

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 12, 2016



"Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Today's gospel depicts two very different ways of relating to Jesus. Simon the Pharisee related to Jesus as a onetime visitor; maintain only a surface relationship having no power to transform him; he kept Jesus at a safe distance from him. The "sinful woman," on the other hand, related to Jesus as an intimate, avowing an underlying relationship that transformed her. Jesus revealed the depth of her transformation: "Your faith has saved you." What is our relationship to Jesus? What does he say to us? Do we wish to be intimate and close to Jesus, or do we keep a protective distance?

One way to live this gospel is to practice every day reaching out to another with a simple gesture of kindness or hospitality. This can be as simple as saying hello to someone we pass in a hallway, smiling at someone who seems depressed, or lending a helping hand to someone who seems burdened. What happens in our reaching out to others is that distances in relationships are closed, we discover in others unforeseen goodness and worth, and both they and we are transformed by this self-giving way of relating.

Our Parish Mission was truly at time of grace for our parish. It was an opportunity for us to take time from our busy lives and reflect on our relationship with God. We truly walked by faith in this Holy Year of Mercy together and once again experienced the Father's Mercy. On Thursday, June 9th we celebrated our parish Feast Day of St. Ephrem as a faith family around the Table of the Lord and continued it with light refreshments in the dining room.

Today we gather at the 10:00 AM Mass with the graduating class of St. Ephrem School. We are blessed to gather as a community with these seventeen students, around the altar which has been at the center of their formation at St. Ephrem School. Following Mass the Class of 2016 and their families will have an Award Ceremony and breakfast. We continue to ask God's blessing on them as they begin the next phase of their academic life.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



June 5, 2016 268 Envelopes \$10,991.94
We Share (Online Giving) 8 Families \$215.00

Mass Attendance:

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: \$71,620.34
181 Donors
Paid to Date: \$54,343.34
Reached 68.56% 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

Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

June 13th



Saint Anthony of Padua (born Fernando Martins de Bulhões; 1195 – 13 June 1231), also known as **Anthony** of Lisbon, was a Portuguese Catholic priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. He was born and raised by a wealthy family in Lisbon and died in **Padua**, Italy.

"St. Anthony's Bread" and goes back to A.D. 1263 when a child drowned near the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua as it was still being built. The mother besought St. Anthony and promised that if her child were restored to life, she would give to the poor an amount of wheat equal to the weight of her child. Of course her son was saved, and her promise was kept. "St. Anthony's Bread," then, is the promise of giving alms in return for a favor asked of God through St. Anthony's intercession (the custom also takes place throughout the year when parents give alms after placing their baby under the patronage of St. Anthony). In some places, the custom has a literal parallel in that loaves of bread might be blessed and given away at church or, generally, to the poor.

On Monday, June 13th is the Feast of St. Anthony in keeping with this tradition we will distribute "St. Anthony Bread" after each of the morning Masses, 7 AM & 8:45 AM. Throughout this Year of Mercy, may we be mindful of the poor and in honor of St. Anthony help the needy among us.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair? So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love."

Lk 7:44b, 47a

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, June 11th:

8:45am Rosario Carluzzo
5:00pm Maddalena Piscioneri
Stan Bonanno
Margaret Mignosi
Josephine DiNapoli
Eleanor Vitale

Sunday, June 12th:

8:00am Dolph Mascari, Sr.
10:00am Louis Zraick
12:00pm Fr. Edward Zogby
5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

Monday, June 13th:

7:00am Pat Coates (Living)
8:45am Matthew Gilmartin

Tuesday, June 14th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Michael Esposito

Wednesday, June 15th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Antonino DiPeri

Thursday, June 16th:

7:00am Ilario Piscioneri
8:45am Jeremiah Hickey

Friday, June 17th:

7:00am Salvatore A. Tardi
8:45am Tony Grbic

Saturday, June 18th:

8:45am Josephine Mazzone
5:00pm Michael & Winifred McNamara
Michael F. Mathieson
Joseph Losardo
Elizabeth Milea
Maria & Frank Capodicasa

Sunday, June 19th:

8:00am Father's Day Intentions
10:00am Domenick Mazzone
12:00pm Vincent Ingenito
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:
Joseph Governale



Requested by Aurelie Kaplan



Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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

June 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

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.

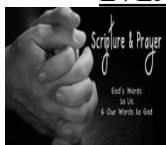


St. Ephrem School Class of 1966
50th Anniversary Reunion

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

EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Scripture Group meets Thursday, June 16th 3t 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.



St. Ephrem Friendship Club

Has resumed meeting on Wednesday's in the Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall. Doors opens at 10:30am. Meeting is from 11pm-2pm. Bring a friend!!!!

Fun for Seniors

Meeting is from 11pm-2pm.

Bring a friend!!!!

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.

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)

St. Ephrem is once again offering our Summer School Enrichment Program. Classes in Math and Reading will take place Monday thru Thursday from 9 am to 10:30 am and 11 am to 12:30 pm. These classes will fulfill requirements for students who are required to attend Summer School. For further info please call the school office at 718-833-1440

St. Ephrem School Ongoing Registration



Early-Nursey to Grade 7.

For information regarding registration please contact our School Office at (718) 833 – 1440.

St. Ephrem Healing Mass



Thursday, June 23rd at 7:30 PM
Celebrated by:
Msgr. Theo & Fr. Bretone

All are welcomed!

Summer Super 50/50 Raffle

\$5.00 per ticket



Winner receives half of all monies collected. Drawing takes place, Saturday, September 24th at the *St. Ephrem Fever on Saturday Night, Disco Night*. Tickets are available at the doors of the Church. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

Collected to date: \$140.00

Be part of the excitement!

Last year's winner won \$2,617.50.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



St. Ephrem School Class of 2016

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| Lauren Costagliola | St. Joseph by-the-Sea |
| Ciara Diaz | Fontbonne Hall Academy |
| Christian Diyarza | Xaverian |
| Stephen Fecci | Xaverian |
| Alesandro Finocchiaro | Xaverian |
| Aviana Finocchiaro | Xaverian |
| Alexa Grasso | Xaverian |
| Natalia Ivanciu | St. Joseph by-the-Sea |
| Arianna Kotsatos | St. Edmund Prep |
| Christy Liu | Xaverian |
| Rocco Loccisano | Xaverian |
| Steven Maffei | Xaverian |
| Kyla Maldonado | St. Joseph by-the-Sea |
| Genna Mascarini | St. Edmund Prep |
| Tara McLoughlin | Xaverian |
| Chiara Moraca | Bishop Kearney |
| Tess Walsh | Edward R. Murrow |

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 who received \$146,950.00 in Scholarship Funding!

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