

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org



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Parish Staff

Rev. Robert B. Adamo, KHS, *Pastor*
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Mrs. Lisa Pinsky, *Parish Secretary*
Mr. Thomas J. Sbordone, *Christian Awareness Program/Pastoral Care*
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Sunday, January 14, 2018
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1010

Fax 718-921-5232

Spirituality Center

935 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-921-9518

Christian Awareness Program

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1143

Faith Formation Office

Office in School Room 307

718-745-7486

stephremreligious@gmail.com

St. Ephrem School

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ Fax 718-745-5301 ♦ www.stephremschool.org

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon, & 5:00 PM

Weekdays 7:00 AM & 8:45 AM

Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM—12 Noon

1:00 PM—8:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sunday No Office Hours

Parish Registration

All are welcomed and invited to register at the Parish Office and participate in our parish.

Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena, Mondays following the 8:45 AM Mass
Recitation of the Rosary at 8:15 AM before weekly morning Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 3:00 PM

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following
the 8:45 AM Mass and Benediction at 12:30 PM.

Baptism

Parents should call the rectory to make an appointment.
Please note that there are no baptisms during the season of Lent.

Marriage

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of serious spiritual preparation. Couples should make arrangements for their marriage at least six months before the date of the wedding by making an appointment with a priest or deacon. Please log on to www.pre-cana.org for complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:30—4:30 PM.

By appointment for all other times.

Anointing of the Sick/Communion

To make arrangements for communion to be brought to any parishioner who is seriously ill or confined to the house, or if they wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. To see a particular Staff Member, please call for an appointment.

Our Mission Statement

We, the parish family of St. Ephrem, baptized into the life of Jesus Christ and nourished by the Word and the Eucharist, strive to be a welcoming and responsive Roman Catholic faith community. Together we are committed to put our faith into action by:

Responding to the spiritual and physical needs of the community through service and charity.

Reaching out to those who are searching for a faith community, including the young and those seeking to re-ignite their relationship with God. Reaching out to all without distinction. Passing on our faith and traditions through teaching by word and example. Connecting to where people are on their faith journey. Actively participating in the worship, sacrament and devotional life of the church.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

“They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him.”

In today’s gospel, the first disciples are invited to “come and see” what is before them, to realize who is in their midst. The same invitation is extended to us. Jesus’ disciples in the here and now. The challenge of discipleship/prophecy is to discern and respond to that call within our own lives, in the context of our own experiences. Jesus calls us to “come and see”, to realize the presence of God in the goodness and generosity around us. And Jesus calls us to follow him: to focus our attention on the needs of others rather than our own wants, to find purpose in bringing joy into the lives of others rather than in the pursuit of the things the world deems as important.

In the gospel story about Peter presented to us today, Peter reminds us that Jesus takes the initiative with us, his disciples. He sees who we truly are and calls us by name, even to the point of giving us a new name! Once we are known by Jesus, there is no need to “perform” or “meet targets.” We may rest in the knowledge that we are known by him. Like Simon Peter, we each have a destiny, a purpose, and meaning. Like Andrew, we also have a mission, and that is to proclaim Jesus to others. Only by Andrew’s proclamation did Simon learn about Jesus. And Andrew learned about Jesus only by John the Baptist’s testimony.

In our own lives we recognize that we learned about Jesus from someone else, whether a parent, grandparent, teacher, or friend. We too tell another about Jesus. In this way Christian faith is passed from one generation to the next. Evangelization is a hallmark of Christian identity from the beginning as we see in today’s gospel. May we have zeal for evangelization that comes from the surety that we are known personally by Jesus.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



The rectory will be closed on January 15th in observance of **Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

There will be **NO 7:00 AM Mass**



Please call the Rectory Office for your 2017 Annual Contribution Statement.

January 7, 2018 232 Envelopes \$ 9,442.00
Tablet 84 Envelopes \$1,355.00
We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 530

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!



Generations of Faith continues across the Diocese!

Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of November 16th at St. Ephrem R.C. Church	
Campaign Goal	\$980,000
Total Pledged	\$1,068,619.00
Total Payments to Date by Parishioners	\$742,559.44
Total # Donors	195
Total Funds To Be Returned to Parish to Date	\$336,719.00

On behalf of the parish, and all of the volunteers who helped with *Generations of Faith* thank you for your prayers and support of this historic effort!

While we have completed our campaign, many parishioners are choosing to make their pledge payments to **Generations of Faith** automatically through online giving!

Enroll in online giving today!

FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS:

- 1. VISIT: WWW.CFBQ.ORG/PLEDGE**
- 2. ENTER BANKING OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**
- 3. CONFIRM YOUR PAYMENT METHOD, REFERENCE AND CONTACT INFORMATION**
- 4. WELCOME! YOU ARE NOW ENROLLED FOR EASY, CONVENIENT AND FREE ONLINE PAYMENTS!**

WHAT IF I NEED HELP SETTING UP AN ONLINE ACCOUNT SO THAT I CAN PAY MY PLEDGE?

