

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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July 1, 2018
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ www.stephremscatholicacademy.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.



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“Little girl, I say to you, arise!”

Mark presents to us in today’s gospel, a story wrapped in another story. The story of the woman touching Jesus’ garment is at one end and the story of the little girl being raised from the dead. Mark tells the stories with such detail. These details provide a colorful commentary and give us, the readers, a sense of what was going on. There are some surprising details in Mark, for example, when the woman with a hemorrhage teaches out to touch only Jesus’ garments, power immediately flows out of him. Indeed he asks the crowd who touched him!

The story that forms a bookend around the woman with a hemorrhage is the raising of the little girl. Here Jesus continues his confrontation with evil, this time death. And he is victorious. Before he even arrives at the home, the twelve-year old girl is pronounced dead. Jesus replies that she is only asleep, for which he is ridiculed and laughed at. But in the end, he raises the girl and admonishes the three disciples who were with him not to say anything.

Jesus’ power is on clear display. Merely touching his garments with an act of faith is enough to heal somebody. Jesus himself raises the dead to new life. His identity is coming into sharper focus as we journey with him through this gospel.

Medical professionals were rare in the ancient world. We almost take them for granted today. But for those in antiquity who suffered from one ailment or another, their lives were often destined for suffering and to be on the margins of society. We are not surprised to know that life spans were much shorter in the ancient world without access to medicine, proper care, or in some cases sanitary conditions. Despite all of our advances in medicine, human beings are still subject to death. We have not conquered that, but only delayed it.

Jesus’ own power is expressed by stories of curing the woman with the hemorrhage and raising the dead. Jesus restores human beings to a full, active, and healthy life in one story. He literally raises the dead to life again in another. If he and his power can do these things, we should be paying attention.

We will find later in the gospel that there is more to his ministry than grand displays of power. There will be the necessary suffering and death. Once that aspect of his ministry is revealed, many if not most of his followers will fall away. It might not be too difficult to imagine following someone who raises the dead. It’s quite another to see that same one put to death.

When we encounter moments of pain, suffering, and even the death of loved ones, it is good to remember that we follow one who seeks to restore, who seeks to raise the dead to life again. That is our common Christian hope.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



June 24, 2018	233 Envelopes	\$7,369.00
<i>Peter’s Pence</i>	138 Envelopes	\$3,068.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$210.00

Mass Attendance 734

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	179
Amount Pledged	\$88,862.00
Paid to Date	\$65,544.00

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

Saturday, June 30th

8:45 AM Jack Costello
 5:00 PM For the Intentions of Msgr. Theo Roberto & Manuel Sandoval
 Joseph Colandrea
 Rajiv Goulab
 Nora Randon

Sunday, July 1st

8:00 AM Doreen Delaney
 10:00 AM Mary & Sal Bonfiglio
 12 Noon Robert Romeo
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, July 2nd

7:00 AM For the Intentions of John Riordan
 8:45 AM John Carr

Tuesday, July 3rd

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Paul Giannico

Wednesday, July 4th

NO 7:00 AM MASS
 8:45 AM In Celebration of Judy & Frank Chiarchiaro's 48th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, July 5th

7:00 AM William Wall
 8:45 AM Sylvia Zraick

Friday, July 6th

7:00 AM Luis Vanga
 8:45 AM Lucy & Edwin McGuirk

Saturday, July 7th

8:45 AM Peter Murray
 5:00 PM Concetta Immacolata Mongiardo
 Lucia Coluccio
 Angelina Femia
 Joseph Ligammari
 Thomas P. Williams, Sr.

Sunday, July 8th

8:00 AM Arnica Family
 10:00 AM Ronzo Family
 12 Noon Ann Arnao
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of
Theresa & Steve Canny

Requested by John & Helen McCaffrey



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

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**The Rectory Office will be closed on
 Wednesday, July 4th
 and**

**There will be no 7:00 AM Mass
 Happy 242nd Independence Day**

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Roman Missal

Summer Super 50/50 Raffle

**Once again we have our
 Annual Summer 50/50 Raffle
 available in church.**

*Last year our winner took home \$1,530.00
 Collected to date: \$430.00*



Mission Appeal Propagation of the Faith Office Diocese of Brooklyn

**On the weekend of July 8th
 we welcome Fr. Rozario,
 from the Diocese of Rajshahi, India**

**A second collection will be taken up to help
 the ministries in his home Diocese.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

FAITH FORMATION



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.

