

Church of St. Ephrem

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Sunday, April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter



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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.



Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

“Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.”

Now that we are in the third week of Easter, we hear yet another story of a resurrection appearance of Jesus. There are a number of different Easter stories that appeal to us on a variety of levels. Initially, the story was the finding of the empty tomb. Then, we had a story of the appearance of Jesus to the disciples without Thomas, followed by one with Thomas. Thomas says he will not believe unless he probes the nail marks. Now we have another story where the risen Jesus eats a meal. He is said to have flesh and bones. He is not a ghost. His eating baked fish virtually confirms that. If we didn't understand with the empty tomb, if we didn't understand when Jesus appeared to even Thomas, now there is another appearance where he graphically demonstrates that he is present amongst them. Of course, each of the three stories we are referring to are from different gospel writers: the empty tomb (Mark), the appearance to Thomas (John), and now the risen Jesus eating fish (Luke). But these texts are given to us on successive Sundays to continue for us that Jesus truly rose from the dead.

Moreover, today's gospel passage begins with a line that should not be neglected: the disciples recounted *“how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.”* Of course, the Emmaus story precedes this in the Gospel of Luke. And Luke is telling his audience that the *“breaking of the bread”* is the way Jesus is made known to the community. No longer is Jesus appearing to his assembled followers. That ended with the ascension. Instead, the community will now come together and experience Christ in the breaking of the bread, or in what we call Eucharist.

So in addition to the empty tomb, and the appearances, this is yet another way this resurrected Lord is made known to us. By hearing a variety of different stories, we might, like the disciples, come gradually to accepting the risen Christ. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, the risen Christ is made known to us as he was made known to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We may wish for a resurrection appearance where Jesus would eat baked fish, but those appearances are completed. After the ascension, the primary way we come to know him is through the breaking of the bread. The risen Lord is flesh and bones, a true human being raised to new life by the power of God. We participate in the new life by consuming the bread broken and shared. The breaking symbolizes the death. And the sharing symbolizes the community united in the one loaf. The bread is nourishment and life-giving, as is Jesus himself. It is no wonder that the early Christians, like us, find Jesus made known in the breaking of the bread.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



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

Good Friday Holy Land	60 Envelopes	\$2,533.00
April 1, 2018 Easter	363 Envelopes	\$13,740.00
Retired Priests	211 Envelopes	\$5,190.00
April 8, 2018	271 Envelopes	\$8,509.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance
Easter Sunday 1789
April 8th 644

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	110
Amount Pledged	\$62,625.00
Paid to Date	\$35,121.00

If 160 parishioners made a pledge of \$30 for the next nine months, we will reach our parish goal. No gift is too small or insignificant!

Thank you for your continue generosity to help our brothers and sisters in through these ways:

Catholic Charities; Hospitals, College & Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Programs; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy;

Answer the Call



Generations of Faith continues across the Diocese!

<i>Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of March 19, 2018 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church</i>	
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, April 14th**
 8:45AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 5:00 PM Winifred Fugowski
 LoriAnn and Randy Lombardi
 Paul Murphy
 Domenick Bergamini
 Faustina Maddaloni
- Sunday, April 15th**
 8:00 AM Peter Murray
 10:00 AM Tony Grbic
 12 Noon Frances Gambino
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, April 16th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM For a Special Intention
- Tuesday, April 17th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Joseph & May Saba
- Wednesday, April 18th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM For a Special Intention
- Thursday, April 19th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM For A Special Intention
- Friday, April 20th**
 7:00 AM Sean & Marcella O'Sullivan
 8:45 AM All Souls
- Saturday, April 21st**
 8:45AM Catherine Kain
 5:00 PM Mary C. O'Hara
 Margaret & Louis Parise
 Paul Murphy
 Angelo Tesoriero
 Michael Cennamo
- Sunday, April 22nd**
 8:00 AM Alice Milora
 10:00 AM Salvatore Cirmia
 12 Noon Helen Sullivan
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Sean & Marcella O'Sullivan