To provide this service, we have partnered with Faith Direct, a leading online provider for the Church. Should you need help enrolling or if you do not have an email address, please contact them at [\(866\) 507-8757](tel:8665078757).

If you have further questions, call Catholic Foundation at (718) 965-7375, ext. 2210 and they will assist you further.



**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Saturday, January 13th
8:45 AM Pauline Mazzone Jonas
5:00 PM Peter Tji
Loretta Papandrea (70th Birthday in Heaven)
Mary C. O'Hara
Frank Giordano, Sr.

Sunday, January 14th
8:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
10:00 AM Salvatore, Giuseppe & Antonia Baio
12 Noon For the Intentions of Mark Costanza
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, January 15th
NO 7:00AM MASS
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

Tuesday, January 16th
7:00 AM Stanley Rukaniec
8:45 AM Carmen Rodriguez

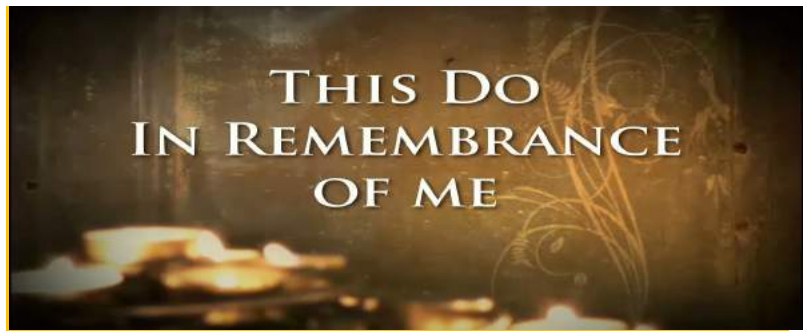
Wednesday, January 17th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Cassie Loughran

Thursday, January 18th
7:00 AM Theresa Murray
8:45 PM Mary C. O'Hara

Friday, January 19th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM For the Intentions of James McNamara

Saturday, January 20th
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
5:00 PM For the Intentions of Tom Callaghan

Sunday, January 21st
8:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
10:00 AM Salvatore & Carmela Messina and
Maria Emmanuele
12 Noon For the Intentions of Henry Genzale
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



**Mass Intentions
Bread & Wine
Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp**

*There are still many opportunities available.
Please come to the rectory*

**Parish
Survey**



We would like to know how we can
serve you better at
St. Ephrem. Please take a brief
moment to fill out our Parish
Survey, by visiting our website at:
www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org

Or

**Filling out a paper survey found by the main
doors of our church and placing it in the box.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

The Parish Pastoral Council of St. Ephrem

**REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19 IS NOW OPEN AT
ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Don't miss out on scholarship opportunities!
Received a scholarship last year? Re-apply by March 30, 2018
First time scholarship applicant? Apply by April 30, 2018
www.futuresineducation.org

To learn about the benefits of a Catholic education,
Please contact Principal Craig Mercado at 717.833.1440

WE'RE SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU!



924 74th Street

Brooklyn, NY 11228

www.stephremschool.org

YOUTH MINISTRY



SAVE THE DATE World Youth Day

If you missed the World Youth Day Information Meeting and are interested in joining the St. Ephrem group to Panama, please email us or call the rectory by January 17th.

Join us for one night or for every event.
For more information please email:
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

 @stephremyouth

SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Bereavement Support Group

Monday, January 15th at 7:00 PM

Exploring the Sunday Readings

Thursday, January 18th at 10:00 AM



Spiritual Direction

Sister Ann Martha (718) 921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



Feed My Sheep

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry

We will be collecting
non-perishable and non-expired
food items the weekend of
January 21st.

Thank you for your usual generosity !

Baseball/Softball Registration

Wednesday, January 24th, 2018
7:00PM-9:00PM



Sunday, January 28th, 2018 11:30PM-2:15PM

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 5-14.

For more information you can contact
Sylvester Sichenze at 917-692-1367

SCHOOL NEWS

“Be An Angel” to a St. Ephrem Student

The “Be An Angel Program” is one of the ways Futures In Education, a Diocesan organization, provides a student with need-based scholarship the chance for a St. Ephrem parishioner to change the life of a child through the gift of a Catholic education. There are different ways one can help: partial tuition assistance starting at \$1,500.00 per year. (St. Ephrem School Annual Tuition is \$4,675 per student.)

Please prayerfully consider assisting a child from St. Ephrem School.

For more information
please call the school
office at (718) 833-1440



Feeling Ill?

