

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org



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Parish Staff

Rev. Robert B. Adamo, KHS, *Pastor*
Rev. Msgr. Peter V. Kain, *Pastor Emeritus*
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Mr. Robert Cote, *Youth Minister*
Mrs. Michele James, *Business Manager*
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Mr. Thomas Marchesiello, *Director of Music/Liturgy*
Deacon Kevin McLaughlin, *Permanent Deacon*
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Mrs. Lisa Pinsky, *Parish Secretary*
Mr. Thomas J. Sbordone, *Christian Awareness Program/Pastoral Care*
Deacon Anthony Stucchio, *Permanent Deacon*

August 5, 2018
Eighteenth 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

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...



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Dear Friends,

It has been a bit of time since I did a reflection in the bulletin. When I was asked it took me about five seconds to say yes. As an active pastor it was one of the tasks that I enjoyed a great deal!! I always felt it helped me stay in touch with my parishioners, and as many times there would be some comments from you. So with our pastor Fr. Robert getting some well-earned rest, this opportunity came about for me to write this letter. I do help with Masses here on Sunday and usually one weekday. I also assist at St. Dominic on Sunday and two weekdays.

One of the big surprises that happened in June 2015 when mandatory retirement became a reality, was an invitation from Deacon Kevin McCormack, Principal of Xaverian High School, and President Robert Alesi also of Xaverian High School, to spend some time at the school doing a variety of different things. The main thing is being present! There are Masses, class visits, confessions, etc. Fr. Sean Suckiel, the Diocesan Vocation Director, also gives some time. I refer to Fr. Sean as the “big brother” and myself as the “grandfather.”

The major difference, of course, is the inner freedom. I’m still a priest doing some essential ministerial things, but happily without being in charge or having any serious responsibility. To say it loud and clear, I’m delighted that both Bishop DiMarzio and Fr. Robert gave the okay for me to remain here in residence. After eighteen years as pastor in this great parish, the thought of moving was not a good thought.

And, dear friends, it’s good to have some contact with you here and there. Great memories provoke good prayer. Please pray for all the staff here and those in our parish community who do not have folks to pray for them. Be assured of my prayers—and wonderful memories.

Much Peace,

***Msgr. Peter Kain
Pastor Emeritus***



July 29, 2018 260 Envelopes \$8,140.00
We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

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!

St. Ephrem Parish Goal	\$104,459.00
Number of Donors	198
Amount Pledged	\$99,392.00
Paid to Date	\$84,363.50

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 4th

8:45 AM Carol Lemmon

5:00 PM Sr. Angela Miller, IHM
The Barbuzza Family
For the Intentions of Sharon Perrone
Nancy Divirgilio

Sunday, August 5th

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

Monday, August 6th

7:00 AM Elizabeth Milea
8:45 AM John Carr

Tuesday, August 7th

7:00 AM For the Intentions of
Maggie Loughran's 100th Birthday
8:45 AM Frank Osso

Wednesday, August 8th

7:00 AM Bella (Bill) Nagy
8:45 AM Eluira Serio

Thursday, August 9th

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

Friday, August 10th

7:00 AM Timmy Gearty
8:45 AM Salvatore Moscola

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



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Anthony & Angelina Jabaily

Requested by Peter & Valeria Montemarano

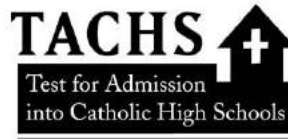


Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Vincent & Michael Rasole

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**



"The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love."

Pope Francis

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: \$1,420.00*

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
stephremreligoused@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?

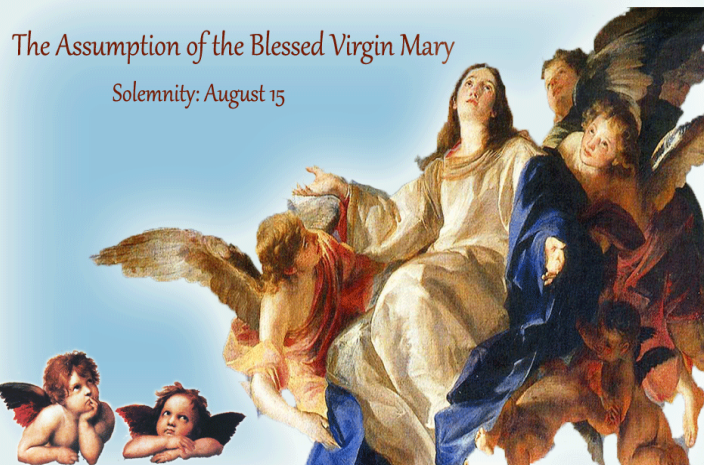


Children in grades 1 through 7 meet each Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:45

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 stephremreligoused@gmail.com

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



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



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, stephremreligoused@gmail.com or call the rectory



In Loving Memory of:

*Sister M. Francis Regis Vagt, IHM
1932 –2018*

*Sister Francis entered eternal life
in her 68th year of religious life.*

*St. Ephrem School
1973—1984 & 1995—2015*

Returned to Scranton, Pa. in 2015

Our Lady of Peace Residence

*Eternal Rest grant onto her O Lord.
And let preputial light shine upon her.*

May she rest in peace.



For more information please email:

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

@stephremyouth

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

Have Fun!



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.