Requested by: The O'Sullivan Family



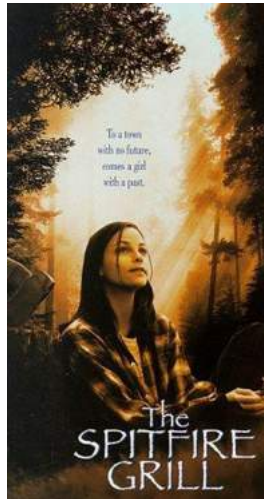
Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

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Easter Film Series



The story centers on a young woman named Percy (Alison Elliott) who was recently released from prison. She arrives in a small town in Maine with hopes of beginning a new life. She lands a job as a waitress in the Spitfire Grill, owned by Hannah (Ellen Burstyn), whose gruff exterior conceals a kind heart and little tolerance for the grill's regular customers who are suspicious of Percy's mysterious past. None is more suspicious than Nahum, Hannah's nephew, although his wife, Shelby, has a kinder curiosity.

When Hannah is bedridden after a nasty fall, Percy and Shelby pitch in to save the Grill and win the approval of Hannah, who learns she does need friends. Joe, an attractive young man in town, becomes smitten with Percy. He is approached by a scientist who thinks that the town's trees might have medicinal benefits. As the plot unfolds, Hannah holds a \$100-per-entry essay contest to find a new owner for the grill. This creates a positive change in the town, but the plans are disrupted by Nahum's suspicions about Percy and the revelation that a local hermit is Hannah's shell-shocked, Vietnam veteran son. Percy sacrifices her own life to save Hannah's

son and prompts a number of the town's citizens to examine their own conduct more deeply. Overall, the film deals with powerful themes of redemption, hatred, compassion, independence, the economic problems of small towns, the plight of Vietnam War veterans, and, to some extent female empowerment. The film somewhat misleads the audience into thinking that it will be Percy who finds redemption, but it is other characters and relationships, and indeed the town itself, that are powerfully redeemed through Percy's actions.

Sunday, April 22nd at 1:15 PM

St. Ephrem Spirituality Center

Entrance on the side

935 Bay Ridge Parkway, Brooklyn, New York



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry

We will be collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items the weekend of April 22nd.

Thank you for your usual generosity !

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.



Christian Awareness Program (CAP)

Our next meeting is on
April 24th at 9:45 AM
in the Rectory Meeting Room

YOUTH MINISTRY



Plant It For Peace

Sunday, April 15th at 6:00 PM
Rectory Meeting Room
Grades 6-12

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



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.

Exploring the Sunday Readings

Thursday, April 19th at 10:00 AM

Book Discussion Group

Thursday, April 19th at 4:00 PM

The book to be discussed is:
Don't Go by Lisa Scottoline

Mini-Retreat \$ Brunch Morning

"Mary's Path of Holiness"

Monday, May 7th at 9:30 AM

Sister Ave Clark, OP

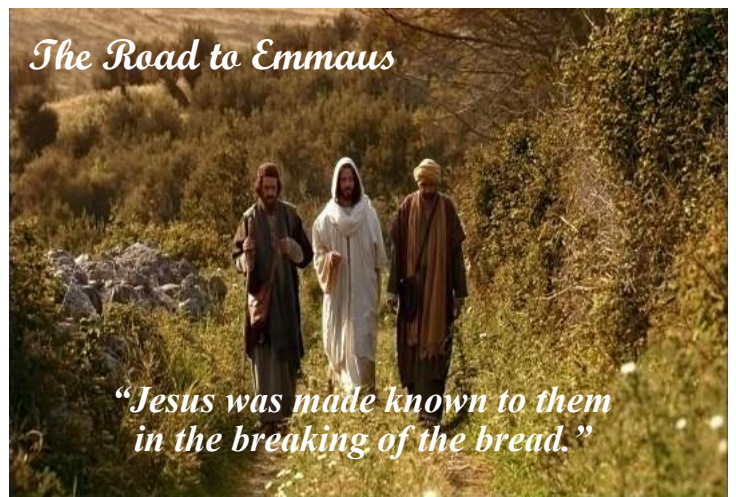
Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



The Road to Emmaus



*"Jesus was made known to them
in the breaking of the bread."*

St. Ephrem Youth Ministry Presents...

