

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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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*
Deacon Anthony Stucchio, *Permanent Deacon*

Sunday, January 21, 2018
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1010

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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

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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.



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“Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

In Mark’s gospel which we hear proclaimed today, Jesus is walking along the Sea of Galilee when he calls the brothers Simon and Andrew. They abandon their nets and follow him. He then call the brothers James and John, sons of Zebedee. All four become Jesus’ followers that day, whereas Zebedee is left to hold the net!

In this story we also hear something of the preaching of Jesus, which to a certain degree echoed that of John the Baptist. Jesus’ preaching will be developed and expanded throughout the Gospel of Mark, but at this early stage it is centered on the twofold command, “Repent, and believe.”

The story is certainly idealized for dramatic effect; in the way Mark is narrating the story. Certainly that these first disciples left everything in a single-minded pursuit of Jesus. As such, they represent the ideal. Still, as we will learn throughout this gospel, the disciples did not often live up to that ideal. And perhaps this is another lesson of Mark’s story. Our beginnings can be filled with such idealism, promise and pure-hearted devotion. Only later will “reality” begin to sink in and our failing and shortcomings become apparent, as they no doubt will with the disciples.

Today we hear how the disciples started out strong, abandoning everything to follow Jesus. We know that Simon Peter will eventually confess Jesus as the Christ. And later, Peter will deny three times that he even knows him. The relationship that starts out with such promise, even reaching soaring heights can truly crash and burn. This happened with the disciples, it can happen with us.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28th—February 2nd
#CSW18

Please join us for Mass at 10:00 AM on January 28th. Come and visit our school and see the wonderful programs that are offered at St. Ephrem School.



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

January 14 2018	258 Envelopes	\$ 8,832.00
Diocesan Mission	131 Envelopes	\$1,355.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 596

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 20th

8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
5:00 PM For the Intentions of Tom Callaghan
Nicholas, Florence and Anne Infantino

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 Harry Genzale
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, January 22nd

7:00 AM For the Children Lost by Abortion
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Antonia Rosairo
and her Family

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM John Doolan

Wednesday, January 24th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Robert Esposito

Thursday, January 25th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Friday, January 26th

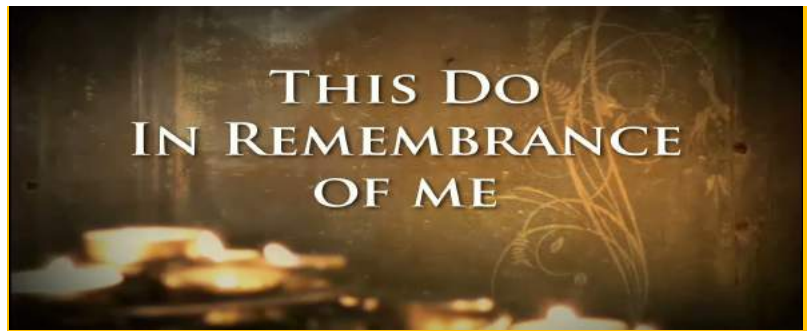
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

Saturday, January 27th

8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
5:00 PM Dolph Mascari
Michael Sloan
Paul Murphy

Sunday, January 28th

8:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
10:00 AM Joan Walker
12 Noon Alvira Russo
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!



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YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth Group

Sunday, January 21st 6pm
Rectory Meeting Room
Grades 6-9 Welcome

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 22nd at 7:00 PM

Save the Dates

A Lenten Retreat

*The Journey/My Encounter with
The Community of Jesus*

Tuesdays, February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20

1:00 pm at the Spirituality Center

Sister Ann will be the Presenter

\$5.00 per session or Free Will Offering

Spiritual Direction

Sister Ann Martha (718) 921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



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



St. Ephrem School

Faith ♦ Knowledge ♦ Service

Technology

- Chromebook (Grades 6-8)
- 1:1 I pads (Grades 3-5)
- Ipad Cart (Grades K-5)
- Smart Boards
- Rosetta Stone (Grades 2-8)
- Online Link for Homework
- New State of the Art Computer Lab
- SteamTrac

Curriculum

- Spiritual Formation (Catholic Identity)
- Sacramental Program
- Music Program/Concerts
- Math Bee Competition
- Aquinas Enrichment Program
- Oratorical Competition
- Nursey (3 Year Old)
- Pre K Program (4 Year Old)
- Latin & Greek Roots Challenge

Extra Curriculum

- Fall/Spring Art Show
- Band Program
- Stages on the Sound Program
- Summer Camp
- Parish Sports Program
- Parish Children's Choir/Bell Choir
- Home School Association

Services

- Early Morning Drop Off
- After School Program
- Full Time Certified NYC Department of Health Nurse
- Free Yellow School Bus Service
- Title I: Reading, Math & Guidance

Open House & Registration
 Sunday, January 28, 2018
 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Ongoing tours & registration
 Tuesday & Thursday
 By appointment only
 (718) 833—1440



Partnership with Bishop Kearney High School



Saint Ephrem School Challenges Students in Grades Nursery through 8th To Their Highest Potential.....Spiritually, Academically, Physically and Socially.

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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

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

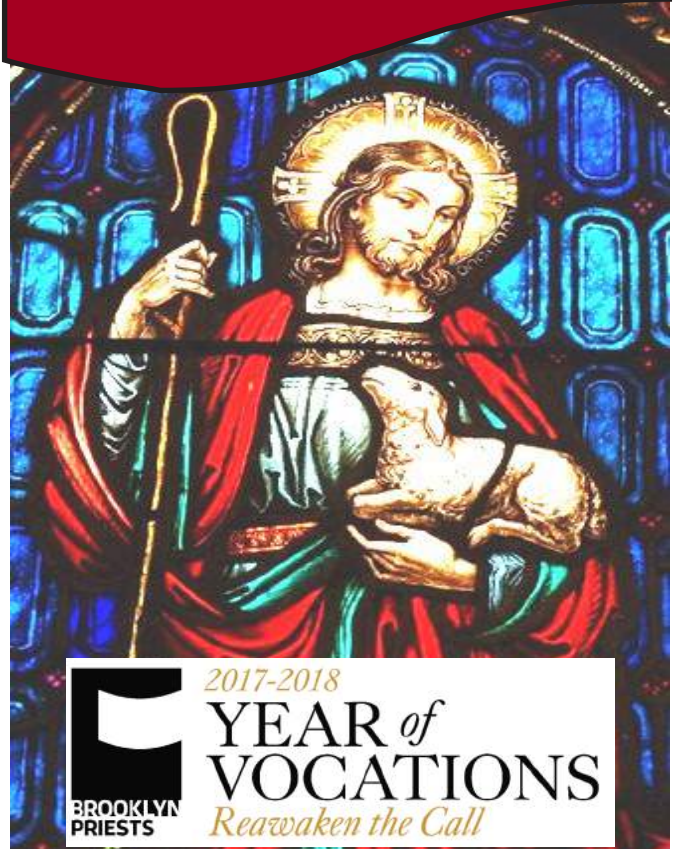
No Tickets will be sold after
 February 5th
 No Tickets will be sold at the door

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

