

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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Sunday, February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

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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

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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.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

“Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.”

Today’s gospel is the second of three miracles in the first chapter of Mark’s gospel: the casting out of the unclean spirit (last Sunday’s gospel), the curing of Peter’s mother-in-law (today’s gospel), and the cleaning of the leper (next Sunday’s gospel). Jesus has been preaching in synagogue. He and his new disciples, which he just called, go to the house of the brothers Simon and Andrew. There Simon’s mother-in-law is healed.

Simon (Peter) lived with his wife and extended family, including his brother and his mother-in-law, they all lived under the same roof. This is something that middle class people in the United States may no longer experience today.

This particular home must have been a welcoming place. Not only was it the location of such an extended family, but James and John were also with them that day. And by evening it seemed the entire town was at the door! Jesus cured many of the townspeople before leaving early the next day.

Jesus works miracles not out of any need of his own but out of an extraordinary sense of compassion and love for those who came to him in crisis or pain. The miracles he works are not to solicit acclaim for himself but to awaken faith and trust in the word of God, to restore in humankind God’s vision of a world united as brothers and sisters under his providence. Jesus’ compassion for those who come to him breaks down stereotypes and defenses that divide, segregate, and marginalize people; his ministry is not to restore bodies to health but to restore spirits to wholeness.

Today we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. At the Saturday, Vigil Mass, we will honor the Sisters who live and work in our parish, the Servant, Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton, PA., Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, N.Y., and Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville, N.Y.. May the light of Christ shine brightly through these women who have chosen the consecrated life to live out their baptismal commitment, especially those who serve in the Diocese of Brooklyn now or who have been part of our history.

Next Saturday night we gather for our Annual Madri Gras celebration. This Monday, February 5th is the last day to purchase tickets. It a wonderful evening of fun, good food, dancing and raffles. Please joins us!

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



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

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| January 28 2018 | 300 Envelopes | \$ 9,273.00 |
| Churches in Need | 158 Envelopes | \$2,718.00 |
| We Share (Online Giving) | 40 Families | \$220.00 |

Mass Attendance 797

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!



Generations of Faith continues across the Diocese!

Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of January 22, 2018 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Campaign Goal | \$980,000 |
| Total Pledged | \$1,071,119.00 |
| Total Payments to Date by Parishioners | \$765,500.11 |
| Total # Donors | 197 |
| 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, February 3rd
 8:45 AM Purgatorial Society Mass
 5:00 PM Joseph Russo Sr.
 Antonio Cartolano
 Louis Thomas Tuorto
 Florence, Nicholas & Anne Infantino
 Josephine & Domenic Albergo

Sunday, February 4th
 8:00 AM Maddalena Piscioneri
 10:00 AM For the Intentions Janet Maffia
 12 Noon Michael Zraick
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, February 5th
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Lester Burgess

Tuesday, February 6th
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Domenico Mazzone

Wednesday, February 7th
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM For the Intentions of Ralph Nicosia

Thursday, February 8th
 7:00 AM Nicola Adamo
 8:45 PM Deceased Members of the
 Pologuto Family

Friday, February 9th
 7:00 AM Victoria Balsamo
 8:45 AM Vincent Ingenito

Saturday, February 10th
 8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 5:00 PM Mario Gaudiuso
 Paulina Ashiagbor
 Maria Misseri
 Steven Lopez
 Paul Murphy

Sunday, February 11th
 8:00 AM Herminio Colon
 10:00 AM Barbara Maffia
 12 Noon Vincenza & Vincent DeLuca
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of
Rose Marie Recchia

Requested by: Bruno & Rita Cavallaro & Family

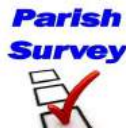


*Feed My
Sheep*

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry

*We will be collecting
non-perishable and non- expired food
items the weekend of **February 11th.***

Thank you for your usual generosity !



**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 by 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

World Marriage Day

**Deanery Celebration on Saturday, February 10th at the
5:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Angels Church.**

*All married couples will receive a blessing and will renew
their wedding vows. Following there will be a sandwich &
light refreshments in the school cafeteria.*

Please call (718) 836-7200 Ext. 112 for reservations.

**Monday
February
12th
5:30 -8 PM**

**\$5.00 Per
Person/
\$15.00 for a
family of 3+**

MARDI GRAS

Family Night

**Includes:
Pizza, Crafts,
Prayer, Prizes, &
Lots of Fun!
Additional:
5 chances for
\$1.00 for Games**

**Sponsored by
The Office of Faith Formation**

**For tickets or additional information
please call (718) 745-7486 or
stephremreligious@gmail.com**

**Please RSVP by
February 8th**

All are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY




High School Night
Friday, February 9th at 7 PM
Post Super Bowl Party
Rectory Meeting Room
Grades 9-12

Youth Group
Sunday, February 11th at 6 PM
Rectory Meeting Room
Grades 6-9

Faith Formation Family Madri Gras Night
Monday, February 12th 5:30—8 PM
*Service hours available

Save the Date
Brooklyn Catholic Youth Day
Saturday, April 21st 9 AM - 5 PM

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

 @stephremyouth



SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Spiritual Direction
Sister Ann Martha (718) 921-9518

*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

All are welcome!!!!



