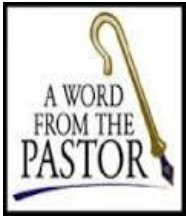


CHURCH OF ST. EPHREM, BROOKLYN, NY



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2016

“And who is my neighbor?”

Today's gospel gives us the story of the Good Samaritan. This gospel not only expands the notion of neighbor, but also describes how, ultimately, we are to love as God loves us. Neighbor is not simply a victim, someone in need. Neighbor is anyone who deserves our love. And that is everyone!

The generosity of the Good Samaritan goes way beyond expected neighborliness and simple human compassion. He personally cares for the victims: tending to his wounds, carrying him on his own animal, caring for him at the inn. Yet even this is not enough: he leaves money for his continued care. By this parable Jesus teaches that to inherit “eternal life” we must go beyond who we love and how we love them. We must love as God loves: personally, extravagantly, and continually.

Last week's message I mentioned about that we have begun Phase II of the improvements on our parish facility. Understanding that some of you were away for the holiday weekend. I am once again sharing this information.

Along with the approval of the Parish Trustees, Finance Council and the guidance of the Diocese the following work will take place this summer.

Old School Building:

- New Windows*

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- Parking Lot: Mill and Pave, New Fence around the parking lot with a new gate, relocation of the garbage area.
- New School Front Doors
- Handicap Ramp into The Msgr. Kain Hall
- Two New Handicap Accessible Bathrooms in The Msgr. Kain Hall

Convent:

- Repair and reface the entire balcony and main entrance

*As the Owners and Landlord we are responsible for the “Envelope” of the building, which includes roof, windows, bricks & mortar, and sidewalks.

**Part of Generations of Faith Covenant Agreement was to replace the school windows.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



June 26, 2016	280 Envelopes	\$11,395.00
Peter's Pence	154 Envelopes	\$ 2,622.00
We Share (Online Giving)	8 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance: 706

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: \$76,990.00
200 Donors
Paid to Date: \$60,048.00
Reached 73.70% 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!

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: \$385.00

Be part of the excitement!

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



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OF MERCY

December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016

**Chaplet of the
Divine Mercy**

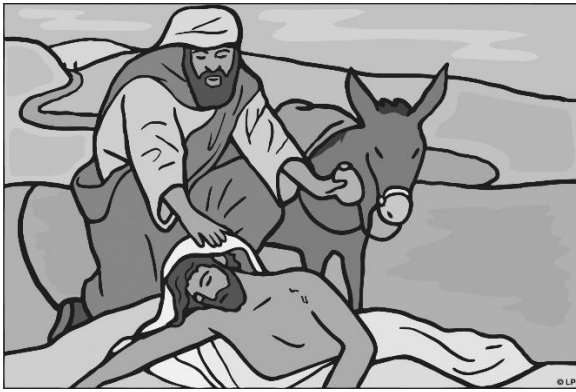
Prayed every
Friday at 3:00 PM
In the Church
All are welcomed!



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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 9th:

8:45am Theresa Cullen
5:00pm Daniel Sullivan
Peter James Carlin
Dominic Bergamini
Geraldine Azure

Sunday, July 10th:

8:00am James Paul Zitzman
10:00am Sr. Maria Regina Loures, IHM
12:00pm Anne Lamia
5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

Monday, July 11th:

7:00am Deceased Members of the Sichenze, Amplo and DeMaio Families
8:45am Virginia M. Parlo

Tuesday, July 12th:

7:00am Nancy Fiorello (Living)
8:45am Josephine & Anthony W. DeFina

Wednesday, July 13th:

7:00am Gladys Santos (Living)
8:45am Bridget & Thomas O'Kane

Thursday, July 14th:

7:00am Mary & James Carr
8:45am For the People of St. Ephrem's

Friday, July 15th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Edward O'Connor

Saturday, July 16th:

8:45am Joseph Mazzone
5:00pm John Loddo
Peter James Carlin
Edward O'Connor
Antonina Pagano

Sunday, July 17th:

8:00am Nicholas F. Parise, M.D.
10:00am Raymond Duffy, Sr. & Raymond Duffy, Jr.
12:00pm Emme Winkler
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:
Anne Lamia

Requested by her loving Husband Dino, Risa, Mike and Anne Renee Baghdadi



Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp

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CONSOLATION MINISTRY

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

We prayerfully remember those parishioners who have gone to the other side of life.

Antonina Pagano

May she 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

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Suggested book for Summer Reading is **"Secrets of a Charmed Life"** by Susan Meissner.



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 School Ongoing Registration



Early-Nurse to Grade 7. For information regarding registration please contact our **School Office** at **(718) 833 – 1440.**

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back



St. Ephrem should share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church **\$50/\$100 per vehicle.** Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718-491-2525. Thank you for your participation



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.

**ST. EPHREM FEVER ON SATURDAY NIGHT
DRESS TO IMPRESS IN YOU DISCO BEST!**

With A Live Show Featuring



\$50 Per Person

**Sandwiches, Snacks, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks
Dancing, Fun, 50/50 Raffle**

**Saturday, September 24, 2016
7:00 – 11:00 PM**



The Msgr. Kain Hall

**For Information &
Reservation Contact**

St. Ephrem Rectory (718) 833 – 1010

You can arrange for tables of 8 or 10 People.

**Please make your reservations by September 16th
No Tickets will be sold at the door.**

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