

# Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Robert B. Adamo, KHS, *Pastor*  
Rev. Msgr. Peter V. Kain, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. Anthony S. Chanan, *Parochial Vicar*  
Mr. Robert Cote, *Youth Minister*  
Mrs. Michele James, *Business Manager*  
Rev. Msgr. Theophilus Joseph, *Parochial Vicar*  
Ms. Eileen Maguire, *Director of Faith Formation*  
Mr. Thomas Marchesiello, *Director of Music/Liturgy*  
Deacon Kevin McLaughlin, *Permanent Deacon*  
Mr. Craig Mercado, *Academy Principal*  
Sr. Ann Martha Ondreicka, O.P., *Director of the Spirituality Center*  
Mrs. Lisa Pinsky, *Parish Secretary*  
Mr. Thomas J. Sbordone, *Christian Awareness Program/Pastoral Care*  
Deacon Anthony Stucchio, *Permanent Deacon*

August 26, 2018  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1010

Fax 718-921-5232

### Spirituality Center

935 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-921-9518

### Christian Awareness Program

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1143

### Faith Formation Office

Office in School Room 307

718-745-7486

[stephremreligious@gmail.com](mailto:stephremreligious@gmail.com)

## St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ [www.stephremscatholicacademy.org](http://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](http://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...**



Dear Friends,

After three years, I came back again for the summer to minister with you and for you at St. Ephrem for the seventh time. This faith community that is thousands of miles away from my home has become so close to my heart that I always look forward to being a part of it every other year. But last year, I could not make it. This was due to some

changes in my diocese. Bishop Anthony Adanuty, whose personal secretary I was for 22 years, retired effectively in 2016 at age of 76. And so now, we have a new Bishop, Most Rev. Gabriel Kumordji, SVD. My assignment changed from administrative work as secretary and development coordinator, to now being a pastor. My dream for the longest time has become a reality. Come December 7, this year, I will be a priest for 33 years. But, believe it or not, I have worked in a parish only in my first year of priesthood and now after 32 years, I am back in a parish. This is my delight and joy.

St. Ephrem Parish has been associated with the establishment of St. Catherine Senior High School for girls. You have contributed so much and so generously towards the projects of this school since 2011. This school will be ten years old next year. The number of girls who have graduated from the school since the first class graduated in 2013 is 993. The total number of students for the 2017/2018 academic year is 778. This school was built for 600 girls and now we have more than 700. So, you can imagine that there is some squeeze. It's like sharing limited resources for now. Well, we all bear with some discomfort for the sake of others....even horrible days in summer.

A school is an ongoing project. It is like a bridge. It is a transit bridge between ignorance and knowledge; helplessness and opportunities, weakness and empowerment; darkness and light. This school is not located in the city. It is located in the rural area in a village on a trunk road for easy accessibility to all. But the girls are exposed to dangers of unwelcome intruders. So, we need your help to continue with a fence wall that is being built to protect the girls. There is also need for a drainage system to control the flow of torrential rain in the rainy season. There is also the need to support brilliant but needy children.

How has life been with me during these summer months here? Spiritually fulfilling, mentally refreshing and socially amazing. Tom Marchesiello invited me to a concert at Lincoln Center. I had a ride with Tom Sbordone to the Hamptons. I was at Lisa Pinsky's home for a cookout on July 4. Mr. and Mrs. Kinnane took me out on a boat ride from Fort Hamilton Pier to Wall Street. All these were fun galore.

I really appreciate the loving care of my confreres in the rectory. Fr. Robert, our Pastor was there to do whatever it takes to make me comfortable and not miss home. My friend and mentor, Msgr. Kain was there for me as ever. So also, Msgr. Theo and Fr. Anthony. I cherish you all. Thank you so much. My gratitude goes to the other members of the parish staff, our deacons Tony and Kevin, Tom of the Liturgy and Music and Tom of CAP/PC. And many thanks to Lisa and Michelle, who are always there to give me a helping hand in all my needs. To all the good people of St. Ephrem's faith community, whom I call friends, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Let us pray for the World Meeting of Families which has been underway in Dublin from the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come this Sunday, the Holy Father Pope Francis will preside over the closing Mass.

On Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup>, I am heading back home. As I ask you to continue to pray for me, be assured that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. All the best and God bless.

Msgr. Peter Huletey.



<b>August 19, 2018</b>	<b>229 Envelopes</b>	<b>\$7,272.00</b>
<i>The Assumption</i>	<i>125 Envelopes</i>	<i>\$2,394.00</i>
<b>We Share (Online Giving)</b>	<b>40 Families</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>

**Mass Attendance 568**

**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!**

<b>St. Ephrem Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$104,459.00</b>
<b>Number of Donors</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$100,042.00</b>
<b>Paid to Date</b>	<b>\$86,472.50</b>

**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!**

<b>Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of May 15, 2018 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church</b>	
<b>Campaign Goal</b>	<b>\$980,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,063,769.00</b>
<b>Total Payments to Date by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$819,500.46</b>
<b>Total # Donors</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Total Funds To Be Returned to Parish to Date</b>	<b>\$336,719.00</b>



