

Church of St. Ephrem

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Sunday, May 20, 2018
Pentecost Sunday



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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 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.



Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 2018
*“As the Father sent me,
 so I send you:
 Receive the Holy Spirit.”*

Today’s gospel from John is the Easter night appearance of the risen Jesus before his ten disciples (remember Thomas is not present). In John’s gospel the Easter night is the Pentecost event. Jesus appears even though the Apostles and Mary are hiding behind “locked doors” and greets them with “Peace”- the peace he spoke of in his final words to them at the Last Supper. As God “breathed” life into Adam in the Genesis story of creation, Jesus “breathes” the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, giving life to the new creations of the church of the resurrection. In the resurrection, the Spirit replaces their sense of self-centered fear and confusion with “peace” of understanding, enthusiasm, and joy and shatters all barriers among them to make them a community of hope and forgiveness. Not only do the disciples receive the Holy Spirit but also the ability to forgive sins. Now it is the disciples’ role, and our own to continue this mission by forgiving individual sins. The same Spirit has been given to us, and it is our mission to forgive individual sins each time someone sins against us. Forgiveness is not limited to sacramental confession. As Christians, we are to forgive. It is a hallmark of our identity, given to us by Jesus himself.

It can be a true challenge to forgive on a daily basis. There are so many opportunities for slights, annoyances, oversights, and sometimes even deliberate harm. Something in our human nature wants to learn and remember when these things happen to us. And while we will probably never forget such experiences, we are to forgive. In so doing we continue the victory Jesus won on Easter Sunday. By our forgiving others, we advance the glorious reign of peace. This is our task, and we have the Holy Spirit to help us. Forgiving means letting go, so that the matter does not consume us from within. Forgiving does not mean the matter was OK. When we forgive we do so as much for our benefit as for the one we are forgiving. By forgiving we are simultaneously conforming ourselves more perfectly to Christ, and dying to ourselves and our earthly cares and desires.

Today at the 12 Noon Mass we gather with the Liturgical Ministers who share their gifts of the Holy Spirit with our community. In addition, Patricia Behan, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray “Come, Holy Spirit” so that our hearts will be filled with “Peace” and share it with each other. *“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”*

In the Good Shepherd,
Fr. Robert



May 6, 2018	254 Envelopes	\$8,695.00
Ascension Thursday	131 Envelopes	\$2,154.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$210.00

Mass Attendance 773

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	157
Amount Pledged	\$77,160.00
Paid to Date	\$51,698.00

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!

Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of April 17, 2018 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church	
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 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
- Monday, May 21st**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Eugene Lavin
- Tuesday, May 22nd**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM The Carr Family
- Wednesday, May 23rd**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Tullio Saule
- Thursday, May 24th**
 7:00 AM Doreen Delaney
 8:45 AM For the Intentions of Maria Alaimo
- Friday, May 25th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Domenic Mangini
- Saturday, May 26th**
 8:45 AM Msgr. Theo's 44th Anniversary of
 Priesthood Ordination
 5:00 PM Louise Russo
 Diane Coluccio
 Vinny Scotto
 Josephine Mauriello
 Ralph "Ricki" Gonzalez, Jr.
- Sunday, May 27th**
 8:00 AM Alice Milora
 10:00 AM Michael Sloan
 12 Noon Julia Costanza
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Theodore M. Cardi

Requested by His Loving Family



Sacred Heart Novena

Visitation Monastery

8902 Ridge Blvd., Brooklyn, New York 11209

**Thursday, May 31st to Friday, June 8th
Mass at 7:30 PM**

Day Retreat

Heaven's Embrace, Catskills Mountains

Saturday, June 9th

Bus departs from St. Ephrem Church at 8:30 AM

The bus cost is \$35, bring a bag lunch & dress comfortably.

For information contact:

Marianne (718) 745-3502 or Rose (718) 836-8127

Holy Land Pilgrimage October 23rd to 31st, 2018

Fr. Anthony Chanan

\$3,199 from JFK Airport

For information please contact
(718) 445-9377 or (212) 676-9070

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

All couples who have celebrated their marriage in the Catholic Church are invited.

Special recognition will be given to couples who are celebrating their
25th, 50th & 75th Anniversary.

**Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 11:00 AM
Immaculate Conception Center**

All couples are invited to attend with their families.

