

CHURCH OF ST. EPHREM, BROOKLYN, NY



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 19, 2016
"Who do the crowds say that I am?"

The exchange between Jesus and his disciples in today's gospel, took place within a very significant context: "Jesus was praying in solitude." It was out of this prayer that he asked his disciples, "who do you say that I am?" and revealed that his very identity entailed suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection. Our own prayer is to lead us to clearer understanding of who we are, and to the revelation that our very identity as disciples entails denying self, taking up our daily cross, and losing our life for the sake of others. Dare we pray? Dare we ask Jesus, "Who do you say that I am?" Dare we accept the identity Jesus offers us and the implications of being faithful to that identity?

Prayer is a personal encounter with God. It helps us come to a cleaner understanding of who we are and enables us to say yes to following Jesus, no matter what the implications Jesus' mission is an extension of who Jesus is the Savior. We usually think of Jesus' mission as teaching and preaching, healing and working miracles and so it was. But underlying these activities is the ultimate one – his suffering, death and resurrection. So it is with us. When we say yes to our identity as the Body of Christ, we spend our whole lives grasping the implications: with Jesus, we must take up our cross daily. This means that our life is marked by the same self-giving love as Jesus' life.

It is with this same love that we gather with the people of Orlando, Florida. To pray for the families and victims of this hateful violence. As Christians we stand up against hatred and violence, as Pope Francis said: "We all hope that ways may be found, as soon as possible, to effectively identify and contrast the causes of such terrible and absurd violence which so deeply upsets the desire for peace of the American people and of the whole of humanity." When we ask the question "Who do you say that I am?" I hope we will be recognized as followers of Jesus, true Christians filled with love.

On behalf of the entire parish staff, we wish you a Happy Father's Day!

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



June 12, 2016 298 Envelopes \$10,060.00
Tablet 90 Envelopes \$ 1,275.00
We Share (Online Giving) 8 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance: 763

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!



Parish Goal: \$980,000.00
Amount Pledged: \$1,104,629.00
Paid to Date: \$479,597.12



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!

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!

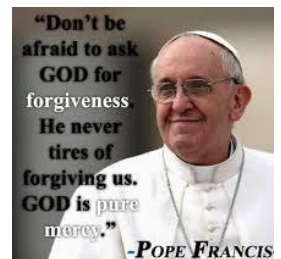
Collected to date: \$225.00

Be part of the excitement!
Last year's winner won \$2,617.50.



JUBILEE OF MERCY

December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Take the opportunity to pray and sing with the Lord, during this period of Adoration.
Monday, July 11, at 7:00 PM

TWELFTH ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone. He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." - Lk 9:20-22

Mass for the Intentions Week

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

Monday, June 20th:

7:00am Father's Day Intentions
8:45am Cosimo Corsaro

Tuesday, June 21st:

7:00am Father's Day Intentions
8:45am David McCann

Wednesday, June 22nd:

7:00am Father's Day Intentions
8:45am Salvatore Alaimo

Thursday, June 23rd:

7:00am Father's Day Intentions
8:45am Matthew Gilmartin

Friday, June 24th:

7:00am Father's Day Intentions
8:45am Catherine (36yrs.) & John Ondreicka

Saturday, June 25th:

8:45am Sr. Jeannine Parry, IHM
5:00pm Raymond Duffy, Jr.
Joseph Mondiello (6th Anniversary)
Jerry Mignone
Joseph Mattera
Mrs. Erickson

Sunday, June 26th:

8:00am Eileen & Luke Murray
10:00am Emilia Esposito, Mario & Nancy Angrisani
12:00pm Anthony W. & Josephine DeFina
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:
Guiseppe LaRocca

Requested by Theresa & Charles LaRocca



Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:

Dr. Nicholas & Nancy Parise

Requested by Lorraine Parise Marciano,
Al Marciano and Family

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION



Our religious education program offers classes for children who do not attend a catholic school. These classes are held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM. You may obtain re-registration forms and new registration forms at the rectory.

There is a reduced fee for those who complete registration before September 1st. The Office of Faith Formation will have hours beginning August 15th. Please contact the office for the schedule – (718)745-7486 or stephremreligioused@gmail.com

Prayer for Graduates

*Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are
graduating with your grace.
Bless them with hope so that
they move into the future
with eager and open hearts. Help them to
put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained
through their education to use
for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life
even when faced with challenges and
difficulties. As they commence with their
lives, may they grow ever more
grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your
beloved Son. Amen.*



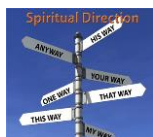
Congratulations to the Class of 2016
From St. Ephrem School, our Alumni and
Parishioners who have graduated High School,
College and received Graduate Degrees!

EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

BEREAVEMENT DEANERY CORNER



For information regarding a Bereavement Support Group please contact:
Sister Jeanne Elaine at 718-238-2600x178
St. Patrick Parish
Judy Chiarichiaro 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.

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.

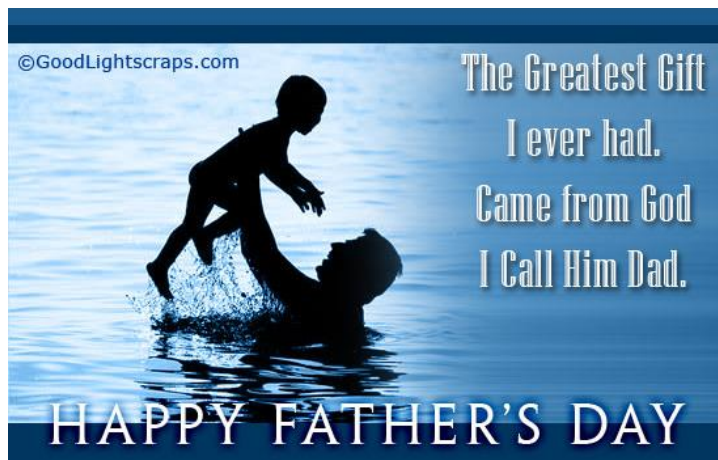


St. Ephrem Healing Mass

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



All are welcomed!



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.



As many of you know our principal Mr. John Taormina, is not returning for the school year. As the school year is coming to a quick end, I am sure you join me in wishing Mr. Taormina best of luck!

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.**



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
The R.C.I.A. is designed for adults who have never been baptized, perhaps been baptized in another faith, or baptized Catholic but never received Eucharist and Confirmation. This is an opportunity to explore life in the Catholic Community, have a

companion on your faith journey, and prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, and/or Eucharist, and Confirmation).

What can you do to help someone who seeks to be part of the Catholic Church? Accompany them to Mass; encourage them on the journey; introduce them to other parishioners.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA call: Eileen Maguire at the Rectory.

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