

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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Sunday, March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Rectory Office

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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.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 25, 2018

"The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Today we gather into the church singing "Hosanna!" and a few minutes later we cry, "Crucify him!" How quickly we move from one emotion to a very different emotion.

The people wanted an earthly king to shake off Roman occupation and achieve political independence. But how quickly they turned on Jesus when they realized that he would not fulfill their plans. God had something else in store.

As Jesus did not meet the expectations of the crowd, or even his disciples, they turned and fled. Peter, of course denied he even knew Jesus. The crowd chose to have an insurrectionist released to them rather than Jesus. By the time Jesus was on the cross the only remaining friends were some women and Joseph of Arimathea, though it seems Jesus wouldn't have known about Joseph's act of courage. The women were said to have ministered to him and followed him when he was in Galilee. Though the women lacked the "disciple" title, they were clearly his followers, offering a ministry of presence up to and during his death and subsequent burial. They stand in contrast to the behavior of the "real" disciples (those who bear the name) who denied Jesus, or simply fled the scene.

The entire passion narrative in Mark shows the confusion, bewilderment, and misunderstanding that punctuated the horrific scene of Jesus' crucifixion. The crowds believe Jesus is calling for Elijah, the chief priests and scribes mock Jesus as Son of God, only after his death. To be the Christ, the Son of God, necessarily means suffering and death. To have come down from the cross would have been to deny Jesus' own identity as Christ and Son of God. Rather than a political military leader commanding armies in a revolution, Jesus is the crucified Son of God, Messiah, God's plans are not our own.

This week we celebrate the most ancient and fundamental mysteries of faith. Without this effort to reach our standard we would likely be fleeting from one moment to the next, seeking to fulfill various desires and cravings. Being in touch with the paschal mystery reminds us that this life has meaning beyond the here and now. We have a future that is eternal. The love, relationships, and bonds we create in this life will endure. The passion and death of Jesus necessarily results in his resurrection, which gives us a promise and foretaste of that eternal life. Rather than seek the next best thing, upon entering this Holy Week we recall that our faith is rooted in the past, and our destiny is eternal.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



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

March 18, 2018 271 Envelopes \$ 8,428.00
Landscaping Support 149 Envelopes \$1,918.00
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!

<i>Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of February 19, 2018 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church</i>	
Campaign Goal	\$980,000
Total Pledged	\$1,071,219.00
Total Payments to Date by Parishioners	\$777,639.11
Total # Donors	197
Total Funds To Be Returned to Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday, March 24th

8:45 AM Mary Lou Doolan

5:00 PM Michael Sloan
Kathleen O'Connor
Paul Murphy
Angelo Tammaro
Michael Cennamo

Sunday, March 25th

8:00 AM Victoria Balsamo
10:00 AM Severiano Caban
12 Noon Deceased Relatives & Friends
of Msgr. Theo
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, March 26th

7:00 AM Angelina Jabaily
8:45 AM Rae Esposito

Tuesday, March 27th

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

Wednesday, March 28th

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

Thursday, March 29th

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 30th

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM The Passion of the Lord
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

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



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Rae Esposito

Requested by: Her Loving Family



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Domenick Iannizzi

Requested by: His Loving Family



Christian Awareness Program (CAP)

Our next meeting is on

March 27th at 9:45 AM

in the Rectory Meeting Room

Holy Week Schedule

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, March 26th

3:00 PM to 9 PM

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday—March 29th

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday—March 30th

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday—March 31st

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

Easter Sunday—April 1st

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the parish lawn.

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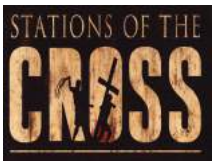
12 Noon Mass

Alleluia He is Risen! He is Truly Risen! Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross March 30 at 7:30pm



If you are interested please call the rectory.

YOUTH MINISTRY



St. Ephrem High School Night (Grades 9-12)
Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM
in the Rectory Meeting Room

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



**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
Monday, March 26th at 7:00 PM

St. Patrick Parish
Sister Jeanne Elaine at 718-238-2600x178
Our Lady of Angels Parish
Judy Chiarchiaro at 718-748-1164

Spiritual Direction
Sister Ann Martha (718) 921-9518

Morning Prayer Holy Week
9:00 AM
March 29, 30, 31 (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday)

Our Leaders:

Maureen Larkin-Phelon, Margaret Capotorto, Loretta Barbera

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

Are you homebound? Are you or someone you know sick? Are you or someone you know going into the hospital or a nursing home or rehabilitation?

Please let us know!

Would you like us to send a card, visit, bring Holy Communion, or be in contact for any need—such as a walker, cane, homemaker or housekeeper.

Please contact: Tom Sbordone
Christian Awareness Program (CAP) Office
(718) 833—1143

We will be happy to assist you!

"I was sick & you visited me.."
Matthew 25:36



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

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Partnership with Bishop Kearney High School



SCHOOL NEWS



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



*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**

PARISH NEWS

Church of St. Ephrem



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



\$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**



YEAR OF VOCATIONS

Men's Holy Week Retreat

Holy Thursday March 29

4:00 PM Dinner Mass of the Lord's Supper
Overnight Stay at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie

Good Friday, March 30

9 AM Tenebrae Service/Morning Talk at Cathedral Seminary
House of Formation in Douglaston
3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

Discussion and Viewing of the Passion of the Christ
Overnight stay at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie

Holy Saturday, March 31

9 AM Tenebrae Service/Morning Talk

Please R.S.V.P. to Christine Dost cdost@diobrook.org
718-827-2454

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

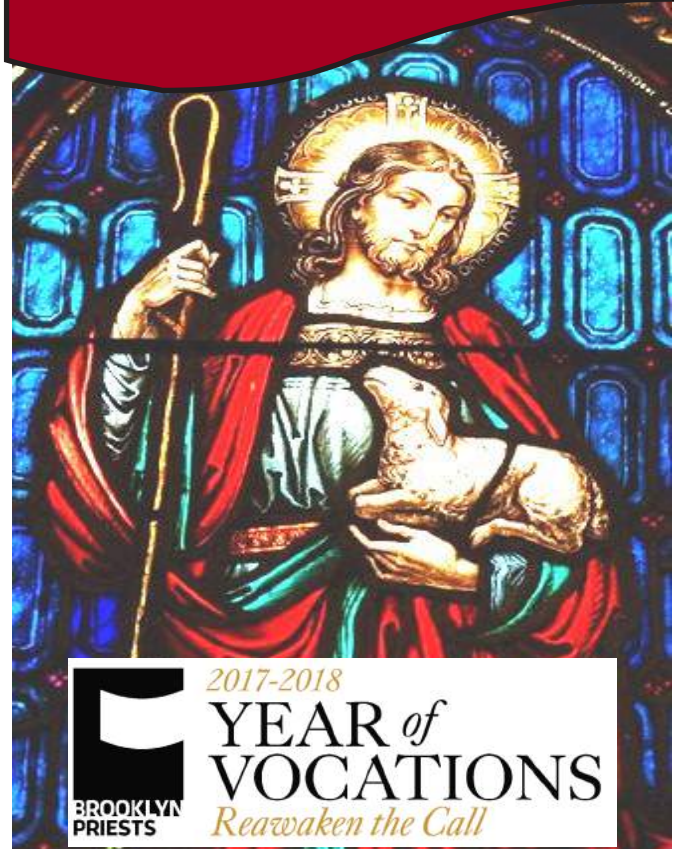
To register for this weekend please contact:

Vocation Office
(718) 827-2454
vocations@diobrook.org

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*"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 J. Marzino