To register, please contact:

Martha Hernandez at (718) 281-9540 or
mhernandez@diobrook.org



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 21st at 7:00 PM
in the Spirituality Center.

Spiritual Direction
Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



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!

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!*

Pope Francis invites us to pray the Rosary during the month of May, especially for Peace in Syria and throughout the world



Registration for 2018—2019 is Ongoing

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COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

United Military Veterans of Kings County proudly present
Brooklyn's 151st Memorial Day Parade
 Parade kicks off at 11:00AM in Bay Ridge on Third Ave. & 78th St, proceeds along Third Ave. to Marine Ave., up to Fourth Ave. and over to John Paul Jones Park on 101st St. & Fourth Ave. for a memorial service that honors all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in selfless service to our nation.

Lest We Forget

ALL VETERANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MARCH
 EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US ON 3RD AVE. AND IN THE PARK

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



Congratulations
 Ariana Ayala
 5th Grade St. Ephrem School
 2nd Place Diocesan Religion Bee Winner

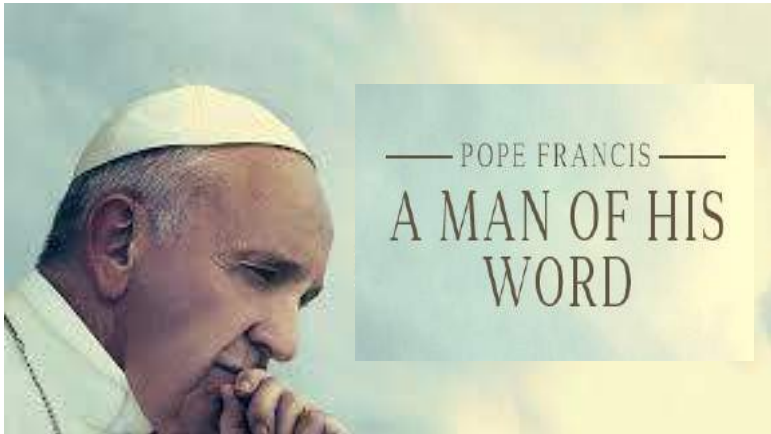
YEAR OF VOCATIONS



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*



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.

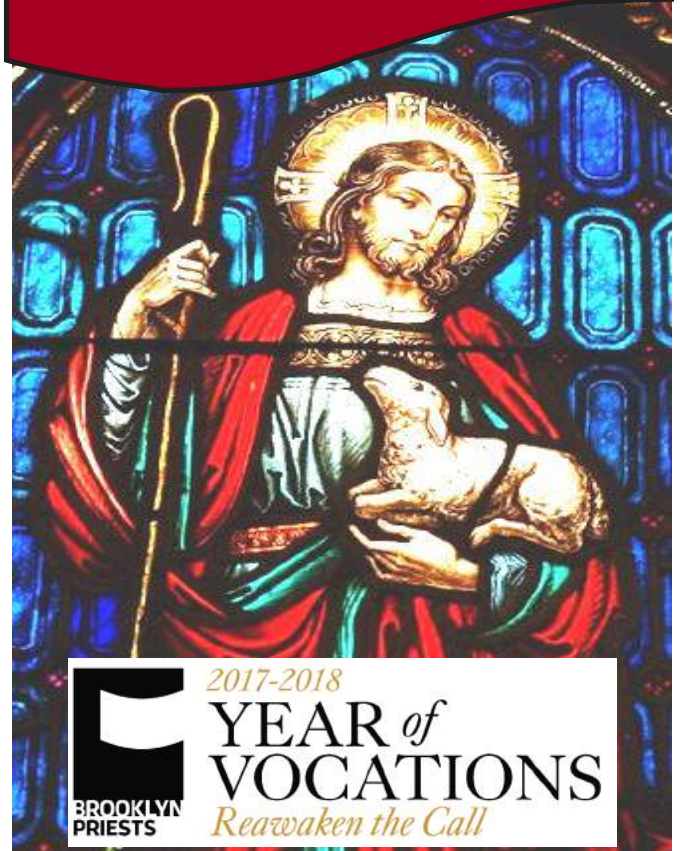
Being shown at The Alpine Movie Theater

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

Tickets are \$7.00 with a complimentary popcorn.

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*



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 Jimarzo