

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2016

“But you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

In today’s gospel, Jesus speaks about journeying to Jerusalem. The journey Jesus invites us to take is the journey through death to new life. We know the cost, even better than the disciples knew, even as we also know the new Life that awaits beyond. We need to get started on this journey, and stay on an unswerving path. We must be single-minded, but not bullheaded. We must travel this journey with full understanding of that to which we commit ourselves. We also take this journey with full understanding of what is “beyond” Jerusalem.

Following Jesus requires much more than simply walking with him from village to village. Following Jesus calls for being “resolutely determined” to journey with him all the way to Jerusalem and beyond. Any excuses, no matter how seemingly legitimate keep us from letting go of where we are and embracing where we must go. To be on this journey requires total self-surrender to what Jerusalem holds as well as to “bring taken up:” into what is “beyond” Jerusalem the new Jerusalem: “the kingdom of God” fulfilled.

This week our Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten’s all graduated. We are so proud of them as they learned their ABC’s, 123’s, colors, reading and writing. Most of all they learn about how much Jesus loves them. Congratulations and best wishes as they continue to grow in knowledge and faith.

As summer has officially begun, school is on recess, family gathering and vacations have begun; we hope everyone has a safe and restful summer. When I was in the Seminary our Spiritual Director always reminded us as we would break for the summer, “remember there is no vacation from a vocation.” So a gentle reminder that God is not on vacation, come and spend time with Him and encounter Our Lord in the Eucharist at Mass.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



June 19, 2016

We Share (Online Giving)

293 Envelopes

\$10,785.00

8 Families

\$220.00

Mass Attendance: 683

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!



Parish Goal: \$980,000.00

Amount Pledged: \$1,104,629.00

Paid to Date: \$489,135.38



Our Parish Goal \$104,459.00

Amount Pledged: \$76,490.34

197 Donors

Paid to Date: \$58,938.34

Reached 73.23% 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: \$275.00

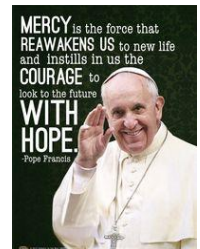
Be part of the excitement!

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**



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."
Lk 9:58-60

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, June 27th:

7:00am Grace Sinner
 8:45am William Wall

Tuesday, June 28th:

7:00am Eugene Lavin (Living)
 8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, June 29th:

7:00am Margaret Carosino
 8:45am Margaret Malvasi

Thursday, June 30th:

7:00am John Costello
 8:45am Linda English

Friday, July 1st:

7:00am In Thanksgiving of the success of Msgr. Theo's
 Tranplant
 8:45am Frank Puglio

Saturday, July 2nd:

8:45am Purgatorial Society Mass
 5:00pm Vincent Mauro
 Peter James Carlin

Sunday, July 3rd:

8:00am Dr. Nicholas & Nancy Parise
 10:00am Dominic Agostino
 12:00pm Robert J. Romeo
 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:
Elizabeth Gimmarino



Requested by The Thompson Family



Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp

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



CONSOLATION MINISTRY

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

We prayerfully remember those parishioners who have gone to the other side of life.
 Josephine Brenner, Dean J. Negri, Teresa M. Sullian,
 Joseph Spensieri, Vincent P. Mauro,
 Joseph Gonnelli, Jerry Casale, Joseph Ingrate,
 Joseph Amore, Gerard I. Flaum, Andrew R. Bartolotta,
 Josephine Coppola, Anne Laura, Edward O'Connor, Barbara Sharib
 May they rest in peace. Amen

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 stephremreligious@gmail.com

Catechists Needed



Are you a faith-filled person? Do you like children? Would you like to learn more about our faith by sharing it? Our faith formation program is looking for a few good people who would be willing to share faith with the young people of our community. We have classes for grades 1 through 7 on Wednesday afternoons. If you think God might be calling you to this very rewarding ministry, please call Eileen Maguire at the Faith Formation Office (718) 745-7486.

"The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you."
Pope Francis

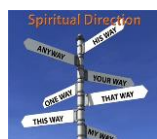


EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

BEREAVEMENT DEANERY CORNER



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

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



Summer Mission Appeal

On the weekend of July 2nd & 3rd we welcome through the Propagation of the Faith of the Diocese of Brooklyn,

Fr. Joy from the Diocese of Ho, in the Volta Region of Ghana, Africa. The Ho Diocese covers a total land area of 5893 square kilometers. It is divided into twenty-nine Parishes. Fr. Joy will be preaching at all our Masses and sharing with you how we can help the ministry of his Diocese.



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.

Altar Servers Appreciated

St. Ephrem's Altar Servers were appreciated at the Brooklyn Cyclone's in Coney Island, on Monday, June 20th. Altar Servers and their families gathered first at Nathan's Famous, Coney Island and made their way over to enjoy the Brooklyn Cyclone's. Everyone received a free hat and a bobble head, most important everyone had a great time! Thank you for your ministry to our parish.



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