

CHURCH OF ST. EPHREM, BROOKLYN, NY



Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples. "

Dear friends,

Sensible people soon come to the conclusion that man's power is very limited. - Experience tells farmers that no matter how much effort and sweat they put into cultivation of their fields, the harvest can easily go lost. - In spite of their knowledge and efforts, doctors often feel powerless when faced with sickness and death. - Above all, everyone realizes that no amount of money, effort, wisdom or power can buy an extra hour of life for a person whose time to die has come. - Aware of their limitedness, people turn to God, the only one who can come to man's rescue when everything else fails. This having recourse to God in time of need we call, prayer.

Today one of the disciples said to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray... The Lord gives them and us the prayer, Our Father. This is a great pray of unity, the one prayer that all Christians around the world have in common.

The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer and a school of prayer. This powerful prayer reflects on the intimacy, the surrender and the trust in Our Father.

-Intimacy, "Our Father, who art in heaven. ...." We have a special relationship with the Father through His Son. God is "our Father". St. Paul teaches that we share the very life of Lord Jesus through Baptism.

- Surrender, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done." His Kingdom has priority and His will must be done. We give ourselves to the care and providence of the Father. We might not fully understand what is happening in our life or why, but we must trust that God is also present. Ultimately His will is our peace.

-Trust, "Give us each day our daily bread....." The Lord's Prayer concludes with a series of petitions through which we present all our needs to the Father. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to trust the Father for all needs we have and be true and real ourselves.

May God bless you and your family to say this powerful prayer together every day to receive his grace for joyful and peaceful life.

Last week Fr. Robert informed us that he and a group of 40 youth are going to Poland to participate in World Youth Day, with Pope Francis. Our Diocese is also sending 550 youth from other Parishes.

Let's pray for their safe trip as they are on this magnificent pilgrimage and ask God to enlighten their hearts, minds and souls with the message and blessings of the Holy Father Pope Francis. World Youth Day will be held in Krakow, Poland July 25th - August 1st, 2016.

Thanks  
May God bless you all.

Fr. Anthony

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 24, 2016

"Give us this day our daily bread." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org



July 10, 2016 243 Envelopes \$ 8,030.00  
We Share (Online Giving) 8 Families \$220.00  
Mass Attendance: 570

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!



Parish Goal: \$980,000.00  
Amount Pledged: \$1,104,629.00  
Paid to Date: \$506,139.05



Our Parish Goal \$104,459.00  
Amount Pledged: \$78,535.34  
207 Donors  
Paid to Date: \$64,271.34  
Reached 75.18% 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: \$935.00

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



JUBILEE OF MERCY

December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016

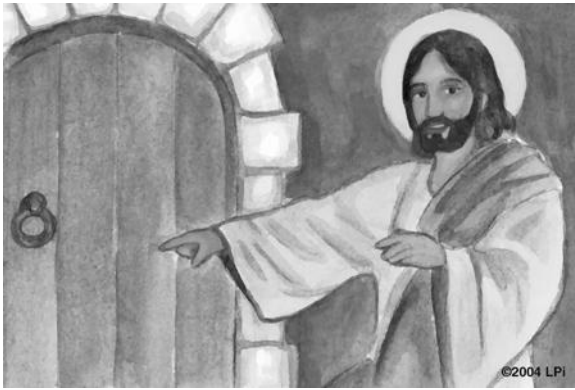
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

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

Corporal Works of Mercy

- To Feed the Hungry.....Matthew 25:35
- To Give Drink to the Thirsty.....Matthew 25:35
- To Clothe the Naked.....Matthew 25:35
- To Shelter the Homeless.....Matthew 25:35
- To Visit the Sick.....Matthew 25:36
- To Visit the Imprisoned.....Matthew 25:35
- To Bury the Dead.....Mathew 25:40

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." - Lk 11:9-10*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

- 8:45am Mary Lou Doolan
- 5:00pm Peter Murray
- John Robert Tramutola, Sr.
- Peter James Carlin
- Fred Lomangino

**Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>:**

- 8:00am Helen Brobst
- 10:00am Blaise DellaCamera
- 12:00pm Frank Iannizzi
- 5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

**Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
- 8:45am Kathryn Alexander (Living)

**Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
- 8:45am Elisa & Anna Monaco

**Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00am Celine Carr
- 8:45am Alan & Betty Chalkley

**Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00am Peggy Gehring (Living)
- 8:45am Joan & Jack Cullen

**Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00am Martin Cass (Living)
- 8:45am for the People of St. Ephrem's

**Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>:**

- 8:45am For the People of St. Ephrem's
- 5:00pm Peter James Carlin
- Matthew J. Durney

**Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>:**

- 8:00am Kristine Murray
- 10:00am Grace Magrone & Margaret Fusco
- 12:00pm Francesco Giangregorio
- 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:  
**Geraldine Azure**

Requested by The DiMauro Family



**MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION**

We prayerfully remember those parishioners who have gone to the other side of life. Joann Haviland, Ann Colombo, Michelina Scotti  
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 1<sup>st</sup>. The Office of Faith Formation will have hours beginning August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office for the schedule – (718)745-7486 or [stephremreligious@gmail.com](mailto: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.



*We are happy to welcome back to our parish family Fr. Victor who will be with us for the month of August!*

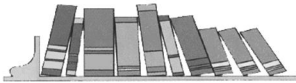


Please remember St. Ephrem Parish as you bask in the sun this summer. We welcome and appreciate your continued monetary support during the summer months. You may drop off your tithing envelopes at the rectory.



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



**Prep Course**

September 13 to November 1, 2016  
**TACHS Exam Saturday, November 5, 2016**

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in applying to Catholic high schools

Classes will be held every Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Be ready for the high school admissions process by signing up today!  
[www.bishopkearneyhs.org/TACHS](http://www.bishopkearneyhs.org/TACHS)  
or call 718-236-6363x255

**GOD DAY PILGRIMAGE**



Join the pilgrimage to the **National Blue Army Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** in Washington, New Jersey, it will take place **Sunday, August 7, 2016.** Rev. John F. Campoli will be the main celebrant and homilist. A box lunch is recommended. A concession stand and picnic area are on site.

The Brooklyn bus departs at 8:00am, from the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 60<sup>th</sup> St., rain or shine and the cost is \$30. For more information call 718-492-5293, 718-236-2258, check or money order pay to and mail to Pat Gavaghan, 554 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220.



**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 16<sup>th</sup>  
No Tickets will be sold at the door.**

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