

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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July 8, 2018
Fourteenth 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

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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.



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“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.”

Mark begins a new theme in his gospel with today’s gospel that will be central to his story of Jesus: The ignorance of people to the power and authority of Jesus. The people of Jesus’ own hometown rejects his message. They consider Jesus too much “one of them” to be taken seriously. They are too obsessed with superficialities, such as: occupation, ancestry, and origins, to realize the presence of God in their midst and to allow themselves to be affected by that presence.

Jesus redefines the meaning of authority as understood by his people: Jesus’ authority is not derived from his ability to manipulate the fears, suspicions, apathy, or ignorance of those around him but from the spirit of mercy, justice, and compassion that he is able to call forth from them. The authority his hearers see in Jesus is rooted in wisdom that comes from experience and a lived commitment to act justly.

Today most of us are not in danger of being too familiar with Jesus the way those from his hometown were. We are not dismissive of the carpenter who was the son of Mary. But we can be effectively blind to the presence of Jesus in our midst in the modern world. We can be dismissive of those we confine to the margins of society. Who is that? A homeless person? A beggar? An immigrant? Or an undocumented person? What does that person know that we don’t already know? What wisdom could that person have that we don’t already possess?

There is a temptation in the religious realm and even societal realm to believe we have what we need to be complete and whole. There is little another person, especially one on the margins, could teach us about how to act, how to behave, or anything about God. This is precisely how the Nazarenes behaved with respect to Jesus. They thought they understood who he was. They knew his family, his backstory. What more did they need to know? In their minds, this upstart was too big for them. They took offense at him. Yet, God was effectively in their midst.

May we be open to finding the new, the unexpected, in familiarity. Let us not grow too familiar that we fail to see the presence of God in our midst.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



July 8, 2018 240 Envelopes \$8,434.00

We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$210.00

Mass Attendance 547

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	179
Amount Pledged	\$88,862.00
Paid to Date	\$65,544.00

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, July 7th

8:45 AM Peter Murray
 5:00 PM Concetta Immacolata Mongiardo
 Lucia Coluccio
 Angelina Femia
 Joseph Ligammari
 Thomas P. Williams, Sr.

Sunday, July 8th

8:00 AM Arnica Family
 10:00 AM Ronzo Family
 12 Noon Ann Arnao
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, July 9th

7:00 AM Martin Cass
 8:45 AM Vincent Marrapodi

Tuesday, July 10th

7:00 AM Anna Marie Walsh
 8:45 AM In Thanksgiving of
 Sr. Marie Antoinette's 60th Jubilee

Wednesday, July 11th

7:00 AM For a Special Intention
 8:45 AM Joseph F. Ligammari

Thursday, July 12th

7:00 AM Mary E. Dorney
 8:45 AM George Foris, Sr.

Friday, July 13th

7:00 AM Barbara Yelcich
 8:45 AM For the Intentions of
 Kathleen Tomaszewski

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 Hamroque
 10:00 AM Maria Mazurek
 12 Noon Anne Lamia
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of
Melchiorra Longo

Requested by The Polizzotto Family



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of
Salvatore Calderone

Requested by The Calderone Family



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



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

July 14-15, 2018
 Bayside, New York
 &

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: \$430.00*

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
stephremreligioused@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 stephremreligioused@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., stephremreligioused@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



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!

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.

Congratulations

to our newly Ordained Priests'

On Saturday, June 30th, Bishop DiMarzio Ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, Five Men for the Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens.

Rev. Hung Xuan Cao

Rev. Jose Diaz

Rev. Patrick Dorelus

Rev. Joseph Franklin Dutan

Rev. Alessandro Giuseppe Linardi

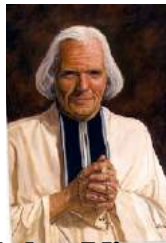
Let us pray that they will be good and holy priests!



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



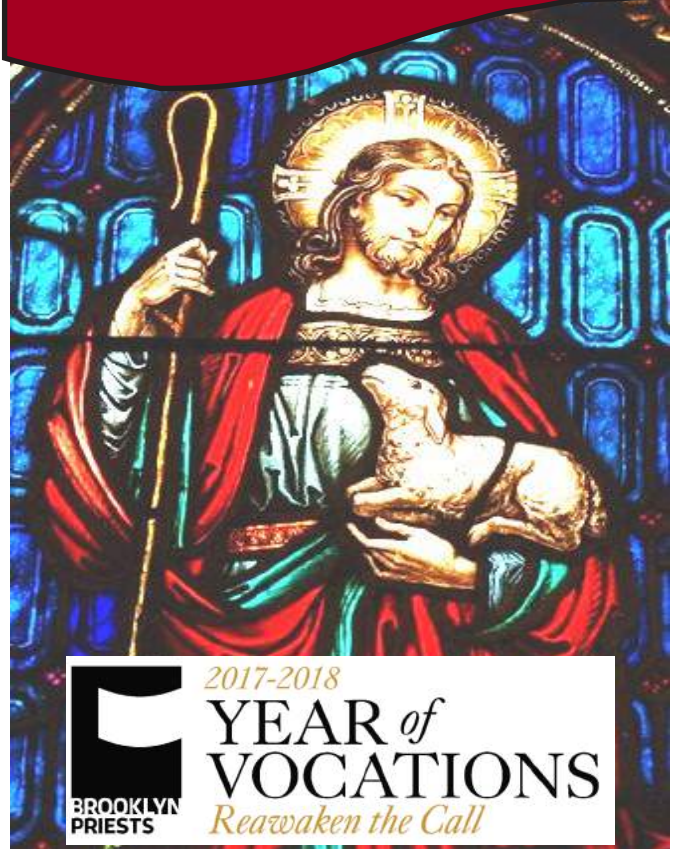
St. John Vianney

*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