

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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Sunday, June 10, 2018
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1010

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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

Office in School Room 307

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.



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June 10, 2018

"It is the end of Satan."

This gospel tells us something about Mark's persecuted Christian Community of the late first century. For that community especially, bonds of faith in Jesus were stronger than blood relationships. Many of the early Christians left family to join this band of believers. Remaining family members may have looked down on Christians almost as we regard cult members today. The early Christians were misunderstood by society, persecuted, and even killed. They found consolation with other Christians and their common faith in Jesus. Nonbelieving family members thought this new religion was strange. Jesus is the prime example of one misunderstood by his family, who thinks he is out of his mind. They come to bring him home, perhaps believing he is an embarrassment. Rather than complying to their demands, he demonstrates that his believers have a bond stronger than blood.

Wrapped in this story about Jesus' family is another about scribes from Jerusalem who attributed his power to the devil. Not surprisingly, Jesus disputes that. He has been engaged in a battle with evil since the beginning of his ministry. He is not fighting on behalf of evil. A house divided against itself cannot stand. To attribute Jesus' activity to the devil is a sin against the Holy Spirit that will not be forgiven.

The stakes are high. Jesus seems to be getting it from all sides. His family, who raised him, and the scribes, who are experts in the law, do not understand. He is thought to be out of his mind by some and by others to be possessed by a demon. Neither is very flattering! But Jesus stays true to who he is and counters each assault. The community he is forming is something new, based not on familial relations, but stronger than family.

Today's passage gives us a rather unique perspective on the identity of Jesus against his contemporaries. But this gospel story reminds us that Jesus did not have it easy. Are we expecting the same? Jesus was misunderstood not because of obnoxious behavior, or aloofness, but because he enjoyed the company of "sinners." He ate with those who were considered of ill repute. He engaged those who were said to be with demons. He did not fast but enjoyed great dinner parties. His behavior embarrassed his family and those who preferred cultural norms that kept certain people on the margins. It's one thing to admire Jesus. It's quite another to act as he did. Many of us are admirers of Jesus. But do I act as he did? Am I willing to face embarrassment to do what he did?

At the 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass we gather with the Class of 2018 from St. Ephrem School. We give thanks for their achievements and wish them God's blessings as they graduate this week and continue their education into High School.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



June 3, 2018	244 Envelopes	\$7,788.00
Communications	98 Envelopes	\$1,560.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$210.00

Mass Attendance 622

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	168
Amount Pledged	\$83,230.00
Paid to Date	\$53,666.75

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 9th
 8:45 AM Irace & Russo Family
 5:00 PM Domenica Richiusa
 Emily Marchesiello
 Vito Gentile
 Stephen Canny
 For the Conversion of Russia & Syria

Sunday, June 10th
 8:00 AM Alice Milora
 10:00 AM Salvatore Bonfiglio
 12 Noon Michael C. Esposito
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, June 11th
 7:00 AM Edward O'Connor
 8:45 AM Maddalena Piscioneri

Tuesday, June 12th
 7:00 AM Dolph Mascari
 8:45 AM Louis Zraick

Wednesday, June 13th
 7:00 AM St. Anthony
 8:45 AM Matthew A. Gilmartin

Thursday, June 14th
 7:00 AM Stella Luhn
 8:45 AM Domenico Manuppella & Pilunzi Benito

Friday, June 15th
 7:00 AM Frank Calabrese
 8:45 AM Rosario & Gerland Carluzzo & Maria Taibi

Saturday, June 16th
 8:45 AM Cosimo Corsaro
 5:00 PM Ilario Piscioneri
 Joseph Losardo
 Mary C. O'Hara
 Nicholas Infantino
 Cesare Bonici

Sunday, June 17th
 8:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 10:00 AM Domenick Mazzone
 12 Noon Tony Grbic
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Michael C. Esposito

Requested by His Loving Family



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Ted Curry

*Requested by The St. Ephrem
Graduating Class of 2018*



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. Registration will take place June 12,13, and 14 from 11am-to 4pm or by appointment. 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
stephremreligious@gmail.com



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, stephremreligious@gmail.com or call the rectory



Listening Sessions on Racism

The Diocese of Brooklyn Commission on Racism and Social Justice will hold 2 Listening Sessions on the impact of Racism in the Church of Brooklyn & Queens.

All of the faithful are invited to session.

Saturday, June 16th, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise Parish Center
 400 Lincoln Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



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!!!!