Adult Choir

We are extending an invitation to come and join our Adult Choir. The generous sharing of time and talent by our choir members is truly a blessing. We encourage all who can contribute, to join us in our music ministry. Now is a great time to join us as we are preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Rehearsals are on Monday nights beginning February 26th at 7:30 pm in the church. Light refreshments are served.

Children's Choir

Our children's choir is now accepting new members from 2nd grade through 8th grade. Any children interested in joining our choir may begin attending our weekly rehearsals beginning on Thursday, February 8th or Thursday, February 15th. Rehearsals are held weekly in the Faculty Room on the 3rd Floor from 3:15-4:00. The children sing on Sunday's at the 10:00 Mass twice a month.



DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

A Message from Bishop DiMarzio

As you are aware, the metropolitan area is experiencing a severe outbreak of the influenza that has sickened large numbers of person. While not life threatening to most cases, the influenza can be very dangerous if contracted by infants, small children, the elderly and those who suffer from chronic illness.

Due to the severity of this year's outbreak, Bishop DiMarzio has mandated that effective immediately, the distribution of the precious blood to the faithful at Mass, is suspended. This suspension will be lifted upon conclusion of this flu season.

We ask you to please use common sense precautions when attending Mass or other public functions, so the possibility of spreading this virus is minimized. If a person exhibits any signs of disease, please refrain from physically exchanging the sign of peace at Mass.

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

WE'RE SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU!

To learn about the benefits of a Catholic education,
please contact **Principal Craig Mercado** at **718.833.1440**

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Senior Housing Announcement



Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens is pleased to announce the opening of the waitlist for the Msgr. Edward T. Burke Apartments. The building is for elderly residents and couples where the head of household or spouse is 62 or older. There are also units set aside for applicants 18 and older who permanently require a wheelchair accessible unit. Income restrictions apply and are based on Section 8 guidelines.

Applications can obtain:

In Person: At the Catholic Charities Walk-in-Center (191 Joralemon St., 1st Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201) or At the Msgr. Edward T. Burke Apartments (720 East 8th St., Brooklyn, NY 11230, between the hours of 2 PM & 5 PM, Tuesdays thru Fridays (January 27th to February 9th).

By Mail: Send a written application request to: Msgr. Edward T. Burke Apartments c/o POP Management Corp. 191 Joralemon St., 8th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201. **Written applications must be received by Monday, February 5th, 2018.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Catholic Charities Call Center: (718) 722-6001

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**

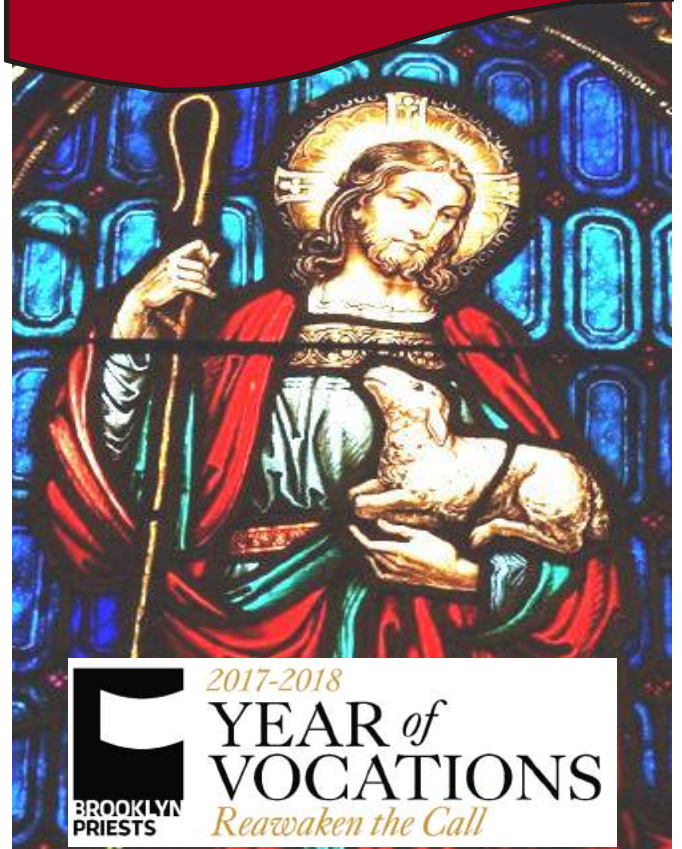
**No Tickets will be sold after
February 5th
No Tickets will be sold at the door**

**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*



2017-2018
**YEAR of
VOCATIONS**
Rearwaken the Call



Permanent Diaconate Information Sessions

Information for men who feel called to the permanent diaconate

Diocesan Office

310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

**Saturday, February 10th
10:00 AM –12 Noon**

**Thursday, February 15th
7:00 –9:00 PM**

To attend one of these above sessions, men must first have spoken with Fr. Robert, the Pastor, and register for the desired date.

"Serve one another in love." Galatians 5: 13