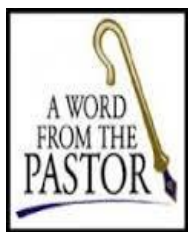


CHURCH OF ST. EPHREM, BROOKLYN, NY



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2016**

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send our laborers for his harvest.”

This gospel is about Jesus’ disciples reading people and responses. The interaction response has long-lasting consequences. When Jesus sends disciples forth as “laborers for his harvest,” he predicts two responses to their presence. Either disciples will be welcomed and will be able to minister fruitfully, or they will be rejected and their ministry becomes judgment against the unwelcoming town. In either case, however, the “kingdom of God is at hand.” In either case, the acceptance or rejection of the disciples makes clear that the “kingdom of God” is not dependent upon any one response, but upon God’s gracious gift of Presence. How so? Whether accepted or rejected, disciples “harvest” the “kingdom of God” by their very presence, by their very proclamation of Jesus’ name, by their very fidelity to Jesus’ mission. No wonder disciples rejoice! Their rejoicing is an acknowledgement that God is present and working through them. The “kingdom of God” is present in the very persons of those who take up Jesus’ invitation to be laborers in bringing about an abundant harvest!

We at St. Ephrem are rejoicing as we are entering Phase II of our improvements to our parish facility. 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.



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!



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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, July 4th:

NO 7:00AM MASS

8:45am Sr. Jeannine Parry, IHM

Tuesday, July 5th:

7:00am Sylvia Zraick
8:45am John Carr (Living)

Wednesday, July 6th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Carmen Cintron (Living)

Thursday, July 7th:

7:00am Peter Murray
8:45am Lenny Demarsico

Friday, July 8th:

7:00am Mary & Paddy Sullivan (Living)
8:45am Lucy & Edwin McGuirk

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



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

The Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of:
Albert J. D'Angelo
Requested by Bruno Grillo and Keith Goldstein



Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:
Mrs. Josephine DeFina
Requested by Eleanor Paino



MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

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

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.



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



240th

Independence Day

On July 4th in observance of Independence Day the Rectory Office will be closed.

There will only be an 8:45 AM Mass.

“And so my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you-ask what you can do for your country.” John F. Kennedy



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.



Congratulations to Kevin McLaughlin

Mr. Kevin McLaughlin, a parishioner who is journeying toward Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Brooklyn received the Ministry of Acolyte on Wednesday, June 22nd at the Immaculate Conception Center with Bishop James Massa, presiding.

As an Acolyte Kevin can assist the Bishop or Priest at the Mass.

- He can carry the Cross in the procession
- He may perform the duties of an Altar Server
- Besides the priest and the deacon, the acolyte also purifies the vessels after communion.
- He is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.
- With the pastor’s permission, he may expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration, but he may not give the blessing with the monstrance.

Kevin and his classmates hope to be Ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Brooklyn in the Spring of 2017. We continue to pray for him and all who have answered the call to serve!

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