

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org



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July 15, 2018
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rectory Office

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Spirituality Center

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718-921-9518

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718-833-1143

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718-745-7486

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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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“He began to send them out.”

In today’s gospel, the Twelve are given authority. He sends them on a mission in six groups of two. The very word mission means to be sent. This will be the model for Christian Evangelization. They travel light, without bread, bag, or money. They rely solely upon the kindness and generosity of those they meet. They are to remain in one house until they leave, not “trading up” as it were the longer they stayed. Their preaching is basically that of John the Baptist and the early days of Jesus himself, “Repent.”

In their preaching the disciples also exercised their authority over evil, over the demons, over sickness, and over the unclean spirits. The authority that Jesus shared with his disciples for this mission meant that they too, like him, were agents of inclusion. They brought those from the margins into a relationship of wholeness. Like him, their deeds were coupled with preaching. The demand for repentance was paramount; and we can surmise that the demand was not received well by all, as Jesus’ instructions for “shaking the dust off your feet” indicated.

Not all disciples were chosen for this mission, but only the Twelve. The mission is to go out preaching and performing works of mercy. This probably doesn’t sound much like parish plans today for the “new evangelization.” But this is the “mission of the Twelve” and we might find something worthy of imitation here.

How important is it for us to have a friend, a life partner, a spouse? A friend can be there to urge us on when the going gets tough, to celebrate our victories and accomplishments with us. A friend is someone in whom we can take joy by celebrating their well-being. And when a friend suffers, we too suffer. A friendship is a gift of God.

Jesus too recognizes how important it is to have a partner. He sends the Twelve out two-by-two. These disciples are not lone wolves; they are not renegade rangers. They travel with one another for mutual support, which will likely form a bond of friendship if it were not there already.

Being called to be in a relationship with Jesus is to be also in a relationship with other disciples. None of us is on this path alone, and thank God for that. The Christian life can never be a “Jesus and me” relationship. It always, and by necessity, involves other Christians, if not other people altogether.

Even the Twelve, chosen by name to be with Jesus in a more intimate relationship with him and one another, are not sole actors. They travel together two-by-two.

Who are my partners? Who travels with me two-by-two? This might be a good day to thank God and thank my partner.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



July 8, 2018	235 Envelopes	\$7,648.00
<i>Second Collection for Missions in Bangladesh</i>		\$2,377.00
<i>The Tablet</i>		\$1,283.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$210.00

Mass Attendance 615

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	186
Amount Pledged	\$90,892.00
Paid to Date	\$71,496.25

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

Saturday, July 14th

8:45 AM Lai Leung
 5:00 PM Margaret Pinsky Dietrich
 Helen Coston Williams
 Thomas P. Williams, Jr.
 George F. Williams
 Helen Williams Delehany

Sunday, July 15th

8:00 AM Catherine & Richard Hamrogue
 10:00 AM Maria Mazurek
 12 Noon Anne Lamia
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, July 16th

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Sharon Perrone
 8:45 AM Joseph & Marie Mazzone

Tuesday, July 17th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM For the Intentions of Irene Campbell

Wednesday, July 18th

7:00 AM For a Special Intention
 8:45 AM Patrick McDonagh

Thursday, July 19th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Matthew A. Gilmartin

Friday, July 20th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Bridget & Thomas O'Kane

Saturday, July 21st

8:45 AM Joseph Ligammari
 5:00 PM Michael & Winifred McNamara
 Pasquale Sestito
 Margaret Pinsky Dietrich
 Pat & Frank Giangregorio
 In Thanksgiving of
 Fr. Robert Adamo's 20th Anniversary of Ordination

Sunday, July 22nd

8:00 AM Doreen Delaney
 10:00 AM For the Intentions of Harry Genzale
 12 Noon Francesco Riera
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Anne Lamia

*Requested by Her Loving Husband Dino,
And her family, Mike, Risa & Anne Renee*



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

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TACHS Prep Class Bishop Kearney

September 11th—October 30th

Please visit our website for more
information www.bishopkearney.org



Holy Land Pilgrimage October 23rd to 31st, 2018

Fr. Anthony Chanan

\$3,199 from JFK Airport

For information please contact
(718) 445-9377 or (212) 676-9070



**Worldwide
Marriage
Encounter**

*Allow Jesus to be Lord of your
Marriage relationship by attending
a Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Weekend.*

**September 14-16, 2018
Huntington, New York**

For information call
Richard & Pinky Arteca
877-697-9963
<https://bq-wwme.org>

**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

**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: \$925.00*

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) 833-1010
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 stephremreligiously@gmail.com

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

St. Ephrem Summer Camp & Enrichment



6 Weeks of Activities
Through August 10th

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 R.C.I.A., 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!

YEAR OF VOCATIONS



Prayer for our Seminarians

These men have answered Jesus' invitation to "Come Follow Me." Please take a Seminarian's prayer card (located in our church by the Vocation Banner) and pray for him so that he may continue in his journey toward priesthood.

*"They abandoned their nets and followed him."
Mark 1:18*

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



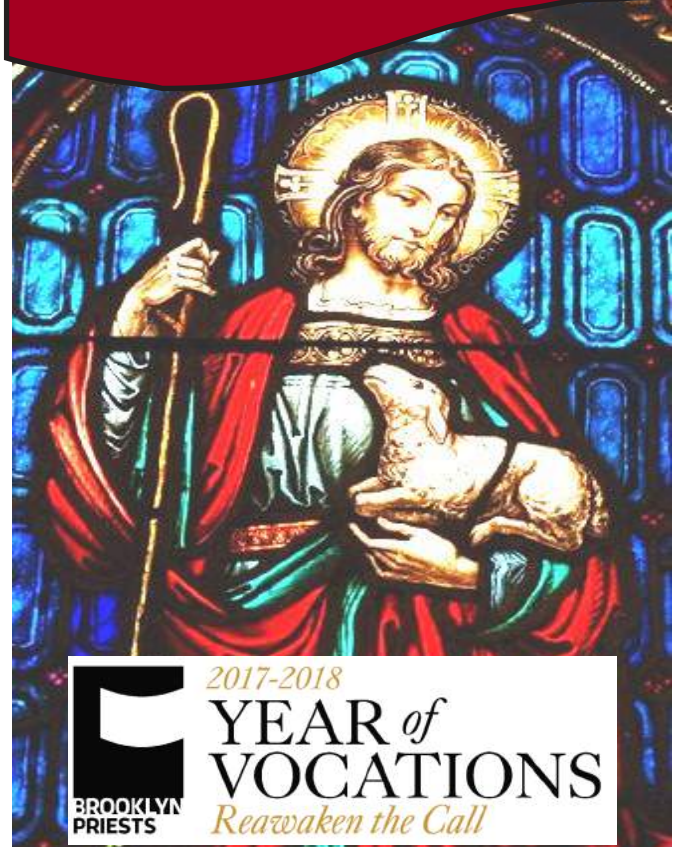
St. John Vianney

*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*



2017-2018
**YEAR of
VOCATIONS**
Rearwaken the Call

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