Please be thoughtful of others and refrain from receiving from the cup and physically exchanging the Sign of Peace.

Christian Awareness Program (CAP)

Our next meeting is on
January 23rd at 9:45 AM
in the Rectory Meeting Room



SCHOOL NEWS –ACADEMY PROCESS



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT ~ CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

310 PROSPECT PARK WEST

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11215

718-965-7300

FAX: 718-965-7353

Please join us for a meeting regarding further dialogue on the transition of St. Ephrem School to an Academy and Preserving the Vision, on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 PM in the Church.

All are welcome!



Fun for Seniors

St. Ephrem Friendship Club

All Seniors 55 years and older are invited to join us on Wednesday's in the Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Doors open at 10:30) Do you enjoy playing cards, bingo, join in the 50/50, or just talk to your new friends, even bring your own friends for a table of your own. We look forward to your company!!!

St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back



St. Ephrem's could share in the profits. For donated cars, trucks or vans, 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. or svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org. Thank you for your participation

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among people,
to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

Hour Children Heartfelt Gratitude



"Where Love Makes the Difference"

Dear Generous Families of St. Ephrem Parish.

New Year's Blessings!

Gratitude for your incredible goodness to "Hour" families!

God's peace,

Sister Tesa

Mardi Gras



St. Ephrem 3rd Annual
Mardi Gras Celebration
 Saturday, February 10th
 Following the 5:00 PM Mass

The Msgr. Kain Hall
 St. Ephrem School
 924 74th Street
 Brooklyn, NY 11228

DJ, Hot Food, Chips, Soda,
 Dessert, Coffee

50/50 Raffles & Much More
 B.Y.O.B.

Casual Attire, Mardi Gras
 Attire Optional

\$20.00 Per Person (Adults Only)

Individual or Table Reservations
 Available

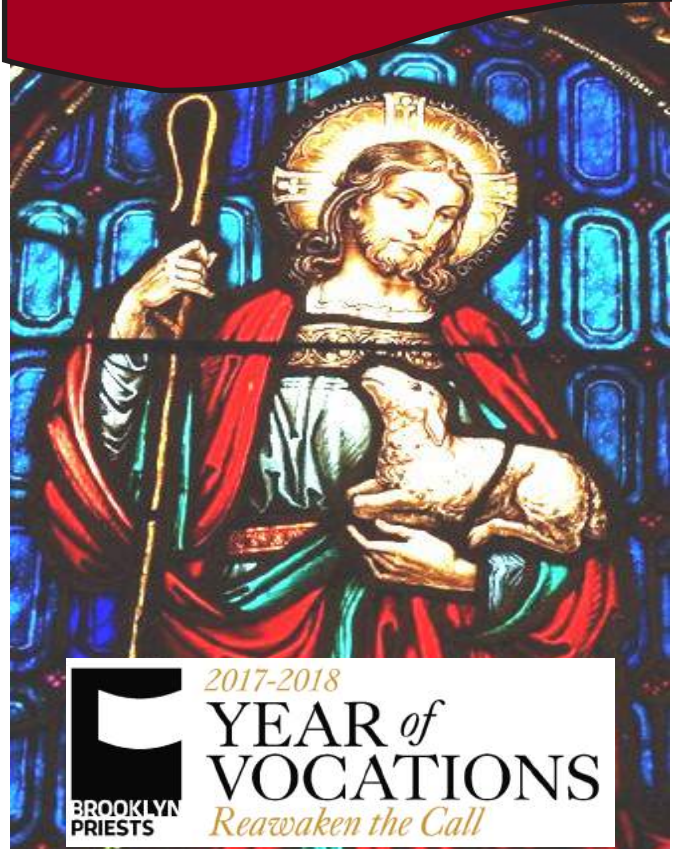
No Tickets will be sold after
 February 5th
 No Tickets will be sold at the door

Tickets are available for purchase
 at the Rectory (718) 833—1010

Hope to see you there!

YEAR OF VOCATIONS DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN 2017-2018

*"It was not you who chose me, but I who
 chose you and appointed you to go and bear
 fruit that will remain, so that whatever you
 ask the Father in my name he may give you."
 John 15:16*



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as
 you have instructed us to ask for more
 laborers to serve in the vineyard of your
 Church. You have told us that the
 harvest is rich and laborers are few and
 we experience this great need in the face
 of the challenge of the New Evangelization.

We ask the Holy Spirit to inspire young men and
 women to seriously consider vocations to the
 priesthood and religious life. Help all of us to be
 effective instruments to encourage and support those
 whom you are calling to serve and lead the Church of
 Brooklyn and Queens in the future.

Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep.
 We ask for the grace and courage to respond to your
 call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations
 to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great
 High Priest, Amen.

Nicholas DiMarzio

