



**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

May 22, 2016

*“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.”*

On this Sunday when we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and how it is shared with us. We who have come to know Jesus and commit ourselves to him cling to the fullness of divine Life he offers us. We choose to receive this Life and, like Jesus, hand it over for the sake of others.

Surely this mystery of our God giving Life is so great that we “cannot bear it now” fully. Revelation is always gradual. The fullness of “all truth” would be overwhelming if we heard it in its full power, for the revelation of “all truth” is the gift of the Trinity’s very Life dwelling within and among us. This feast celebrates the mystery that the Life and love of the Trinity “has been poured out into our hearts,” as we hear in today’s second reading. Like the Holy Trinity itself, we must let go, give that gift to others by surrendering our own selves for their good. Jesus showed us the way. He prepared his disciples for his suffering and death: he prepared his disciples to receive the Holy Spirit who enables Jesus’ followers to share in his suffering and death in such a way as to also share in his risen Life, the very Life of the Holy Trinity itself. Life is a gift. We take that gift from God so that we can give that gift to others. All relationships are about give-and-take. This is no less true of the relationships that bind us together in the Life of the one Body of Christ.

Next weekend we celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Pope Francis said “Jesus provides the food people need, or ‘rather, he is the living bread that gives life to the world.’ His body is real food under the species of bread; his blood is real drink under the species of wine. The body and blood of Christ, can give people eternal life because “the substance of this bread is love.”

The feast of Corpus Christi is one time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to the faithful Catholics but to all the world. This is a time when Catholics can show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honoring Him in a very public way. It is also a wonderful way in which we can show our love for our neighbors by bringing Our Lord and Savior closer to them. So many conversions are a result of Eucharistic Adoration experienced from inside the Church. How many more there would be if we could reach those who only drive by the church in worldly pursuits. Please join us for our procession next weekend following the 10:00 AM Mass, in a sign of unity and bringing Jesus to our entire community.

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	311 Envelopes	\$12,767.00
School Collection	136 Envelopes	\$3,070.00
We Share (Online Giving)	8 Families	\$215.00
Mass Attendance: 1,629		

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



<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$980,000.00</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$1,104,629.00</b>
<b>Paid to Date:</b>	<b>\$463,865.00</b>



<b>Our Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$104,459.00</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$63,275.00</b>
<b>144 Donors</b>	
<b>Paid to Date:</b>	<b>\$44,242.00</b>
<b>Reached 60.57% of Goal</b>	

*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**

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.”

**Parish Mission**

***“Walking by Faith in a Holy Year of Mercy”***



**Rev. Paul Fagan, CP**

Immediately Following the 8:45 AM Mass and 7:30 PM Prayer Service

**Monday, June 6, 2016**

*“What Do We Stake Our Life On?”*

*The Soil of a Faithful Person and a Good Parish Community”*

**Tuesday, June 7, 2016**

*“Are We Willing To Take A Risk?”*

**Wednesday, June 8, 2016**

*“God Demands Our Life as Individuals, Families and Parish Community”*



**Feast of St. Ephrem**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Come celebrate our parish Feast Day at the 8:45 AM Mass with the children of our school**



"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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

### Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>:

7:00am Matthew P. O'Connor  
8:45am Millicent Patterson

### Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's  
8:45am Anthony W. & Josephine DeFina

### Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am Peter Stewart  
8:45am Lucia Mosconi

### Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's  
8:45am Rose Doria Pasciuto

### Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's  
8:45am Vincent & Frank Iannizzi

### Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>:

8:45am Lombardi & Coluccio Family  
5:00pm Vincent Abbruzzese  
Larry & Dorothy Soave  
Luke Fallon  
Jerry Mignone  
Benjamin Russo

### Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>:

8:00am Frank Calabrese  
10:00am Michael Sloan  
12:00pm Josephine & Frank Saccente  
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: Peter Stewart

Requested by Mrs. Annamarie Bartone



### Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:

Albert J. D'Angelo

Requested by Bruno Grillo & Keith Goldstein

### RELIGIOUSEDUCATION REGISTRATION



Our religious education program offers classes for children who do not attend a catholic school. These classes are usually held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM. The Religious Education/ Faith Formation Office will provide an opportunity

for new registration and re-registration at the following times:

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays**

**May 31, June 1, 2, 7, 8, 9**

**11 AM to 3PM**

**and**

**Sunday, June 12**

**11 AM to 2 PM**

For other times, please contact us at 1(718)745-7486 or

[stephremreligious@gmail.com](mailto:stephremreligious@gmail.com)

**For Re-registration:** Children who attended religious education classes here during the 2015-2016 school year, just need to complete a re-registration form.

**For New Registration:** Children who did not attend religious education classes here during the 2015-2016 school year, need to complete a new registration form. A copy of the child's baptismal certificate is required. If you are not a registered member of St. Ephrem parish or do not live within the parish boundaries, you must inform your home parish that your child will be attending religious education classes here at St. Ephrem.



### Honoring Our Fallen Officers

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Brooklyn, New York. Patrol Borough Brooklyn

South will remember all police officers who have died in the line of duty of the various commands of Brooklyn South. All are welcomed to attend to pray and remember.

**EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER**



**Spiritual Direction**

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



**Fun for Seniors**

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 149th 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 30th in the Kings County Memorial Day Parade, which kick off promptly at 11AM on Third Avenue and 75th 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.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th

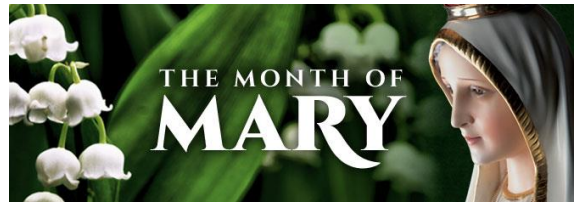
There will be no 7 AM Mass



**Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries**

Please join Fr. Bretone for a day of Prayer and Thanksgiving surrounded by nature at Heaven's Embrace in the Catskill Mountains on June 4, 2016. A bus will

depart from in front of St. Ephrem's at 8:30am and St. Patrick's at 8:45am. The cost will be \$35, bring a bag lunch and dress comfortably. A free will offering to EFOH Ministries is tax deductible. If you are interested please call Marianne Kinnane 718-745-3502 or Rose Mazzone 718-836-8127.



*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!



**Eucharistic Procession**

On Sunday, May 29th 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.



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



*Pope Francis*

<b>Choir Schedule</b>		
5/29	10:00 Mass	Adult Choir

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