



Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 5, 2016

“When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’”

In today’s gospel we hear of the widow of Nain who had lost everything dear to her: her husband and her only son. By losing her husband, she had lost her life support; at that time most women were totally dependent upon their husbands for livelihood. She had a son, and he no doubt supported her after his father’s death. Then he dies and any hope of posterity ceases. She is utterly alone; she is now the last in her ancestral line. The widow and a “large crowd from the city” were processing to bury her son. Without even being asked, Jesus with great compassion comforts her, touches the son’s coffin, raises her son from the dead, and gives him back to his mother. By word and deed Jesus restores the widow’s life and hope. She is no longer alone in this world without support and hope of posterity.

In Jesus “God has visited his people.” He brings gifts that are only God’s to give: life and hope. No wonder news of Jesus’ words and deeds spread rapidly! In him something new is happening. Death is not an end, but a sign of God’s power and saving grace. In Jesus God continues to visit us, offering hope and life, even without our asking. Do we accept?

This weekend we welcome Fr. Paul Fagan, CP, a priest of the Community of The Passionists, who will be with us this week to conduct our parish mission. I hope you will take some time from your busy schedule and business of daily life to participate in our parish mission. We pray that it will be a time of renewal and refreshment for our parish. Our theme is: “Walking by Faith in a Holy Year of Mercy.” Come walk together and experience God’s merciful love.

The culmination of our week is the Feast of St. Ephrem on Thursday, June 9th. We will honor our patron with the children of St. Ephrem School and all the members of our parish at the Mass at 8:45 AM. Please join us to celebrate the Feast of St. Ephrem and celebrate our faith and heritage. Immediately following the 8:45 AM Mass all are welcomed in the rectory dining room for light refreshments.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



May 22 nd , 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:	\$65,495.34
162 Donors	
Paid to Date:	\$47,212.34
Reached 62.70% 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 9th

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

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



For the recovery of Christina Flood,
Miriam Ligammari, Orazio Arrabito,
Silvia Gutierrez-Lopez,
Marisa & Rita Schievello, Maureen Cashman,
Maria Concetta Conte Bedessi,
AnnaMarie McMahon

He said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." - Lk 7:14c-16

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 4th:

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

Sunday, June 5th:

8:00am Fr. James Murray
10:00am Mary Patterson
12:00pm Nicholas & Thelma Baranello
5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

Monday, June 6th:

7:00am Deceased Members of the Sichenze, Amplo and DeMaio Families
8:45am Salvatore Lopez

Tuesday, June 7th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Catherine & Richard Hamrogue

Wednesday, June 8th:

7:00am Aida Offitto
8:45am Margaret Patterson

Thursday, June 9th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Jessie Doolan

Friday, June 10th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Mrs. Patterson

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

The Bread & Wine In Loving Memory of: **Celestino Catalano**



Requested by Rose Mazzone & Family



Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:

Celestino Catalano

Requested by, Bruno & Rita Cavallaro

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

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

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.



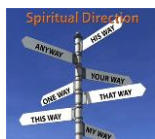
St. Ephrem School Class of 1966 50th Anniversary Reunion

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



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

11:00am. Meeting is from 12pm-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

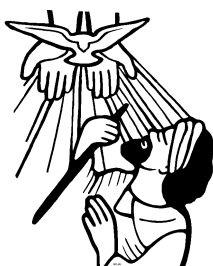
St. Ephrem Healing Mass

Thursday, June 23rd at 7:30 PM

Celebrated by:

Msgr. Theo & Fr. Bretone

All are welcomed!



ST. EPHREM'S PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

will celebrate mass for the following on Saturday, June 4th at the 8:45am Mass

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| Vincent Abruzzi | Joseph Criscione |
| Matthew P. O'Connor | Richie Lupo |
| Gabriel Deliz | Lina Gagliardi |
| Helen Zanforolino | Ann Boutross |
| Andy Rinaldi | Santo Miceli |
| Vincent Mauro | Teresa Poggioli |
| Jerry Parchment | James Paul |
| Sr. Maria Regina Loures, IHM | |



Through the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Generations of Faith Capital Campaign, we have been awarded a grant for a Youth Ministry program at St. Ephrem Parish.

This Youth Ministry Initiative will only be possible with cooperation of many. If you feel called to this ministry and want to be part of this exciting new venture, I ask you to please contact me by **Monday, June 6th, Fr. Robert Adamo.**

You are invited to join me at a kickoff meeting on **Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 PM** at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston, New York. Arrangements to car pool will be made.

St. Ephrem School Ongoing Registration



Early-Nursey to Grade 7.

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

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