

# Church of St. Ephrem

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Sunday, May 13, 2018  
Seventh Sunday of Easter



### Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

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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

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## St. Ephrem School

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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](http://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.



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

*“That they may be one  
just as we are one!”*

In today’s gospel Jesus is praying a final prayer to the Father prior to his own arrest and ultimate crucifixion. What must have

been going through his mind at that time? He was definitely concerned for his friends, those whom the Father had given and entrusted to Jesus. He prays for them, not that they be taken out of the world, but that they are kept from evil, safe from harm, while living in it. Jesus protected his friends while he was with them, but he will be with them no longer. He will not be able to keep them from evil, or even keep them safe. They are being sent into the world as Jesus was sent. Almost as a concerned parent, Jesus makes his prayer to the Father.

Jesus’ desire for his friends is that they may share his joy completely. We too are those who are the objects of this prayer. We are Jesus’ friends and he wants our joy to be complete. He knows that the world is a tough, sometimes violent place. He will lose his life in a contest with violence. And yet, he does not take us out of the world. He give us the ability to live in it, while asking the Father to keep us from the evil one. Moreover, he consecrates himself to us. As we are his followers, indeed his very friends, we are consecrated in truth. This final prayer and petition tells us a great deal about Jesus, his relationship with the Father, and his relationship with us. How fortunate we are to have him as our advocate.

It can be difficult to say good-bye. Relationships, friendships and bonds of love enter a new phase when we say good-bye. We may never see our loved ones again, or in the same way. People will develop, grow, and change. And we give them the freedom to do so. Jesus gives us this same freedom to do so. Jesus gives us this same freedom today. He knows he is returning to the Father, leaving those who were entrusted to him on their own. Yet, we will begin to hear, that he will promise to send another advocate, the Spirit. But as for Jesus, he will no longer be with them, his friends. If dying on the cross were not enough, Jesus also knew that he was letting go of friendships. He knew the end was in store, and so he placed these relationships in prayer with the Father.

This can be a model for us as we enter new phases of relationships, or when we say good-bye to those who we love. At some point we turn it over to the Father, entrusting them and the relationship to his care. Though the relationship may be buffeted by storms, in the meantime it is Jesus’ prayer and our own that we will be safe, and the relationships will be secure and last the test of time. Giving over this trust to the Father can be an exercise in humility, knowing that we are not in control. When we turn over control like this, we are giving new life.

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



May 6, 2018	288 Envelopes	\$10,193.00
Catholic Relief Services	149 Envelopes	\$3,350.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$210.00

Mass Attendance 1,345

*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	146
Amount Pledged	\$72,920.00
Paid to Date	\$48,318.00

*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!**

<b>Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of April 17, 2018 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church</b>	
Campaign Goal	\$980,000.00
Total Pledged	\$1,063,569.00
Total Payments to Date by Parishioners	\$788,132.12
Total # Donors	197
Total Funds To Be Returned to Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



## Mass Intentions for the week

**Saturday, May 12th**  
8:45AM Maria Gorizia & Nicolas Irace

5:00 PM Mary C. O'Hara  
Louis Thomas Tuorto  
Steven Lopez  
Florence Anne Infantino  
Dr. Al Giordano

**Sunday, May 13th**  
8:00 AM Mother's Day Mass Remembrance  
10:00 AM Frances Gambino  
12 Noon Raffaella Losardo  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

**Monday, May 14th**  
7:00 AM Mother's Day Mass Remembrance  
8:45 AM Mary & James Carr

**Tuesday, May 15th**  
7:00 AM Mother's Day Mass Remembrance  
8:45 AM Virginia Ingenito

**Wednesday, May 16th**  
7:00 AM Mother's Day  
8:45 AM Connie Bonafide

**Thursday, May 17th**  
7:00 AM Mother's Day  
8:45 AM Philip Baffuto

**Friday, May 18th**  
7:00 AM Mother's Day  
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Louis Tuorto's 75th Birthday

**Saturday, May 19th**  
8:45AM Catherine Waters  
5:00 PM Michael Bagnato  
William Stamatis  
Maria Bagnato  
The Fedele Family  
Paul Murphy

