

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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Sunday, June 17, 2018
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Office in School Room 307

718-745-7486

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St. Ephrem School

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ Fax 718-745-5301 ♦ www.stephremschool.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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June 17, 2018

*“It is the smallest of all seeds,
and becomes the largest of plants.”*

In today’s gospel Jesus tells a parable. God’s kingdom is likened to a man scattering seed upon the ground, and the seed grows without the man knowing how. But when the grain is ripe, the man comes with the sickle, a farming tool. The parable of the mustard seed, which follows immediately, is more familiar to us. Here too God’s kingdom is likened to something, but in this case a mustard seed. The parable refers to it as the smallest seed of all, but it produces the greatest of all shrubs. The mustard seed, that tiny speck containing the chemical energy to create the great tree-is a natural parable for the greatness that God raises up from small beginnings. The faith of the sower is centered in a spirit of trust and gratitude that God makes all things work together for good.

Today is our Sabbath. The day has ancient roots in the Jewish faith: a day when all labors ceased, the Word of God was listened to and God was praised. Maybe we need to acknowledge the Divine's interest in our good works and efforts. Maybe this Eucharist, at least, might be a celebration of Sabbath rest. It could be our chance to renew our faith that God is part of our efforts, and in fact is in charge of them. We are not in charge. We know that because we get a parable about seed growing with minimal human involvement – except to scatter and later to reap a harvest. It's good to know it isn't all in our control; it's good to know another force is present, causing growth and invested in the results.

As we focus on the mustard seed parable: let us call to mind those people who planted seeds in our lives that caused surprising results. They might be those who spoke words at a crucial time in our lives; those who, by their example, were models throughout our lives; those who taught us in school and got us excited about a subject or vocation; those who taught us to pray, or have faith, etc. These examples certainly are our own parables of the mustard seed, a small planting, a few words or gestures, that had an abundant harvest for us.

This past Friday, June 15th the class of 2018 from St. Ephrem School graduated. We are very proud of them and their accomplishments. May God continue to bless them on their journey.

On this Father’s Day, I wish all who have been given the great title of Father and have been a “Father Figure,” God’s blessing! Happy Father’s Day!

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



June 10, 2018	269 Envelopes	\$8,570.00
St. Ephrem	133 Envelopes	\$1,758.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$210.00

Mass Attendance 719

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	175
Amount Pledged	\$86,002.00
Paid to Date	\$61,204.75

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 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
- Monday, June 18th**
 7:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 8:45 AM Josephine Mazzone
- Tuesday, June 19th**
 7:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 8:45 AM Michael & Winifred McNamara
- Wednesday, June 20th**
 7:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 8:45 AM Vincent Ingenito
- Thursday, June 21st**
 7:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 8:45 AM In Honor of All Father's
- Friday, June 22nd**
 7:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 8:45 AM Matthew O'Connor
- Saturday, June 23rd**
 8:45 AM Matthew A. Gilmartin
 5:00 PM Frank & Maria Capodicasa
 Dr. Tom Nerney
 Joseph F. Mondiello (8th Anniversary)
 Stephen Affatigato
 Douglas J. Kennedy
- Sunday, June 24th**
 8:00 AM Agnes Vaz
 10:00 AM Raymond Duffy
 12 Noon Giuseppa LaRocca
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Celebration of
**Kim & Robert Meyer's
 25th Wedding Anniversary**
Requested by Their Loving Family



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

For
Amanda Collins
For a safe delivery and a healthy baby.



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 in the Faith Formation Office. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate is required. Re-registration is also available. 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*

MASS BAPTISM

Sunday, June 24th at the 10:00 AM Mass
 We welcome two babies into our faith community
 through the Sacrament of Baptism

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry



*We will be collecting
 non-perishable and non- expired food
 items the weekend of July 1st.*

Thank you for your usual generosity !

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: \$250.00***

YOUTH MINISTRY & HEALING



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!!!!



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

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

Mass of Inclusion for People with Disabilities and the Deaf

Sponsored by
Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens

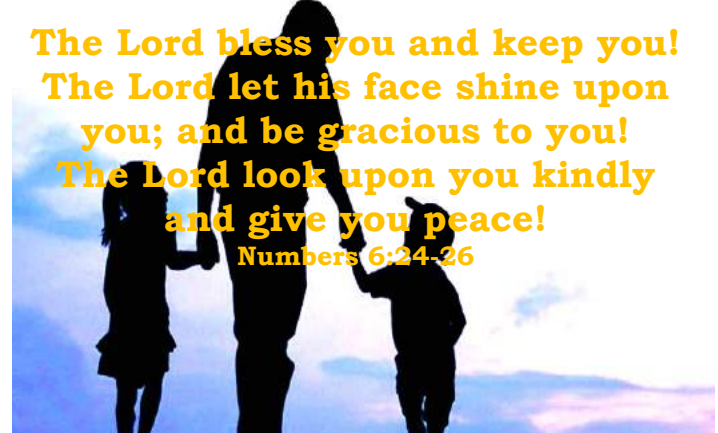


Sunday, June 24th
12 Noon Mass with Anointing of the Sick
St. Ephrem Church

Reception to follow in the Msgr. Kain Hall

All are welcome!

**The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord let his face shine upon
you; and be gracious to you!
The Lord look upon you kindly
and give you peace!**
Numbers 6:24-26



Happy Father's Day

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.

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

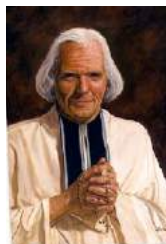
Let us pray that they will be good and holy priests!



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



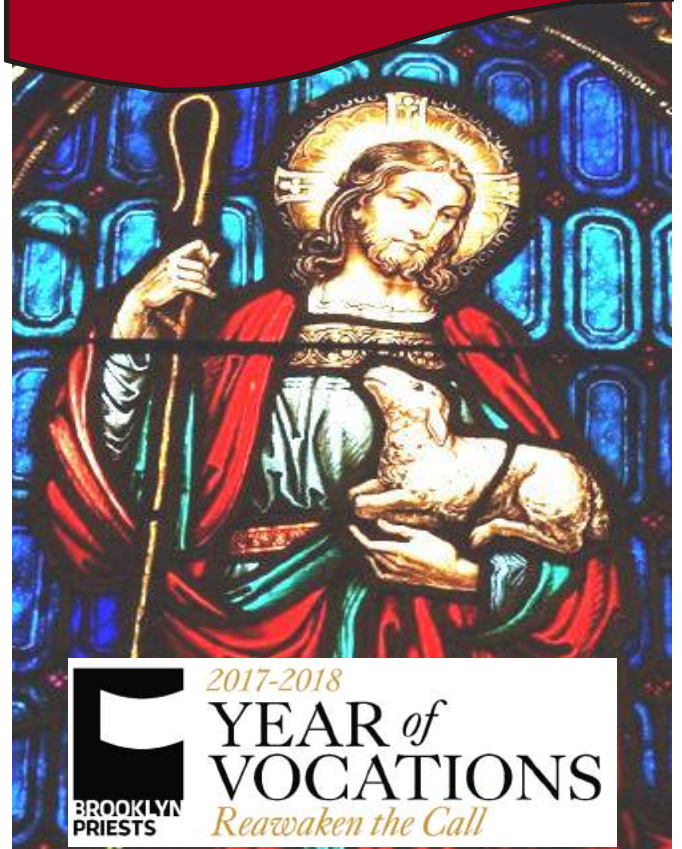
St. John Vianney

*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