TO INFINITY
AND BEYOND
Lock In Retreat!

FOOD ● FUN ● FAITH ● FELLOWSHIP
ALL NIGHT IN THE GYM!

MAY 4-5 2018

9 PM—9 AM OPEN TO ALL GRADES 6-9

RSVP BY April 29th at

STEPHREMYOUTHMINISTRY@GMAIL.COM



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!

**First time scholarship
applicant?**

Apply by April 30, 2018

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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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Partnership with Bishop Kearney High School



SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations

**St. Ephrem Students who achieved
Principal's List**

**John Bonomolo, Brian Nigro
Logan Fernandes Eliana Daloul,
Brian McKinney Brianna Zogby
Matthew Frisari Samantha Sayer
Matthew Rogers Victoria Ryan
Annabella Colavito**



St. Ephrem Summer Camp &
Enrichment

6 Weeks of Activities
July 2nd to August 10th
(Closed July 4th)

Registration is ongoing

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 & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
Spring Extravaganza
 Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM
 Rex Manor
 \$50.00 Per Person

No Admission Tickets will be sold at the Door.

For information
 (718) 871-1310 x 10



YEAR OF VOCATIONS

COME & SEE



What's it like to be a Religious Sister?

Visitation Monastery
 is seeking those who:
 Love Jesus, Those who wish to
 give their life to Jesus, Those who
 are willing to serve Him as the Virgin Mary
 still does...With all her heart.
Is it you?

www.brooklynvisitationmonastery.org
 Accepting Retreatants Now: (718) 745-5151
 Schedule a retreat for a day, a weekend or a week.
 The cost? Your time. Given to God.

Prayer for our Seminarians

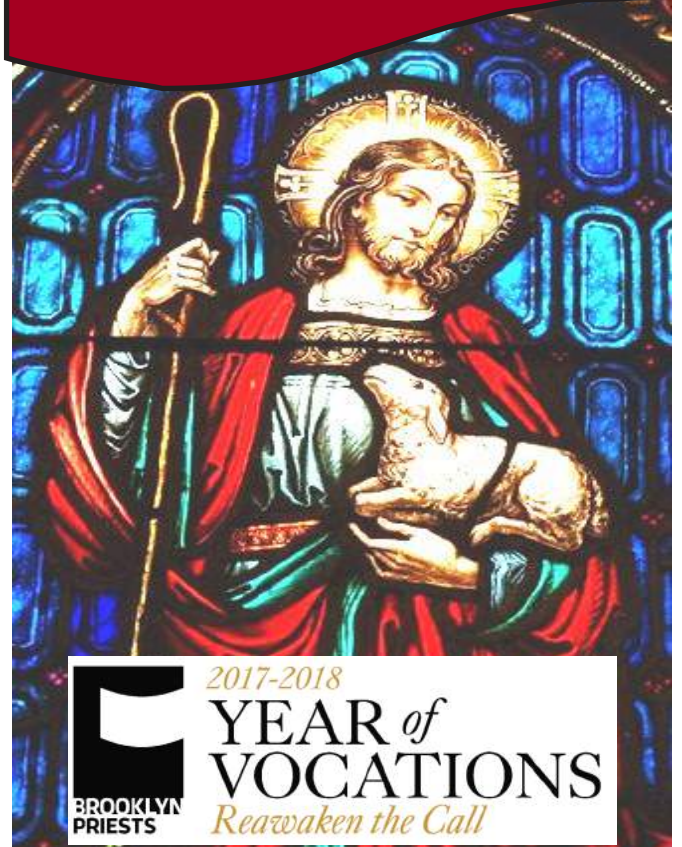
These men have answered Jesus' invitation to
 "Come Follow Me." Please take a Seminarian's
 prayer card (located in our church by the Vocation
 Banner) and pray for him so that he may continue
 in his journey toward priesthood.

*"They abandoned their nets and followed him."
 Mark 1:18*

YEAR OF VOCATIONS

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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*



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

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