**Sunday, May 20th**  
8:00 AM Bruno Nestico  
10:00 AM Josephine & Frank Saccente  
12 Noon Rosario, Pietro & Maria Carluzzo  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



**The Bread & Wine**  
In Loving Memory of  
**Pascale & Lefande Families**



**Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp**  
In Loving Memory of  
**Pascale & Lefande Families**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society will be here on Saturday, May 19th 9 to 11:45 AM, in the parking lot on 74th Street.**



**All types of clean usable clothing, blankets and towels will be accepted.**



**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry**  
*We will be collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items the weekend of May 20th.*  
**Thank you for your usual generosity !**

## Mass Book Opening for July to December 2018

You may enroll your loved ones for a Mass Intention, on

**Wednesday, May 16, 2018**  
**9:00 AM to 11:30 AM**  
**1:30 PM to 4:30 PM**



*To help us with your request, please indicate your Mass Intention on the blue sheet located in our church and bring it with you to the Rectory*



**Christian Awareness Program (CAP)**  
Our next meeting is on  
**May 15th at 9:45 AM**  
in the Rectory Meeting Room



*May grace & peace be yours in abundance*  
*2 Peter 1:2*

**Happy Mother's Day**



## YOUTH MINISTRY



Sunday, May 20th at 6:00 PM  
Rectory Meeting Room  
Grades 6-12

For more information please email:  
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

 @stephremyouth

## SPIRITUALITY & DEVOTIONS



**Bereavement Support Group**  
Monday, May 14th at 7:00 PM  
in the Spirituality Center.

**Exploring the Sunday Readings**  
Thursday, May 17th at 10:00 AM

**Book Discussion Group**  
Thursday, May 17th at 4:00 PM  
The book to be discussed is:  
*Don't G*

### Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann 718-  
921-9518



## Give God a Second Thought

*What good is God?*  
Monday

Ten kinds of people  
we don't have to love  
Wednesday

*Why prayers don't work?*  
Tuesday

### Save the Date for the Parish Mission: June 4—6th

Come explore these and other questions in a humorous, down-to-earth manner with Paulist Father John Collins.

Haven't been to church recently? Don't worry! All are welcome.

Three days of talks will be offered, in the morning after the 8:45 Mass and again in the evening at 7:00 PM (come to whichever time is most convenient).



## May the Month of Our Blessed Mother

### Recitation of the Rosary

During the Month of May, Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary we will pray the Rosary through the intercession of Mary at  
8:15 AM & 7 PM

Please join us!

### May Crowning

On Sunday, May 13th following the 10:00 AM Mass we will have our May Crowning with the children of our parish who have received First Holy Communion.

*O Mary we crown thee with flowers today,  
Queen of Angels & Queen of May!*

### Memorial Pavers

You can have your loved one (Living or Deceased) remembered in a very special way by having a paver placed by our Blessed Virgin Mary Prayer Garden.

Each paver is 11 x 11 with a donation of \$350.00.

For information please contact the rectory.



*Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Prayer for us!*

**Registration for 2018—2019 is Ongoing**

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**COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS**

**St. Ephrem Friendship Club Sponsoring**



**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

**The bus departs at 9:00 AM Sharp**

**\$40.00 per person & Casino gives back \$30.00**

**For information please call Frank (347) 267-3644 till 7:00 PM**

**Reservations & Full Payment by May 18th**

*St. Ephrem Summer Camp & Enrichment*



**6 Weeks of Activities**  
**July 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Closed July 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**Registration is ongoing**

**Registration Fee:**

**\$65 per child or \$100 per family**

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**(15% discount available if paid in full by June 15, 2018)**

**For Information (718) 833-1440**  
**[summerfun@stephremschool.org](mailto:summerfun@stephremschool.org)**



**Fontbonne Hall Academy 7th Grade Open House**  
**Thursday, May 17th 6-7:30 PM**  
**RSVP Victoria Hein, Director of Admissions at**  
**[hein@fontbonne.org](mailto:hein@fontbonne.org)**

## YEAR OF VOCATIONS



An invitation to single young adult

**“YOU WILL BE MY WITNESS”**

As the Father has sent me, so I send you...