Registration Forms are available at the Rectory Office. For all new registrations, a copy of your child's baptismal certificate is required.

For information please call
(718) 833-10
stephremreligiously@gmail.com

SPIRITUALITY & COMMUNITY



NOTES FROM THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Suggested books for Summer Reading are:

One Perfect Lie Lisa Scottoline
Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue

Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



WE NEED YOU
TO SHARE THE FAITH

Are you interested in passing on our faith to the next generation?



Children in grades 1 through 7 meet each Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:45

PM to be informed about the beliefs and traditions of our Catholic Faith, to share faith experiences and to be transformed by the love of God. Parents are the first educators in the ways of faith; catechists assist and support what families are already doing.

If you think you might be a catechist, please contact Eileen Maguire at the rectory (718) 833-1010 or tephremreligiously@gmail.com

Classes for prospective catechists will be available to accommodate your schedule.

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



The R.C.I.A. program is designed for adults who have never been baptized, perhaps been baptized in another faith, or baptized Catholic but never received Eucharist and Confirmation. This is an opportunity to explore life in the Catholic Community have a companion on your faith journey, and prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, and/or Eucharist, and Confirmation). What can you do to help someone who seeks to be a part of the Catholic Church? Accompany them to Mass; encourage them on the journey; introduce them to other parishioners.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about RCIA, stephremreligiously@gmail.com or call the rectory

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Gives Back



St. Ephrem's could share in the profits. For donated cars, trucks or vans, running or not. The Associated Vincentian will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of.

Please call
718-491-2525

or

svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org
Thank you for your participation



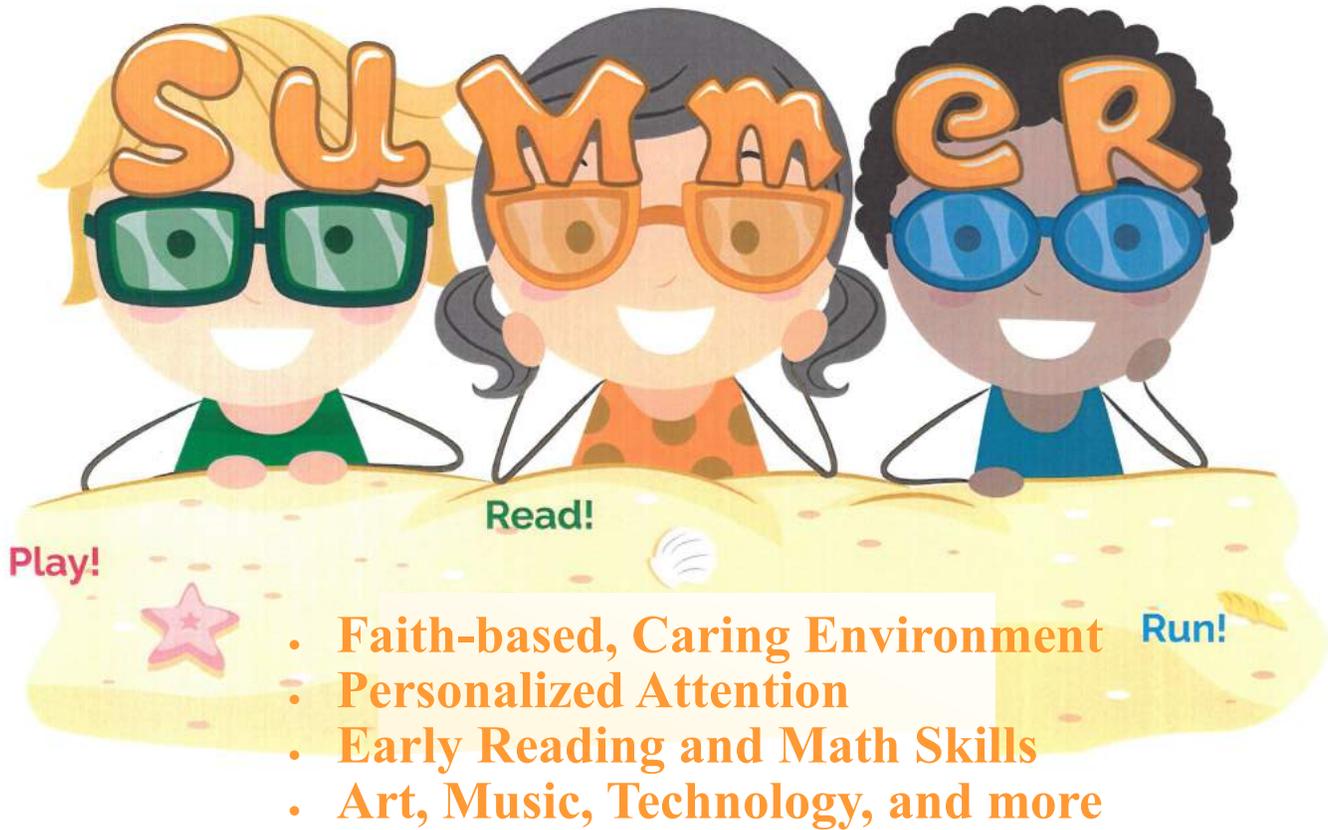
For more information please email:

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

 [@stephremyouth](https://www.instagram.com/stephremyouth)

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

Have Fun!



- Faith-based, Caring Environment
- Personalized Attention
- Early Reading and Math Skills
- Art, Music, Technology, and more

Enroll NOW for 2018-2019

For more information & to register contact us at
(718) 833-1440
www.stephremschool.org

**Think you can't afford Catholic School for your child?
Please visit: www.futuresineducation.org**



WE'RE SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU!

Prayer for Priests



Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for our needs. We pray for them in their needs...Let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic Bread. Amen.

On Saturday, June 30th, Bishop DiMarzio will Ordain to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, Five Men for the Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens.

Rev. Mr. Hung Xuan Cao
Rev. Mr. Jose Diaz
Rev. Mr. Patrick Dorelus
Rev. Mr. Joseph Franklin Dutan
Rev. Mr. Alessandro Giuseppe Linardi

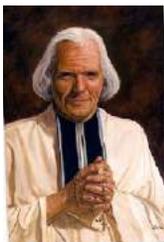
Let us pray that they will be good and holy priests!



Throughout this Year of Vocations, we are happy to share that our prayers have been fruitful. The application of Fifteen men have been accepted to the Seminary Formation Program.

Let us continue to pray for these Seminarians as they begin their Formation Journey and that others will open their hearts and respond to the Lord!

www.whatsmycalling.org



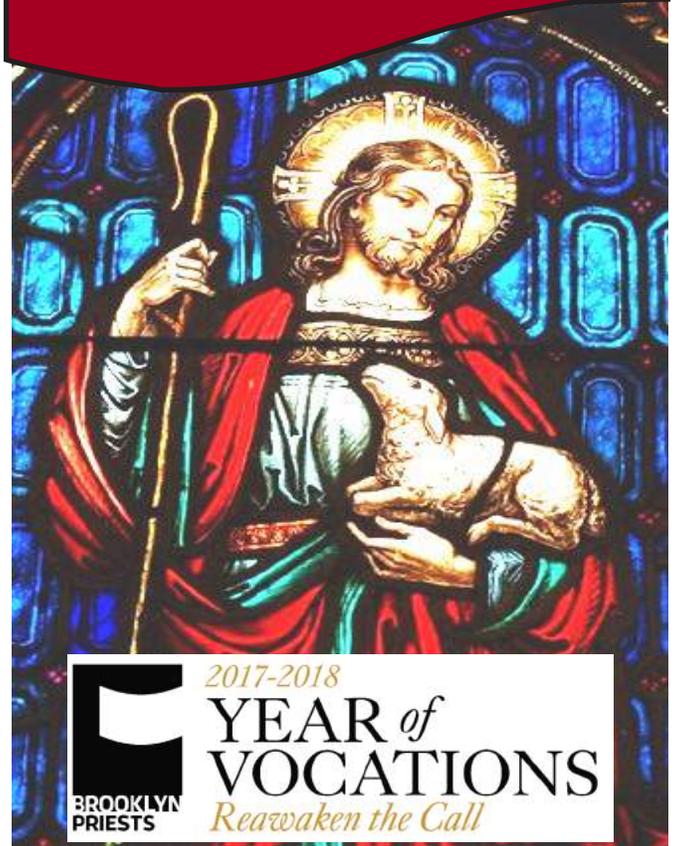
St. John Vianney

*Was a French priest who is venerated in the Catholic Church as a saint & patron of parish priests
Feast Day—August 4th*

St. John Vianney, Pray for Us!

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