



Dear Parishioners,

A quote I once read explained that: "A tourist goes to a country, sees the sights and can say he has been there. A traveler meets the people, experiences the culture and can say he understands." For the past 30+ years, I have considered myself more a traveler and have used my vacation time to meet people, experience cultures and try to understand.

Last month for vacation, I was able to spend 3 weeks wandering about Ecuador and its Galapagos Islands, riding buses or boats and staying in \$8-20 a night hostels. Even though the scenery was beautiful, the food tasty and animal life fascinating, I was drawn more to the people, the way they lived, worked and prayed. Fortunately, nowadays the indigenous people and those of European descent are able to live in the same land and even appreciate each other's culture. I was particularly moved by the resourcefulness of the poor, the resilience of those still homeless from the earthquake in April, the steadfastness of the indigenous people to live life their way and the faith of the Catholics as they gathered to pray in some very beautiful churches.

There is much to learn in traveling to other lands. Although each of us may only be able to get away occasionally, technically we are always travelers or pilgrims on our journey through time, through God's creation and onto our eternal home. May we always be open to meeting other people, experiencing their culture and understanding more of them and ourselves. I believe that this can lead to more of the peace that God desires for us in this lifetime.

Fr. Jim Krische

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 7, 2016**  
"Faith is the assurance of that which is hoped for." If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).



July 31, 2016 263 Envelopes \$ 9,466.00  
We Share (Online Giving) 8 Families \$200.00  
Mass Attendance: 567

*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: \$79,687.34**  
**210 Donors**  
**Paid to Date: \$69,623.34**  
**Reached 76.29% 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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: \$1,145.00**

*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.

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- 8:45am Purgatorial Society Mass
- 5:00pm Elizabeth Milea  
Kathleen O'Driscoll  
Frank Osso  
Peter James Carlin

**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>:**

- 8:00am Fred Lomangino
- 10:00am Marie Olesik
- 12:00pm Julia Halama
- 5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

**Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00am Bela (Bill) Nagy
- 8:45am Frances Gambino

**Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00am Vera Fox
- 8:45am Yong Sun Falcone

**Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
- 8:45am Salvatore Moscola

**Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
- 8:45am Mr. Tom Callaghan (Living)

**Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's
- 8:45am Josephine & Anthony W. DeFina

**Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>:**

- 8:00am Joseph "Chippy" Pisarra
- 10:00am Susan & Mimi Quarino
- 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:  
**Louis Barbati**

Requested by The DeGregorio Family.



**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.  
**Claudia Aiello**  
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 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.

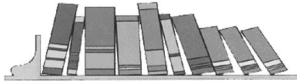


Please remember St. Ephrem Parish as you bask in the sun this summer. We welcome and appreciate your continued monetary support during the summer months. You may drop off your tithing envelopes at the rectory.



**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.

**BEREAVEMENT DEANERY CORNER**

For information regarding a Bereavement Support Group please contact:



Sister Jeanne Elaine at 718-238-2600x178 – St. Patrick Parish  
Judy Chiarchiaro at 718-748-1164 – Our Lady of Angels Parish  
Sister Ann Martha at 718-921-9518 – St. Ephrem Parish



**ST. EPHREM'S PURGATORIAL SOCIETY**

will celebrate mass for the following on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at the 8:45am Mass

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| Gerald Parchment  | John Valentino        |
| Juan Romero       | Angelo Rico           |
| John Comito       | Vincent Esposito      |
| Louis Barbati     | Seamus Monaghan       |
| Terrence Williams | Joann Haviland        |
| Vincent Tarentino | Antonietta Voci       |
| James Foley       | Horace Lee Jones, Jr. |



St. Ephrem's Youth Program will be holding registration for Intramural Basketball (Grades 2-8) and Instructional Basketball Clinic (Grade K-1st) on Saturday August 6 from 9AM to 11AM, Monday August 8 between 6PM and 9PM and Sunday August 14 from 11AM to 1:30PM. For additional information please email Brian Cassidy at [BJC1031@AOL.COM](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>**  
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.**

**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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