

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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Sunday, May 27, 2018
The Most Holy Trinity



Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

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718-921-9518

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718-745-7486

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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.



The Most Holy Trinity

May 27, 2018

“Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Today’s gospel presents the scene after Easter, but in Galilee. According to Matthew, this is the first and only appearance of the risen Jesus to his disciples. Still the disciples doubt. They receive the command that has been referred to as “the Great Commandment”: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The Gospel of Matthew, which restricted the use of the term disciples to the Twelve during Jesus’ ministry, now shows that following the resurrection, there will be disciples in all nations. Matthew’s baptismal formula for making a disciple is the same as what Christians use today, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Based on this “Great Commandment,” Christianity has become a worldwide religion. From a mountaintop in Galilee, those initial disciples made other disciples by baptism, who made still more disciples by baptism, and so on, until our very day. Discipleship founded on baptism into the life of the Trinity is much more powerful than a shamrock, or even the sun.

When most are questioned about the Trinity, they respond “It’s a mystery. We can’t understand it.” While that may be true, it doesn’t mean we don’t think about it. A mystery of faith is in some ways similar to the mystery of the universe. We experience its depths. And we find that we have not exhausted the topic; rather, it has exhausted us. And we return to it again later, learning more with each engagement. Dismissing any consideration of the Trinity solely because it is a mystery does us a disservice as rational yet faith-filled Christians. Many theologians have sought to express various aspects of this mystery through the centuries, in the seminary I even took a course on the Trinity and many more will continue to do so into the future.

Part of our living the mystery is to know that we will never fully comprehend or understand all of what it means for God to be a Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the same manner, we will never fully comprehend or understand the entirety of the universe. But we can approach each mystery with humility and a sense of wonder and respect. Jesus is the incarnate God. He called God Father, and promised to send the Spirit who reminds his disciples about Jesus. Each of us has been baptized into the life of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and will continue to let that meaning unfold each day of our ongoing lives.

On this Memorial Day weekend we remember in a special way those men and women who gave their life serving our country in the armed forces. Let us never forget the ultimate sacrifice they made for our freedom. God Bless America!

Next weekend is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass, we will have the Eucharistic Procession and which will conclude at the main entrance of the church. This is an opportunity to demonstrate our belief of the real presence of Jesus in the Consecrated Bread, the Body of Christ. I invite you to join us as we make our faith known to all.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



May 20, 2018	269 Envelopes	\$8,042.00
Catholic Schools	143 Envelopes	\$3,523.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$210.00

Mass Attendance 787

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	159
Amount Pledged	\$77,680.00
Paid to Date	\$51,754.25

Thank you for your continued generosity to help our brothers and sisters 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 May 15, 2018 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church	
Campaign Goal	\$980,000.00
Total Pledged	\$1,063,769.00
Total Payments to Date by Parishioners	\$800,122.79
Total # Donors	198
Total Funds To Be Returned to Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



Mass Intentions for the week

8:45 AM **Saturday, May 26th**
Msgr. Theo's 44th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination

5:00 PM Louise Russo
Diane Coluccio
Vinny Scotto
Josephine Mauriello
Ralph "Ricki" Gonzalez, Jr.

8:00 AM **Sunday, May 27th**
Alice Milora
10:00 AM Michael Sloan
12 Noon Julia Costanza
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, May 28th
NO 7:00 AM MASS
8:45 AM Levonne Lambert in Honor of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, May 29th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Vincent & Frank Iannizzi

Wednesday, May 30th
7:00 AM Rajiv Goulab
8:45 AM Mita Alexander

Thursday, May 31st
7:00 AM Rosa In Honor of the Holy Spirit
8:45 AM Lawrence White

Friday, June 1st
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM For the Intentions of People with Alzheimer's

Saturday, June 2nd
8:45 AM Purgatorial Society Mass

5:00 PM Rev. Edward Zogby
Marina Tesoriero
Angelina Femmia
Raymond Ganim
Doreen Delaney

Sunday, June 3rd
8:00 AM Catherine & Richard Hamrogue
10:00 AM Alfred Maffia
12 Noon Vincenza Iannizzi
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Maddalena Verga

Requested by Modesto Valenzano



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Maddalena Verga

Requested by Joseph & Bina Spano

Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Please join us in the Eucharistic Procession immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass.

Concluding in front of the Church with Benediction.



Faith Formation

Register today!!

Our religious education program offers classes for children who do not attend a Catholic School for grades 1-7. These classes are held on Wednesday afternoons

from 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM

Early bird discount registration ends June 30th!

Catechists Needed:

We are always in need of extra hands. If you enjoy children and are willing to share our faith, please contact Eileen Maguire

For information please call

718) 745-7486

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In observance of Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th, the Rectory Office will be closed and there will be no 7:00 AM Mass.

