

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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Parish Staff

Rev. Robert B. Adamo, KHS, *Pastor*
Rev. Msgr. Peter V. Kain, *Pastor Emeritus*
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Mr. Robert Cote, *Youth Minister*
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Mr. Thomas J. Sbordone, *Christian Awareness Program/Pastoral Care*
Deacon Anthony Stucchio, *Permanent Deacon*

Sunday, June 3, 2018
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1010

Fax 718-921-5232

Spirituality Center

935 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-921-9518

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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.



**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi**

June 3, 2018

“This is my body. This is my blood.”

The gospel for today is Mark’s version of the Last Supper, which for him was in the context of the Passover meal. Even the singing of the hymn, which Mark is certain to include, is an integral part of the Passover to this very day. Jesus gives a new meaning to the Passover meal. The bread that he takes, blesses, breaks, and shares is his Body. The cup of thanksgiving that is shared is his covenantal Blood. Anyone who has been to a Jewish Seder meal likely has a profound appreciation for these symbols of bread and wine, and how they were appropriated in the Christian tradition. The Passover meal, which commemorated the people’s delivery from Egypt, would now commemorate Jesus’ death and ultimate delivery from death to resurrection. Our participation in consuming the bread and wine is a participation in the life, death, and subsequent resurrection of Jesus.

We who gather around the table of the Eucharist (which is a Greek word meaning “thanksgiving”) are fed by Christ and become one in him. The celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ is much more than the celebration of something to be revered. By necessity, the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ causes the unity shared by Christians by their participation in the Eucharistic feast. That unity was Jesus’ own desire expressed by his prayer to the Father. May we be instruments of that unity by our share in that same Eucharist.

When we gather here at this table, we take bread and wine to remember Jesus the wise teacher, the worker of wonders, the very love of God. We come to the Eucharist to celebrate his presence among us and recommit ourselves to following his example of compassion and justice, in doing so, we rediscover our identity as his disciples and reaffirm our baptismal commitment to become his body and blood for others. At Christ’s table, we are always welcome. In celebrating Jesus’ great gift of the Eucharist, we make our parish family’s table a place of reconciliation and compassion and we make all our family tables places of love and safety where Christ is present in our service and care for one another.

This meal is the living sign of our covenant with God. In this sacrament, bread and wine are transformed by the Spirit of God into the Body and Blood of Christ; in turn, the sacrament we receive transforms us into sacraments and signs of God’s love for our families and communities. As the Eucharist makes us a church of reconciliation, so it makes us reconcilers; as the Eucharist animates the church with Christ’s life, so it animates our lives in God’s love and compassion. This bread and cup also makes of us a community – regardless of circumstances, the risen Lord welcomes us all and all we are – we come with all our joys and sorrows to be nourished at the great banquet of his Body and Blood.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



May 27, 2018 218 Envelopes \$7,141.00

We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$210.00

Mass Attendance 504

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 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 2nd
Purgatorial Society Mass

8:45 AM
5:00 PM
Rev. Edward Zogby
Marina Tesoriero
Angelina Femmia
Raymond Ganim
Doreen Delaney

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

Monday, June 4th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM In Honor of Gena Joseph's 30th Birthday

Tuesday, June 5th
7:00 AM Susannah Solli
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

Wednesday, June 6th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Lucy & Edwin McGuirk

Thursday, June 7th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM The O'Kane Family

Friday, June 8th
7:00 AM Rosalia Adamo
8:45 AM Aida Offitto

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



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Josephine Petrolo

Requested by Peter & Roseann Spano



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Joseph & Theresa Lespier

Requested by Peter & Roseann Spano



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 5,6,7,12,13, and 14 from 11am-to 4pm or by appointment.

Early bird discount registration ends June 30th!

Catechists Needed:

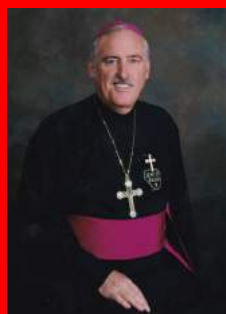
We are always in need of extra hands. If you enjoy children and are willing to share our faith, please contact Eileen Maguire.

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



We are happy to
Announce that
The Sacrament of Confirmation
will be conferred on

Thursday, October 11, 2018
at 4:00 PM

Bishop Neil Tiedemann,
*Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn
Celebrant*

Summer Super 50/50 Raffle

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

Last year our winner took home \$1,530.00

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).**

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

Let your child take flight on the wings of a Catholic Education at

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 & PARISH NEWS

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



Please join us on
Sunday, June 10th at
the 10:00 AM Mass
as we Bless our
children as summer
begins, especially as
they ride their bikes,
scooters, and skateboards,
that they will remain safe.
The blessing of children
with their bikes, scooters
and skateboards will take place
at the main entrance to the church
immediately following Mass.

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)

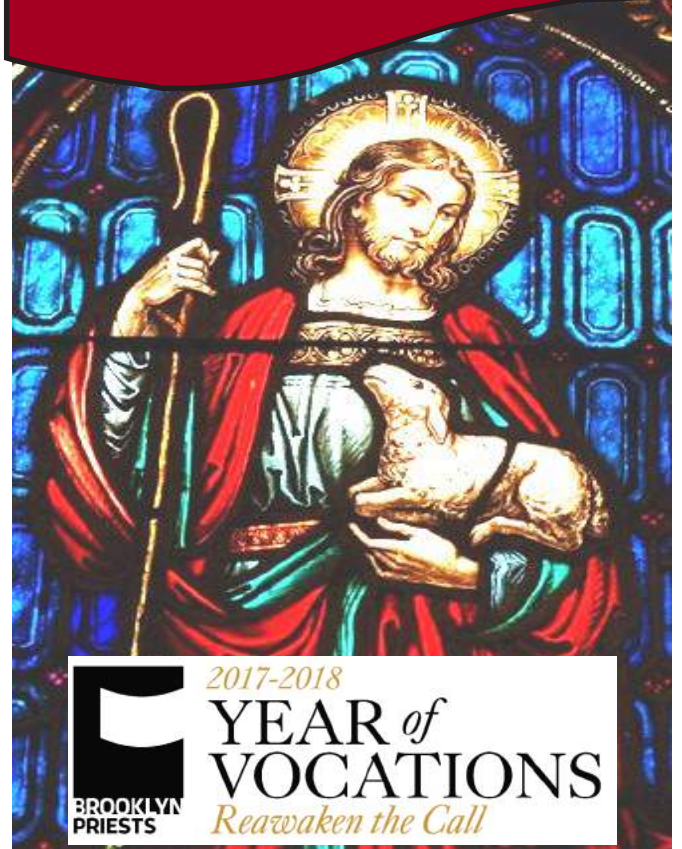
Deacon Kevin McLaughlin
May 27, 2017 (1st Year)

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