

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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August 12, 2018
Nineteenth 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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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.

WHILE THE
PASTOR'S AWAY...



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2018

Transform yourselves.
Change your world

Dear Friends,

As the Sunday readings have taken us from reflections on the Gospel of St. Mark to four Sundays of reflection on the Gospel of St. John, the whole liturgical mood changes from what Jesus does to who Jesus is... "I am the bread of Life" (John 6). That change of mood also affects or should affect God's people as we listen to the word.

We see God as a giving God who does not leave us to suffer, but comes to us within our sufferings to fill us with His joy. Notice, He does not take away the suffering, but fills us with joy within the suffering. "Go and sin no more..." "This day you will be with me in paradise.

This chapter in John's Gospel which the church asks us to reflect on as we are coming to end of summer is really full of this reality. God will not allow us to suffer. When we call to Him, He comes to our aid. On the 17th Sunday (2 Kings 4; 42-44), the Prophet Elijah feeds the people who are hungry. Jesus feeds His people. On the 18th Sunday, God feeds the people in the Desert (Exodus 16:2-4; 12-15). (John 6:24-25) Jesus declares that He is the Bread of Life, come and never be hungry.

On the 19th Sunday, Elijah is fed by the Angel and had the strength to walk to the mountain of God. (John 6:41-51) Jesus is the new manna from Heaven. From Jesus we receive the gift of life eternal.

On the 20th Sunday, the book of Proverbs goes a little further; it sees a banquet, a feast for everyone who accepts it. We begin to see more of the Eucharist as that Banquet. (John 6:51-58) Jesus promises eternal life to those who eat his flesh and drink his blood. On the 21st Sunday it is decision time, (Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18), (John 6:60-69), for the Church today, decision time for you and me.

All that Jesus fills us and shows us should lead us to the beautiful song by Louis Armstrong.

I see trees of green, red roses, too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands
Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying, "I love you"

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world

Let us thank God for this beautiful world.
Msgr. Theo



August 5, 2018	232 Envelopes	\$7,551.00
Air Conditioner	126 Envelopes	\$1,825.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 535

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	198
Amount Pledged	\$99,442.00
Paid to Date	\$85,312.50

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, August 11th

8:45 AM Rae Esposito

5:00 PM Grace Magrone
Marie Dealy
Marie Olesik
Natasha Gurdin
Sr. M. Francis Regis, IHM

Sunday, August 12th

8:00 AM Anna Marie Walsh
10:00 AM For the Intentions of Janet Maffia
12 Noon Graffagnino & Savarese Families
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, August 13th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Frances Steo

Tuesday, August 14th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Scott Johnson
7:00 PM Vigil For the People of St. Ephrem

Wednesday, August 15th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Herb Ryan
11:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

Thursday, August 16th

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

Friday, August 17th

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

Saturday, August 18th

8:45 AM Joseph Ligammari
5:00 PM AnnMarie Tacapino
Sr. Francis Regis Vagt, IHM
Louis Novellino

Sunday, August 19th

8:00 AM Peter D. Murray
10:00 AM Susan & Mimi Quarino
12 Noon Paulita Salgado
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Peter D. Murray

*Requested by His Loving Grandchildren,
McKayla, Liam, Ashlinn & Aryia*



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

In Memory of John Carr



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**



**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**

**Summer Super 50/50 Raffle
Last year our winner took home \$1,530.00**

**Once again we have our
Annual Summer 50/50 Raffle
available in church.**

Collected to date: \$1,675.00

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

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.



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, stephremreligiously@gmail.com or call the rectory



For more information please email:

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com



SPIRITUALITY & COMMUNITY



NOTES FROM THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Suggested books for Summer Reading are:

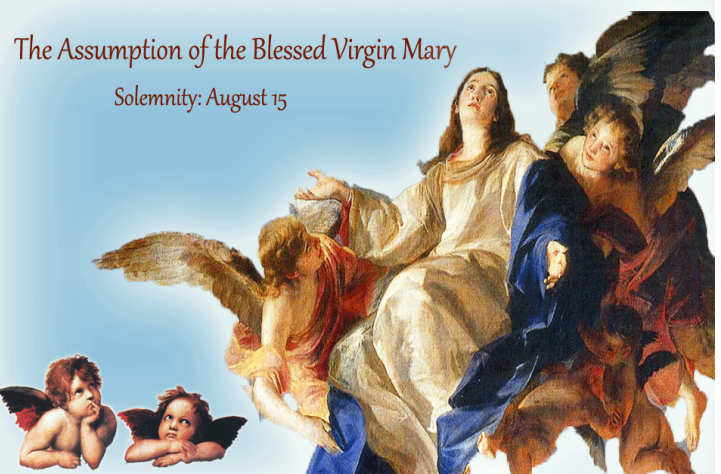
One Perfect Lie Lisa Scottoline
Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue



Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Solemnity: August 15

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Tuesday, August 14th Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 15th 7:00 AM, 8:45 AM & 11:00

All parishioners are invited to join us for the Mass of Remembrance on

Saturday, September 8th at 5:00pm.



This special Mass will begin outside at our Garden of Hope with a blessing of the Memorial Stones, prayer and song.

After this opening service we will all process into the Church and continue with Mass.

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!

FALL FUNDRAISER

ST. EPHREM FEVER ON SATURDAY NIGHT

DRESS TO IMPRESS IN YOUR DISCO BEST!

Featuring

**DISCO
UNLIMITED**

Live Show



For Information &
Reservations Contact
St. Ephrem Rectory
(718) 833 -1010
You can arrange for
tables of 8 or 10 People

**Two live shows
1 Hour and 15
Minutes Each**

**Dancing
Best Costume Prize
50/50 Raffle**

Saturday, October 27, 2018

7:00—11:00 PM

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Please make your reservations by October 22nd

No Tickets will be sold at the door.