**Presenter: Sr. Barbara O’Dea, DW**  
**Saturday, May 19, 2018—Eve of Pentecost**  
**10:00 AM—4:00 PM**

**Montfort Mission House**  
**101-18 104th Street**  
**Ozone Park, N.Y. 11416**

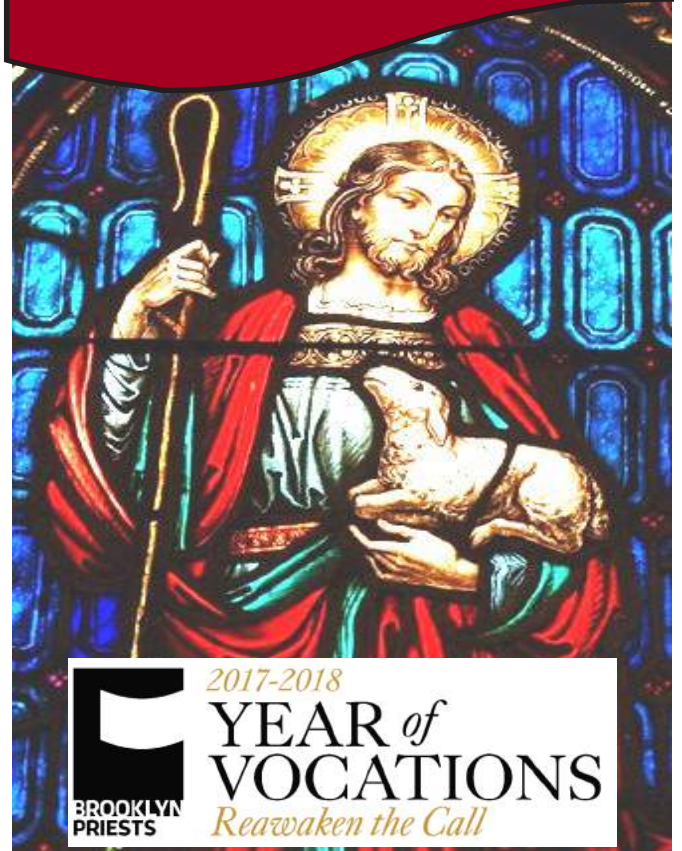
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**Sr. Bernadette Sassone, DW**  
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**DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN**  
**2017-2018**

*“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**



### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



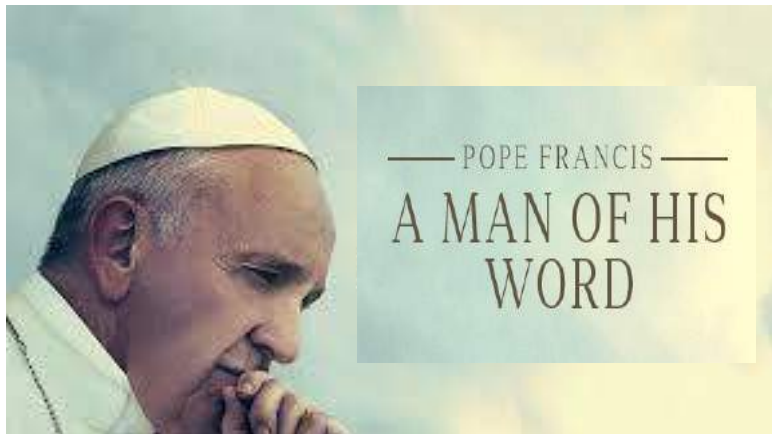
Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization.

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. Marzocco*



*Pope Francis - A Man of His Word*, written and directed by three-time Academy Award® nominee Wim Wenders, is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him. A rare co-production with the Vatican, the pope’s ideas and his message are central to this documentary, which sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today’s global questions from death, social justice, immigration, ecology, wealth inequality, materialism, and the role of the family.

**Being shown at The Alpine Movie Theater**

**May 18th to May 24th**  
**1:00 PM & 7:30 PM**

**Tickets are \$7.00 with a complimentary popcorn.**