

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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July 29, 2018
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

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Spirituality Center

935 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-921-9518

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929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1143

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Office in School Room 307

718-745-7486

stephremreligious@gmail.com

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.



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 29, 2018**

“He distributed as much as they wanted to those who were reclining.”

In today’s gospel from John, Jesus takes initiative in asking Philip about feeding the people. And there is something equivalent to an editorial note saying that Jesus only asked the question to test him. John’s gospel shows Jesus clearly in charge, clearly taking the lead, clearly in the driver’s seat. Even when he asks a question it is merely to test someone.

Jesus’ feeding of the multitude with scraps of bread and fish is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels. This story was cherished by the first Christians for whom the Eucharist was becoming the center of their life together. Jesus’ actions are indeed “Eucharistic”: bread (and fish) is collected, Jesus gives thanks and breaks the bread, and the community feasts.

Jesus satisfies human needs. The story tells us that the crowds followed Jesus because they saw the signs he did on those who were diseased. After witnessing another sign they will recognize him as a prophet. The recognition on the part of the crowds is based on Jesus satisfying human needs.

We can be reminded of family life and dealing with children. Often as long as all needs (and wants) are met things can seem to be going along well. The children are satisfied. We will see later in the same chapter of John that Jesus asks something of the crowds and most abandon him. It’s easy to follow Jesus when we are on the receiving end of his bounty and goodness. It’s easy for children to be happy when they are on the receiving end of parents’ bounty and goodness. But what happens when the crowds are asked to make a commitment? What happens when family members are asked to step up and take some responsibility?

Growing into adult discipleship means that there will be a time (if it hasn’t come already) when we will no longer be simply on the receiving end of the relationship. We will be called to enter further into a relationship with Jesus that is more mutually reciprocal, though Jesus will always be the teacher and we will always be in the position of disciples. Jesus will call the crowds closer to the circle with him. It’s easy to be a follower, or a member of the crowd receiving goodies. Soon, those crowds will be invited to go deeper.

This week I will be going on vacation. I hope it will be a time of renewal and refreshment. Please be assured of my prayers and I ask for yours in return.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



July 22, 2018 238 Envelopes \$7,404.00
We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$210.00

Mass Attendance 609

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	197
Amount Pledged	\$99,142.00
Paid to Date	\$81,926.50

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	\$819,500.46
Total # Donors	198
Total Funds To Be Returned to Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday, July 28th

8:45 AM Asuncion Banos
5:00 PM Margaret Pinsky Dietrich
Julia Ribot
Dr. Philip Mottola

Sunday, July 29th

8:00 AM Matthew J. Durney
10:00 AM Antoinetta Voci
12 Noon Doreen Delaney
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, July 30th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Mary & James Carr

Tuesday, July 31st

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Dennis P. O'Berg

Wednesday, August 1st

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Ada Luz Torres
(Birthday)
8:45 AM Carr Family

Thursday, August 2nd

7:00 AM For a Special Intention
8:45 AM In Thanksgiving of
Fr. Robert Adamo's
20th Anniversary of Ordination

Friday, August 3rd

7:00 AM Louis Zraick
8:45 AM Filomena Mazzone

Saturday, August 4th

8:45 AM Carol Lemmon
5:00 PM Sr. Angela Miller, IHM
The Barbuzza Family
For the Intentionis of Sharon Perrone
Nancy Divirgilio

Sunday, August 5th

8:00 AM Anna Walsh
10:00 AM Connie Macannuco
12 Noon Vittoria (Lina) Betro
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Antoinette Gibaldi

Requested by The Polizzotto Family



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Mary & Joseph Cassamassino

Requested by Janet & Donald Cassamassino



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



**September 19, 2018
9:00 AM Sharp Departure**

**\$35.00 Per Person
Receive Back:
\$20.00 Slots
\$5.00 for Meal**

**For more information or for reservations contact:
Frank (347) 267-3644 till 7pm**

**All are welcome and
bring a friend**



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry

*We will be collecting
non-perishable and non-expired
food items the weekend of
August 5th.*

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: \$1,320.00*

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



For more information please email:

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

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



FONTBONNE HALL ACADEMY PRESENTS

CHEER WITH THE CHAMPIONS SUMMER CAMP 2018

Ran by Jen DiBitetto, Janine Fraumeni & MaryJean Tomasino
TRAIN WITH BROOKLYN'S FINEST CHEER TEAM!
LEARN HOW TO CHEER, DANCE,
AND STUNT LIKE A CHAMPION

When: July 30—August 3, 2018

Time: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Open to girls entering kindergarten to 8th grade
Fontbonne Hall Academy Gymnasium

Cost: \$200

Last Fee: \$25 will be charged to those who register the day of camp

LAST DAY OF CAMP THERE WILL BE A PERFORMANCE FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

For more information email
petric@fontbonne.org



St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

Have Fun!



- Faith-based, Caring Environment
- Personalized Attention
- Early Reading and Math Skills
- Art, Music, Technology, and more
- Launching STEM Lab Fall 2018

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



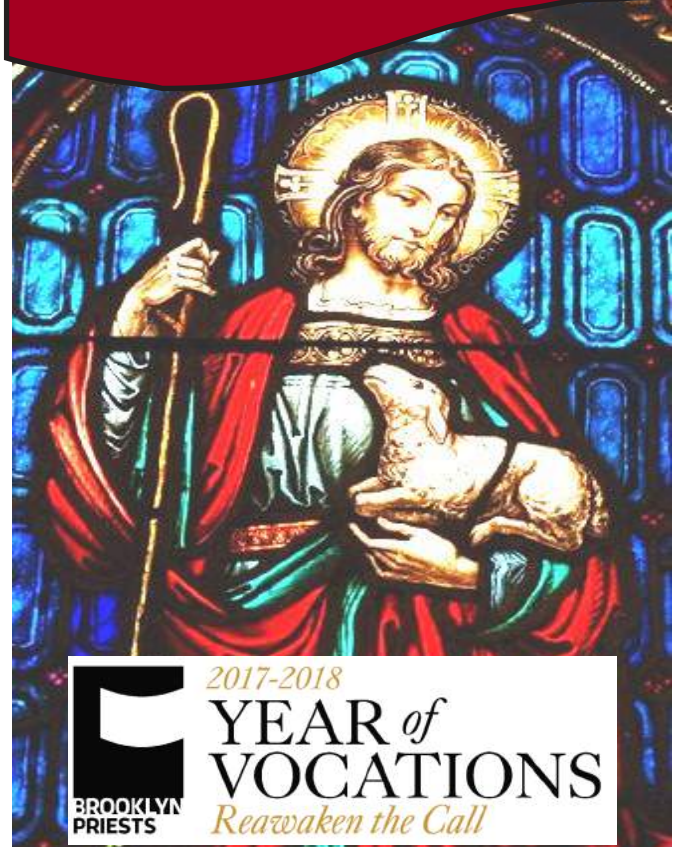
St. John Vianney

*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