

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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Sunday, April 1, 2018
The Resurrection of the Lord



Rectory Office

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935 Bay Ridge Parkway

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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.



Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

“Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised.”

In today’s gospel from Mark, the women come to the tomb, a place of repose for the dead. The tomb itself has been sealed with a massive stone, and so the women contemplate how they will be able to move it. Both the tomb and its stone are stark reminders to us, that Jesus was crucified. He was then left as dead. It’s not as though he merely passed out from exhaustion on the cross. No. Jesus truly died, a claim that will be repeated in the New Testament and even in later creeds, including the ones we proclaim today.

But upon their arrival, the women find the stone, that exclamation point on the tomb, has been moved. The tomb is empty. Shockingly, a white-robed young man announces to the women that Jesus has been raised! They are to announce this good news to Peter and the disciples. As such, St. Augustine referred to Mary Magdalene in particular as *apostola apostolorum*, “the apostle to the apostles,” for she was sent to preach the Easter message to those whom Jesus called, the apostles themselves.

Death has no hold on the author of life. The tombstone cannot seal God’s son. He has been raised from death to new life!

We are told that the women were amazed. We likely would share their amazement. And yet they are told not to be amazed. Jesus had risen from the dead, and they were *not* to be amazed. What Jesus had predicted at least three times earlier in the gospel he has now accomplished. He rose on the third day. Though it can be a natural reaction to be amazed at the work of God, we are to expect that he will do what he says he will. We can rely on the promise of God, who raises from the dead.

The first to witness the effect of this resurrection were the women, whose testimony would not count in Jewish court. Still, these were the ones with the motivation, love, care and concern to visit the tomb. Mark does not say anything about the male disciples being there. Rather, they would meet Jesus in Galilee, where they first were called. It seems their long journey would bring them back to the beginning. Only now Galilee will be so much different, not because it has changed, but because the disciples have changed. They will not be able to go back to the way things were, but they are going back to the beginning nonetheless. And so it can appear to us as we live the spiritual life. So many of our conclusions circle back to where we began. But we are never the same, having been transformed by our experience of the risen Christ.

Alleluia! He is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter!

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



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

March 25, 2018	349 Envelopes	\$ 10,934.00
<i>Easter Gift to the Parish</i>	<i>261 Envelopes</i>	<i>\$14,452.00</i>
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 669

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!



How will our Parish Benefit?

St. Ephrem Parish Goal is: \$104,459.00

Once we exceed our goal, then we will receive 100% of all funds raised above goal. Last year we received back **\$6,140.00**.

Thank You!

St. Ephrem Parish Goal	\$104,459.00
Number of Donors	11
Amount Pledged	\$16,130.00
Paid to Date	\$6,450.00

The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal helps support the works of our Church throughout Brooklyn & Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone. By participating in the Annual Catholic Appeal it supports: *Catholic Charities; Hospital, College & Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation*

Answer the Call



Generations of Faith continues across the Diocese!

Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of March 19, 2018 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church	
Campaign Goal	\$980,000.00
Total Pledged	\$1,063,569.00
Total Payments to Date by Parishioners	\$784,016.45
Total # Donors	197
Total Funds To Be Returned to Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday, March 31st

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1st

8:00 AM Jillian McDonagh
10:00 AM Rose Maffia
12 Noon Francesco Iannelli

NO 5:00 PM MASS

Monday, April 2nd

NO 7:00 AM Mass

8:45 AM Domenico Mazzone
2:45 PM Divine Mercy

Tuesday, April 3rd

7:00 AM Louis Offitto, Sr.
8:45 AM Andrea LaRocca
2:45 PM Divine Mercy

Wednesday, April 4th

7:00 AM Louis DiPretoro
8:45 AM John Carr
2:45 PM Divine Mercy

Thursday, April 5th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Domenico Macri
2:45 PM Divine Mercy

Friday, April 6th

7:00 AM John Romandino
8:45 AM Domenico Macri
2:45 PM Divine Mercy

Saturday, April 7th

8:45 AM Purgatorial Society Mass
2:45 PM Divine Mercy
5:00 PM John Russo
Louis DiPretoro
Paul Murphy
Mary & Carmine Calderone
Salvatore Cirmia

Sunday, April 8th

8:00 AM Theresa Murray (20th Anniversary)
10:00 AM Mary DeMartini
12 Noon Michael Cennamo
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Mass
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Catholic Wedding Music Night



**Thursday, April 19th
at 7:30 PM
in our Church**

The evening will provide you with an opportunity to listen to all of the music selections, the singers and the different instruments available for your wedding.



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of
Salvatore Cirmia

Requested by: Lina Gangidino & Family



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of
John William McKinnon

Requested by: Bruno & Rita Cavallaro & Family

*On behalf of the
Priests', Deacon, Sisters
and
Parish Staff of St. Ephrem,
we wish you and your
families a Blessed Easter*

Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S
N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T
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APOSTLES
CHRIST
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
HOLY
JESUS
KING
LAMB
LOVE



MARY
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS

YOUTH MINISTRY



Save the Date

Join St. Ephrem's Brooklyn Catholic Youth Day
Saturday, April 21st 9 AM - 5 PM
St. John's University

For more information please email:
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com



@stephremyouth



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction



Friday, April 6th, immediately following the 8:45 AM Mass
(If there is a Funeral Mass, Adoration will follow).
Benediction at 12:30 PM.
Come and spend time with the Lord!