Feast of St. Anthony June 13th

Novena through
the intercession
of St. Anthony
will be prayed
and blessed
bread will be
distributed,
Following the
7:00 AM Mass
and
8:45 AM Mass.

Please join us!

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

HEALING MASS

Thursday, June 21st at 7:30 PM
Msgr. Theo & Fr. Bretone

Please join us!

We welcome back

Msgr. Peter Huelety,
From the
Diocese of Keta-Akatsi,
Ghana



It is with great joy to welcome
Msgr. Peter Huelety, to share his priestly
ministry with us until the end of August.

*"It was glad when they said...let us go
into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1*

SCHOOL NEWS



Rev. Robert Adamo
PASTOR



Craig Mercado
PRINCIPAL



Michelle Emch
TEACHER

St. Ephrem School

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Class of 2018



Alessia Bruzzese



Vincent Bruzzese



Emma Cifuentes



Annabella Colavito



Samantha Fadel



Edward Flores



Christian Franki



Allie Giordano



Thomas Guardavaccaro



Jonathan Mazza



Claudia Mazzaferro



Jonathan Mendizabal



Sofia Oliveri



James Pollari



Matthew Rogers



Victoria Ryan



Maura Smith



Cade Wilson

Saint Ephrem School

Congratulations to the Class of 2018

Alessia Bruzzese	Fontbonne Hall Academy	Jonathan Mazza	Xavier
Vincent Bruzzese	Xavier	Claudia Mazzaferro	Fontbonne Hall Academy
Emma Cifuentes	Bishop Kearney	Jonathan Mendizabal	St. Edmund Prep
Annabella Colavito	Xaverian	Sofia Oliveri	Fontbonne Hall Academy
Samantha Fadel	Xaverian	James Pollari	Xavier
Edward Flores	St. Joseph by-the-Sea	Matthew Rogers	Xavier
Christian Franki	Xaverian	Victoria Ryan	Fontbonne Hall Academy
Allie Giordano	St. Saviour	Maura Smith	F. Laguardia H.S. of Music & Art and Performing Arts
Thomas Guardavaccaro	Xaverian	Cade Wilson	Fort Hamilton

Awarded \$175,400.00 in High School Scholarships

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.

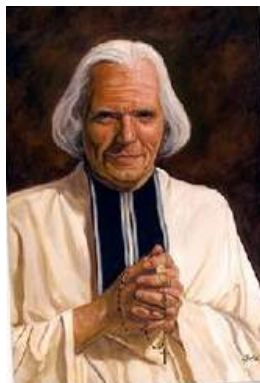
Let us pray that they will be good and holy priests!



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



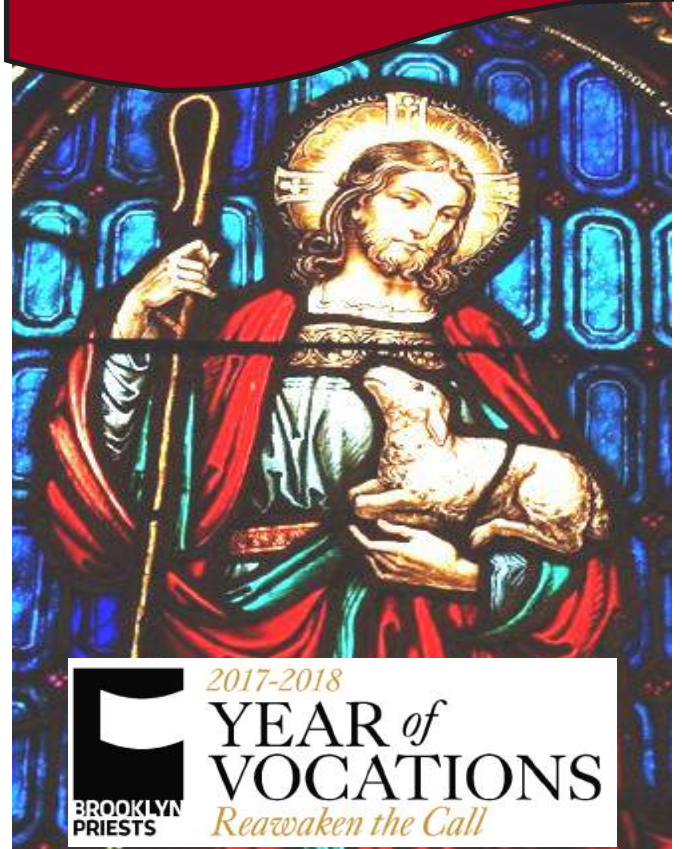
St. John Vianney

*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