



Dear Parishioners,

Two key questions have dominated my interaction with parishioners since my arrival here. How have you been and how is the school doing? In this write up I intend to address these questions.

Well, I am fine, Thank God!!! Last year on July 21st, I celebrated my 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. In view of this milestone, I obtained permission from my Bishop to take a 2 year sabbatical leave. I am currently serving in Carroll Gardens in the Parish of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary & St. Stephen.

The St. Catherine's Girls' Senior High School is doing fine. The total number of students stands at 702. Our girls made us proud by emerging as the best Senior High School in the District, beating twelve other schools in the West African Schools Certificate Examination. This is an honor which the diocese of Keta Akatsi shares with St. Ephrem's Parish. Thank you for your continued support.

God willing, the next academic year will begin towards the middle of September. In view of the increasing numbers, the diocese is constructing a 100 bed dormitory block to accommodate the numbers.

As you are aware, our dream as a diocese is to make it possible for many girls to enroll and actually stay in school. To ensure that education of the girl-child, is a right and not a privilege.

Thank you, thank you and thank you very much.

Fr. Victor

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 14, 2016
"Run the race which lies ahead." Are you called to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and run the race of faith to heaven as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



August 7, 2016: 237 Envelopes \$ 8,070.00
Air Conditioning 132 Envelopes \$ 1,889.00
We Share (Online Giving) 8 Families \$210.00

Mass Attendance: 583

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: \$80,257.34
212 Donors
Paid to Date: \$71,374.34
Reached 76.83% 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: \$1,185.00

Be part of the excitement!

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



JUBILEE OF MERCY

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

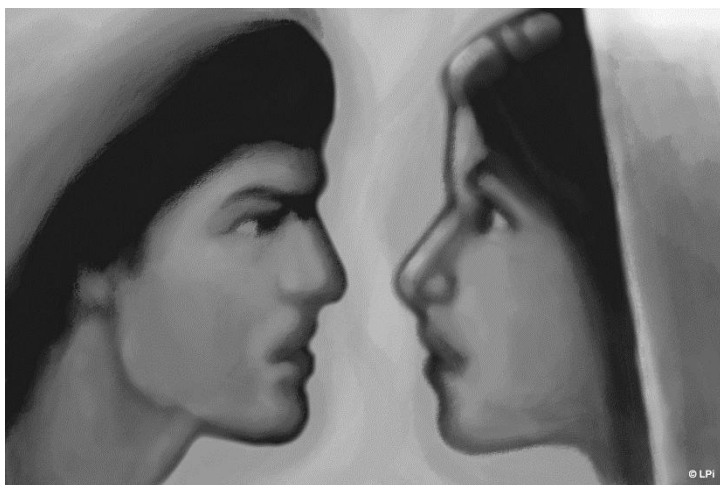
Prayed every Friday at 3:00 PM in the Church
All are welcomed!

December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016

A Spiritual Work of Mercy

During this special Year of Mercy, we have been encouraged to appreciate the mercy God shows us as well as perform both Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. In adherence to the Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the Living and Dead, Fr. Jim will be leading a group of about a dozen parishioners on a trip to Calvary Hospital in the Bronx for a time of prayer for the dying. The group will meet on **Sunday Aug. 21 at 1pm**, car pool to Calvary, spend time in the chapel praying for those who will soon die, receive a brief presentation about the ministry of the hospital and return to the church around 5:30pm. If you would like to participate, please leave your name and number at the parish office. For more information, speak to Fr. Jim.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." - Lk 12:49, 51

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 13th:

8:45am Jean Lepore
5:00pm Peter James Carlin
Margaret Malvasi
Santa Kennedy

Sunday, August 14th:

8:00am Joseph "Chippy" Pisarra
10:00am Susan & Mimi Quarino
12:00pm Anne Lamia
5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

Monday, August 15th:

7:00am Mildred Wiggins & Hazel Cocheu
8:45am Rita Cavallaro (Living)

Tuesday, August 16th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Caroline Rotondo

Wednesday, August 17th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Jose Banos

Thursday, August 18th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Joseph Coppola

Friday, August 19th:

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
8:45am Raymond Robertson

Saturday, August 20th:

8:45am Patrick Walsh
5:00pm Peter James Carlin
Massaia & Prebilich Families
Antonina Pagano

Sunday, August 21st:

8:00am Louis Barbati
10:00am Joseph Ingrate
12:00pm Graffagnino & Savarese Families
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:
Yong Sun Falcone

Requested by her loving family, Stephanie and John



Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:
Anne Lamia

Requested by her loving husband Dino, Risa, Mike & Anne Renee Baghdadi.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Religious education classes are held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM for all children in grades 1 through 7 who do not attend a Catholic

elementary school. We have set aside the following dates for new registration and completion of re- registration:

Sunday, September 11 from 9 AM to 2 PM

Monday, September 12 through Thursday, September 15 from 10 AM to 4 PM

Tuesday, September 13 from 7 PM to 9 PM

Please note that the new registration fees apply as of September 1st. All registration will take place in the Faith Formation Office (Room 307). Classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 21**. Children should meet in Msgr. Kain Hall (new gym) by 3:20 PM. For questions or concerns or to volunteer, please contact Eileen Maguire at the Office of Faith Formation – 1(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.

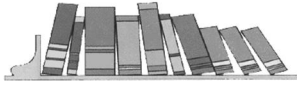


Please remember St. Ephrem Parish as you bask in the sun this summer. We welcome and appreciate your continued monetary support during the summer months. You may drop off your tithing envelopes at the rectory.



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.



St. Ephrem's Youth Program will be holding registration for Intramural Basketball (Grades 2-8) and Instructional Basketball Clinic

(Grade K-1st) Sunday August 14 from 11AM to 1:30PM . For additional information please email Brian Cassidy at BJC1031@AOL.COM.

St. Patrick Parish, in affiliation with Brooklyn One Productions and Dorsa Group Realty



Fun-filled Family Barbecue and Moonlight Movie
Thursday, August 18th

Beginning at 6:00 pm—Movie at dusk
St. Patrick Parking Lot
ADMISSION IS FREE!

(Includes children's activities and movie)

Popcorn, cotton-candy, hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be available; plus a visit from the Ice Cream Man! This event is rated E for everyone! Bring your lawn chair, family and friends and join us!



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.



The 20th Annual Monsignor Brown Golf Outing will be held on **Friday October 7, 2016** at Dyker Beach Golf Course. Please look for a

registration form in Church or the rectory. You can also get a form by emailing your request to JLMA@aol.com or by calling Joe Cavalcante (917) 453-3167 or Charles LaRocca (718) 938-7961. Please get your registration form in soon, as we can only accept the first 92 golfers. Last year was an overwhelming success and a great time! It will be a big help if all registrations are in by September 15, 2016.

St. Ephrem School Ongoing Registration
Grade 1 to Grade 7.



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

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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