Summer Super 50/50 Raffle

As we celebrate Memorial Day, and the "unofficial" start of summer. Once again we have our Annual Summer 50/50 Raffle available in church.

Last year our winner took home \$1,530.00



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Friday, June 1st, 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!

YOUTH MINISTRY



Friday, June 8th at 6:00 PM
Rectory Meeting Room
High School Night

For more information please email:
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

 @stephremyouth

SPIRITUALITY & DEVOTIONS



Bereavement Support Group

St. Patrick Parish
Sister Jeanne Elaine at 718-238-2600 x178
Our Lady of Angels Parish
Judy Chiarchiaro at 718-748-1164
St. Ephrem Parish
Sister Ann Martha at 718-921-9518

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



SCHOOL NEWS

IN 2006

WHO KNEW THE PLACES THEY WOULD GO?



Bishop Kearney
High School

Fontbonne Hall
Academy

St. Edmund Preparatory
High School

St. Saviour
High School

Xaverian
High School

St. Joseph by the Sea
High School

Xavier
High School

Fiorello H. LaGuardia
HS of Music & Art and Performing Arts

THEIR FAMILIES DID!

\$175,400 in scholarships were awarded to our students
to attend these schools

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ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC SCHOOL



SEATS AVAILABLE FOR 2018-19 IN KINDERGARTEN TO 8TH GRADE
Contact us at 718.833.1440 for more information

924 74th Street

Brooklyn, NY 11228

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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



TACHS Prep Class
Bishop Kearney

September 11th—October 30th

Please visit our website for more information

www.bishopkearney.org



Partnership with Bishop Kearney High School



COMMUNITY 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



Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ROBERT ANIEL DELL SGM

YEAR OF VOCATIONS

*Congratulations to the Jubilee Sisters
from St. Ephrem Parish*



Bishop DiMarzio celebrated Mass on May 20th with the Religious Sisters and Brothers of our Diocese. Fr. Robert Adamo, S. Ann Martha Ondreika, OP (60th Year), S. Teresita Samson, SFP (50th Year), S. Joan Gavigan, CSJ (70th Year), Bishop DiMarzio, S. Mary Jane Maloney, IHM (65th Year) and S. Marie Antoinette Mannuzza, CSJ (60th Year).



*Congratulations
to the
Priests' & Deacons
Of St. Ephrem Parish*

Rev. Robert B. Adamo
June 27, 1998 (20th Year)

Rev. Msgr. Peter V. Kain
May 29, 1965 (53rd Year)

Rev. Anthony Chanan
October 5, 1990 (28th Year)

Rev. Msgr. Theophilus Joseph
May 26, 1974 (44th Year)

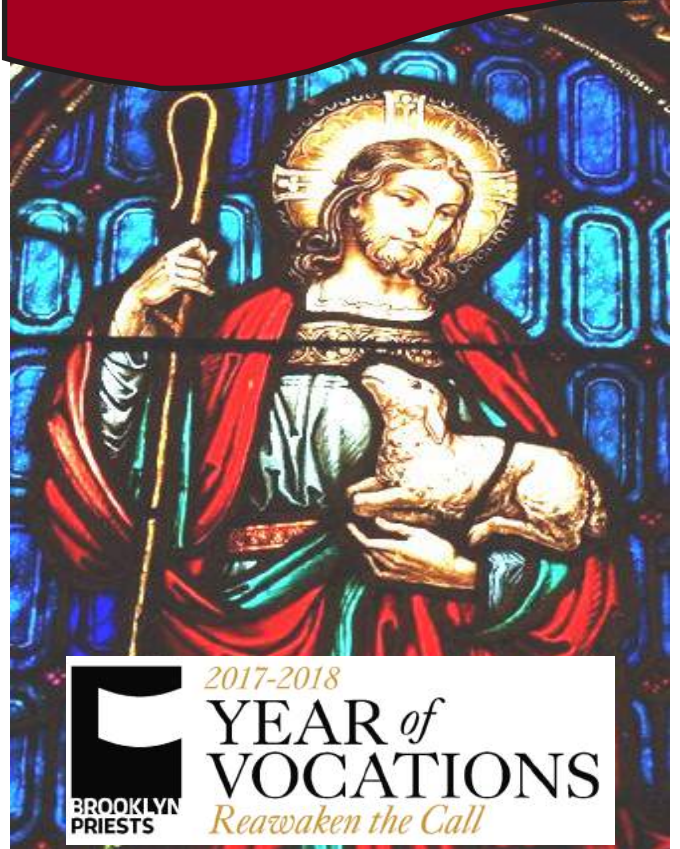
Deacon Kevin McLaughlin
May 27, 2017 (1st Year)

Deacon Anthony Stucchio
May 19, 2007 (11th Year)

*Thank you for your faithful
service to the people of God!*

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 DiMarzio