

From the  
Pastor's Desk



The Solemnity of the Most  
Holy Body and Blood  
of Christ

May 29, 2016

*Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied."*

In today's gospel story about the multiplication of loaves and fishes to feed the hungry crowd. Jesus does far more than shadows the gift of his very self as the Bread of Life. Jesus taught the crowds and "healed those who need to be cured." Our need for Jesus and what he gives us, however, goes beyond teaching and healing. Even more, we need the food Jesus gives in unfathomable abundance. This food sublimely satisfies us. Yet even self over for others.

This gospel moves from the practical, tangible level of feeding hungry people to the mystery of God's abundance and excess; the gospel moves from the disciples' concern about feeding the crowd to their becoming the "leftover fragments" that nourish God's hungry people. This solemnity celebrates God's graciousness to us, a gift of superabundance. We are invited to participate in God's graciousness by our passing on this abundance. Our lives, then, must witness to the intersection of need and generosity. Our lives must witness to the intersection of Jesus' Life and our lives, given for others in a superabundance that just keeps getting better.

I like to share with you that Mr. John Taormina, Principal of St. Ephrem School, after giving much thought and prayer has decided not to return for the next school year. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. John Taormina for all of his hard work this past year. I am sure you join me in wishing Mr. Taormina best wishes in his future endeavors.

After a thoughtful and thorough interview process, we are excited to announce that Mr. Craig Mercado has been selected as our new principal of St. Ephrem School, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Mercado comes to St. Ephrem School from St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy, where he served as a Junior High School Teacher for the last nine years. Mr. Mercado is proficient in New York State Learning Standards and Common Core Learning Standards, as well as assisted in administrative duties through an internship and a Master's Degree in Administration. I am confident you will extend a warm welcome to Mr. Mercado, as he joins our school and parish family.

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016	268 Envelopes	\$10,235.00
Catholic Relief Services	155 Envelopes	\$3,205.00
We Share (Online Giving)	8 Families	\$215.00

Mass Attendance: 794

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:** \$63,275.00  
**144 Donors**  
**Paid to Date:** \$44,242.00  
**Reached 60.57% 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

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



*The Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." - Lk 9:12b-13a*  
**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

**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>: (Memorial Day)**

**NO 7:00AM MASS**

8:45am John Essex

**Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:**

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's  
 8:45am Joseph Governale

**Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>:**

7:00am Rev. Joseph Pasciuto  
 8:45am Carmen Rodriguez

**Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's  
 8:45am McGuirk & Delehanty Families

**Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 8:45am Vincenza Iannizzi

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>:**

8:45am Purgatorial Society Mass  
 5:00pm Rosalia Adamo  
 Marina Teroriero  
 Peter James Carlin  
 Mary Dundon  
 Daniel Hickey

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>:**

8:00am Fr. James Murray  
 10:00am Mary Patterson  
 12:00pm Nicholas & Thelma Baranello  
 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:  
**Nick Pagano**



Requested by Janet & Donald Cassamassino



**Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp**

In Loving Memory of:  
**Mrs. Madeline Scott**  
 In gratitude, Greg, & Paul Tuorto.

**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**

[stephremreligioused@gmail.com](mailto:stephremreligioused@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.



**St. Ephrem School Class of 1966**  
**50th Anniversary Reunion**

Friday, June 17, 2016 7:00 - 10:30 P.M.

New Corner Restaurant (72nd Street and 8th Avenue) Cost: \$65.00. If you are an alumnus of the class and would like to attend, contact John Dunne via E-Mail at [StEphremsClass66@aol.com](mailto:StEphremsClass66@aol.com)

**EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER**



**Scripture Group** meets Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM. New members 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.



**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!!!!

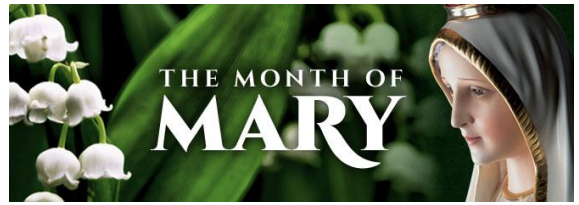


**Brooklyn's 149<sup>th</sup> Kings County Memorial Day Parade**

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.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>  
 There will be no 7 AM Mass



*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!

**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.”*



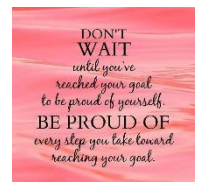
*Pope Francis*

**Alumni Academic Honorees**



- Anne Baghdadi
- Kiera Doherty
- Gabriella Guzman
- Emma Schoppmeyer
- Erika Vellucci
- Samantha Casale
- Maureen DeGregorio
- Vanessa Moy
- Annaliese Tucci

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