invited and all Veterans are encouraged to join their brothers and sisters-in-arms and march on May 30<sup>th</sup> in the Kings County Memorial Day Parade, which kick off promptly at 11AM on Third Avenue and 75<sup>th</sup> Street. The route will go along Third Ave. to Marine Ave., up to Fourth Ave. and over to John Paul Jones Park for a memorial service immediately following the parade in honor of all who lost their lives in selfless service to our country. Veterans do not have to belong to a Veteran organization to march.



*Celebrate the Year of Mercy by following the example of the Blessed Mother, and honoring her with these devotions.*

**Prayer the Rosary**



Each day we gather to pray the Rosary through the intercession of Mary at 8:15 AM & 7 PM for the Month of May. Please join us!

**May Crowning**

On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> following the 5PM Mass we will have our May Crowning with the children of our parish who have received First Holy Communion.



**Eucharistic Procession**

On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> the Church celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi. Following the 10 AM Mass we will process around the block of the Church. We will conclude with Benediction on the front steps of the Church. Please join us!



**Memorial Pavers**

You can have your loved one (Living or Deceased) remembered in a very special way by having a paver placed by our Blessed Virgin Mary Prayer Garden. Each paver is 11 X 11 and a donation of \$350.00. For information please contact the rectory.



**Choir Schedule**

5/21	5:00 Mass	Adult Choir
5/29	10:00 Mass	Adult Choir

*"Our Mother Mary is full of beauty because she is full of grace."*

*Pope Francis*



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