## Mass Intentions for the week

**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

**Monday, August 27th**  
7:00 AM Edith Stapleton  
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Pam Regan

**Tuesday, August 28th**  
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Jo-Anne Perrone

**Wednesday, August 29th**  
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM Germano & Dinorah Mendizza

**Thursday, August 30th**  
7:00 AM For the Intentions of Sharon Perrone  
8:45 AM Carmine & Dolores Peccia

**Friday, August 31st**  
7:00 AM Thomas & Christopher Joyce  
8:45 AM Eleanor Trombone

**Saturday, September 1st**  
8:45 AM Purgatorial Society Mass

5:00 PM Sylvia Zraick  
Sr. Francis Regis Vagt, IHM  
John Diele  
John Riordan

**Sunday, September 2nd**  
8:00 AM Anna Marie Walsh  
10:00 AM Mary & Sal Bonfiglio  
12 Noon Vincenzo Palmeri  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



## The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

**Michele Grace Marciano**

*Requested by Lorraine & Alfred Marciano  
And Family*



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

**Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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

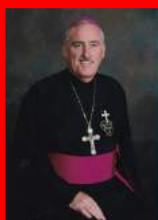


**September 19, 2018**  
9:00 AM Sharp Departure

**\$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

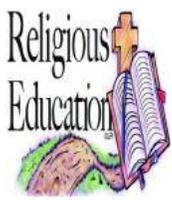
**Bishop Neil Tiedemann,**  
*Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn*

**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: \$1,945.00*

## PARISH NEWS



Classes for grades 1 through 7 meet on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm. Diocesan regulations require that all children attend two full years of religious education before first Communion and then attend religious education classes faithfully each year until Confirmation, presently celebrated in the fall of eighth grade. Registration forms are available at the rectory during the summer months.. A copy of the child's baptismal certificate is required for all new registrations. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us (718)833-1010 (rectory) or [stephremreligious@gmail.com](mailto:stephremreligious@gmail.com)

### Adult Choir



Our Adult Choir, which enhances our liturgies through God's great gift of music, will begin their new season on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### Children's Choir & Bell Choirs

Our wonderful Parish Children's Choir and Bell Choir, which is open to all children of the parish from grades 3-8, are returning again this



September. The children will begin their new season with registration and rehearsal on Thursdays, September 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-4:00PM. Those who choose to join the Bell Choir continue their rehearsal from 4:00-4:30. The children sing and ring bells at the 10:00AM Mass, just about every other Sunday and will learn basic music skills and vocal techniques while having fun. Some highlights of the fall season include the Thanksgiving Eve Mass when the children join with the adult choir to sing and the Christmas Eve 5:00PM Mass when they sing with multiple instruments.



For more information please email:

[stephremyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stephremyouthministry@gmail.com)

 @stephremyouth



### 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

#### Bereavement

A new Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, September 10 at 7:00 PM. Sessions run on a 6 week cycle. If you have recently lost a loved one and would like to join the group for some compassionate listening, honest sharing and consoling prayer, please come to the Center. Individual (one on one) sessions are available on request.

#### \*\*\*Attention—Save the Dates

Tuesday, October 2, AN INTRODUCTION to a FEMINIST INTERPRETATION of the BIBLE will begin at 1:00 PM in the Spirituality Center with Sister Barbara Reid, OP Ph.D. (DVD Program) The Program includes 12 sessions. Six sessions will be held in the Fall. The remaining sessions will be held in the Spring. This series explores the Bible through the fascinating lens of feminism. Sister Barbara will teach you different ways to approach the Scriptures from a feminist perspective. You will uncover new outlooks that enable spiritual flourishing for women and men. Look for flyers around the church for more information.

Thursday, September 20, "Exploring the Sunday Readings" will begin at 10:00 AM. These sessions will be held the first and third Thursday of the month. The sessions include prayer, scripture and faith sharing.

#### 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 [stephremreligious@gmail.com](mailto:stephremreligious@gmail.com)**

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

# OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



## Office of the Bishop

*Diocese of Brooklyn*

310 Prospect Park West  
Brooklyn, New York 11215

August 17, 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with great sorrow that I address the horrific stories in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report detailing the sexual abuse of minors by members of the clergy. It is shameful to think that some bishops and others in positions of authority would have failed to recognize the gravity of child abuse and not taken greater steps to stop it. I know this has been hurtful and confusing to the faithful. It is even more painful to the survivors of clergy abuse who are forced to relive their trauma when they hear additional accounts of evil perpetrated against more than a thousand innocent children. The wounds of betrayal continue to be reopened. I know that words alone cannot express the anger and pain that many are feeling. Only Jesus can bring about healing in the midst of such darkness and brokenness.

Many people have lost trust in the Catholic Church, and words are empty without action. Here in the Diocese of Brooklyn, we continue to urge anyone who is a victim of sexual abuse, or is aware of sexual abuse committed by a member of the clergy, a diocesan employee, or volunteer to report it. Allegations called into the diocesan reporting line at 1-888-634-4499 will be immediately turned over to law enforcement and callers will be met with compassion, support, and concern. We are committed to ensuring that children and the most vulnerable are protected, that victim-survivors are heard, and that protocols to immediately and directly report allegations to law enforcement are strictly followed. Our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) has allowed hundreds of victims to seek some sense of closure and compensation.

The Church has come a long way over the past 15 years, but we must never become complacent. We must never stop working to understand and protect against the evil that has hurt and even destroyed so many within our Church. And we must remain committed to regaining the trust of the faithful.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicholas DiMarzio".

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.  
Bishop of Brooklyn

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**

**St. Ephrem Catholic Academy**

**924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228**

**Please make your reservations by October 22nd**

**No Tickets will be sold at the door.**