**St. Ephrem School
Presents
The 2018 Golf Benefit
Friday, April 27, 2018**

Dyker Beach Golf Course

Registration forms are available at the exit doors of the church. Please return forms by April 12th

***For more information call
Vince Blandino at 917-453-1795
or
John Surace at 917-572-3557***

SPIRITUALITY & DEVOTIONS



Bereavement Support Group

A new Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, April 16 at 7:00 PM in the Spirituality Center. Sessions run on a 6 week cycle. If you have recently lost a loved one and would like to join the group for some compassionate listening, honest sharing and consoling prayer, please come to the Center. Individual (one on one) sessions are available on request.

Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann at the Spirituality Center at 718-921-9518 for information or to make an appointment.

All are welcome!!!!



St. Ephrem's 17th Anniversary of devotion to Divine Mercy.

Monday, April 2nd through Saturday April 7th at 2:45pm

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Reflections of St. Faustina
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy***



On **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th** we will recite St. Faustina's Praises of the Divine Mercy and the Chaplet beginning at 2:30pm.
Concelebrated Mass
Fr. Richard Bretone and Msgr. Theophilus Joseph



St. Ephrem Friendship Club

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Bus departs at 9:00 AM Sharp
\$30.00 per person,
with a rebate of \$25.00
\$20.00 Slots & \$5.00 Meal**

**For information please call
Frank (347) 267-3644
Reservations & full payment
no later than April 23rd**



SCHOOL NEWS

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**

924 74th Street

Brooklyn, NY 11228

stephremschool.org



Partnership with Bishop Kearney High School



SCHOOL NEWS

St. Ephrem Summer Camp &
Enrichment



6 Weeks of Activities

July 2nd to August 10th

(Closed July 4th)

Registration is ongoing

From 3 PM – 6 PM in the school cafeteria.

Registration Fee:

\$65 per child or \$100 per family

New Options This Year!

3 days - \$175 per week, \$150 each additional child

5 days - \$250 per week, \$200 each additional child

Full 6-week program - \$1,500, \$1,200 each additional child
(15% discount available if paid in full by June 15, 2018)

For Information (718) 833-1440
summerfun@stephremschool.org



April 2nd-April 6th

St. Ephrem—Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Boys & Girls Ages 7-14

\$225.00 for the week or \$50.00 per day.

Sibling Discount \$200.00 per child.

Early Drop-Off 8:00 AM

\$70.00 for the week or \$20.00 per day.

For Information please contact:

Brian Nigro: canigro13@gmail.com

(347) 404-3657

Limited Availability: 50 Kids Max

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Church of St. Ephrem



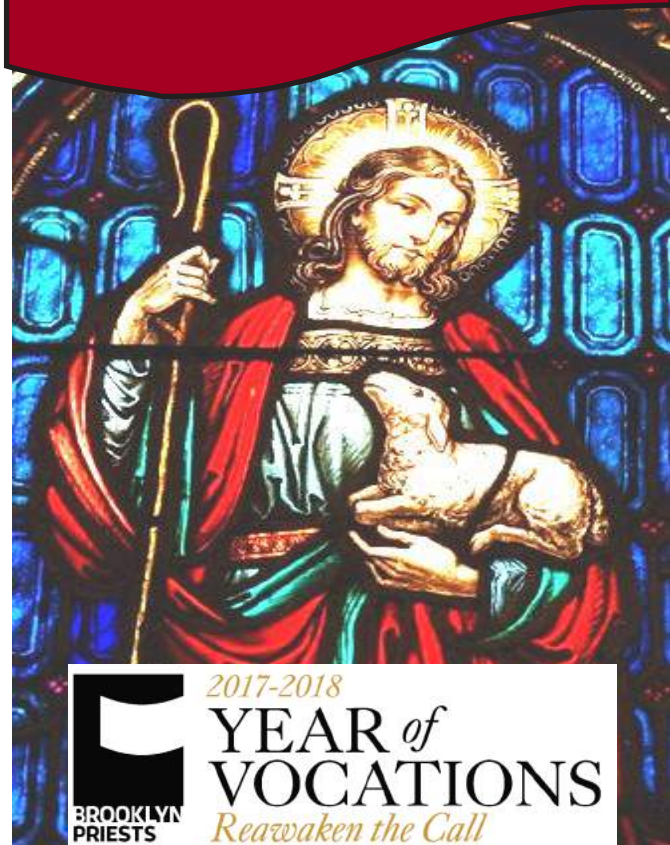
Friday, April 20th 7:00 PM
St. Ephrem School
924 74th Street



YEAR OF VOCATIONS

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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



\$35.00 Per Person Includes:
Snacks, Sandwiches, Cookies, Soda, Water,
Coffee & Tea
Available for sale:
Wine, Beer & Signature Cocktail

For Information & Reservations Contact
St. Ephrem Rectory (718) 833-1010
You can arrange for tables of 8 or 10 people.

50/50 Raffle
Prizes
Basket Raffles

Please make reservations by April 13th
No Tickets will be sold at the door

Immaculate Heart of Mary Cancer Guild

CASINO TRIP

Atlantic City Bus Trip, Friday, April 13, 2018
Atlantic City Resorts —\$40.00
\$30.00 Return Package— Seats are still available
Call Rosemarie Panzica at 718 853-4066
The bus departs at 9:30 a.m. in front of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

YEAR OF VOCATIONS

Jeremiah Project

High School Discernment Group
Monthly overnights & experience
Christ through fraternity & prayer

April 6-April 7
From Friday at 5:30 PM to Saturday at 1:00 PM

To register for this weekend please contact:
Vocation Office
(718) 827-2454
vocations@diobrook.org

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