

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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August 19, 2018
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rectory Office

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Spirituality Center

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718-921-9518

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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...



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the past two Sundays we heard from Chapter 6 of John's Gospel, Lord Jesus explaining to us how he becomes our nourishment when we accept him in genuine faith and when we listen to his Word being read and explained.

Today, on the Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time, Lord Jesus comes to the third and most important part in his lesson: He becomes our food by offering his own body and blood to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Dear friends, all of his previous explanations in the synagogue of Capernaum were meant to prepare us to accept this last important part of his message: Faith in Christ is essential for us to have eternal life, equally important is to listen to his Word and accept it; but no divine life is possible in us unless we share Jesus' own body and blood in the Holy Eucharist.

A most solemn promise made by Lord Jesus: "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Jn: 6:51. Lord Jesus becomes our nourishment through our faith in him. He becomes our food whenever we accept God's Word.

Dear friends, nowhere in the Gospel does Lord Jesus stress his words so firmly as in his promise of the Eucharist. You will not find another passage in the whole Gospel in which Lord Jesus expresses himself more forcefully or insistently than when announcing the Holy Eucharist. The more the Jews objected to his words, the more adamantly he repeated them.

Lord Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you won't have life within you." Jn 6:53.

But then we see Jesus in today's Gospel make an astonishing promise to urge his listeners to accept the food he was offering to them:

"Whoever eats my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." Jn 6:54. That is, he made the acceptance of his body and blood as food and drink a matter of life or death, life or death eternal. Lord Jesus gave us his body and blood in a banquet; he wants the celebration of the Holy Eucharist to be a joyful and brotherly banquet for the Christian family.

The Holy Eucharist unites us to Christ and his Father, and in the mind of Jesus our savior, it is to unite us to our brothers and sisters in the faith as well.

Dear friends, I want to request everyone of you to say prayers for persecuted Christian communities of our world.

God bless you,

Fr. Anthony Chanan



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 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

Monday, August 20th

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

Tuesday, August 21st

7:00 AM Bela (Bill) Nagy
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Jo-Anne Perrone

Wednesday, August 22nd

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

Thursday, August 23rd

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

Friday, August 24th

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

Saturday, August 25th

8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

5:00 PM Rose DiPretoro
Marianna Feroletto
Sr. Francis Regis Vagt, IHM

Sunday, August 26th

8:00 AM Anna Marie Walsh
10:00 AM Kaitlyn Bernhardt
12 Noon Enzo Fasulo
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Peter D. Murray

*Requested by His Loving Children,
Peter & Kim*



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Patrick Walsh

Requested by The Ward 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



**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
stephremreligious@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 stephremreligious@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 RCLIA, stephremreligious@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!!!!



Adult Choir

Our Adult Choir, which enhances our liturgies through God's great gift of music, will begin their new season on Monday, September 17th in the church choir loft.

Our brilliant choir, which is open to all those in our parish from High School age and up, is in great need of new members.

CAN YOU HELP???

Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7:30PM (new time) till 8:45, light refreshments are offered.

Now is a great time to join our Choir as we prepare for the Fall holydays, Advent and one of the highlights of the choir year, Christmas Midnight Mass with our small orchestra

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.