

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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September 16, 2018
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018**

***“You are the Christ...the Son of Man
must suffer greatly.”***

In today’s gospel, Peter is a model of wavering faith – a model that typifies our own reaction to the call to discipleship.

Caesarea Philippi was a bazaar of worship places and temples, with altars erected to every concept of divinity from the gods of Greece to the godhead of Caesar. Amid this marketplace of gods, Jesus asks the Twelve, *“Who do people say that I am? ...who do you say that I am?”* This is a turning point in Mark’s gospel: Peter responds, on behalf of the Twelve by saying that Jesus is the Messiah. Now for the first time in Mark’s gospel, Jesus speaks about dark things ahead of him: rejection, suffering, death, and ultimate resurrection. This concept the disciples are unable to grasp.

To the question Jesus poses, Peter immediately confesses his faith in Jesus as the Messiah, the long-awaited Anointed One of God. But when Jesus begins to speak as one who will suffer rejection and death, Peter immediately objects. Peter’s reaction is in keeping with what was the accepted notion of the time of a messiah who would restore the ancient kingdom of David, both political and economic fortunes. Jesus’ rebuke of Peter challenges that image of the Christ as a human construct, not that of God.

It’s so much more convenient and easy to be an admirers of Jesus rather than a follower. But Jesus is not calling admirers. He wants those who will take up their own cross in following him. Our crosses will be burdens we carry by doing justice, as Jesus did. We will bear our crosses when we tend to the sick, shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, and more. In classical Catholic terms, we refer to these as the corporal works of mercy. Performing these acts of mercy takes us outside of ourselves. It places others’ needs ahead of our own. We die to self so that others might live. Following Jesus is not about convenience, easy living, or mere admiration. We only need to see the image of the cross to be reminded of that. As Jesus had his cross, we have ours. To be his disciples, we are to take it up and carry it.

Today at the 10:00 AM Mass we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The 2018 theme is **"Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ."** Those from our Community who have responded to the call and to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



September 9, 2018	266 Envelopes	\$9,558.00
Catholic University	109 Envelopes	\$1,801.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 614

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	201
Amount Pledged	\$101,362.00
Paid to Date	\$89,521.75

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, September 15th**
8:45 AM Matthew O'Connor
- 5:00 PM Michael Sloan
Catherine O'Connell
Edmund & Marie Pionegro
Michael Piccolo
Marie Parrino
- Sunday, September 16th**
8:00 AM For the Intentions of the
Kinnane Family
10:00 AM Costanza & Guariglia Family
12 Noon Anne Lamia
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, September 17th**
7:00 AM Daniel J. Ferrara
8:45 AM Virginia Ingenito
- Tuesday, September 18th**
7:00 AM Rosa Peralta
8:45 AM Sr. Francis Regis Vagt, IHM
- Wednesday, September 19th**
7:00 AM John Crowe
8:45 AM Settimio & Addolorata Crivellone
- Thursday, September 20th**
7:00 AM For a Special Intention
8:45 AM John Riordan
- Friday, September 21st**
7:00 AM Clara Calabrese
8:45 AM Ronnie Glowacki
- Saturday, September 22nd**
8:45 AM Helen Dunn
- 5:00 PM Mario D. Sbordone
Margaret Pinsky Dietrich
Special Intention for Fr. Robert
For the Intention of Jo-Anna Perrone
Gilbert Bonilla
- Sunday, September 23rd**
8:00 AM Mary Bonfiglio
10:00 AM Victoria Balsamo
12 Noon Michael A. Iannizzi
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

There are many Masses being offered without any intentions. You can honor or remember a loved one by requesting a Mass intention, Bread & Wine, Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp.

Please come to the rectory



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Anne Lamia

*Requested by Her Loving Husband Dino,
And Her Family, Mike, Risa and Anne Renee*



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

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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



St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

Welcomes you to
Catholic High School
Information Day

*Sunday, September 23rd
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Msgr. Kain Hall*

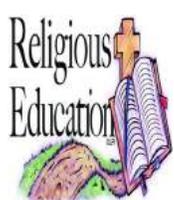
**Last day to return your tickets is
September 19th –Raffle Drawing
will take place on Saturday,
September 23rd following
the 5:00 PM Mass.**

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: \$2,510.00

FAITH FORMATION



All children who do not attend Catholic School should register for religious education classes beginning in first grade. Our religious education classes 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. If you need to register or re-register your children, please contact us at 1(718)745-7486 or email us at: stephremreligiously@gmail.com

We will be happy to set up an appointment that is convenient for you. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 26th. We look forward to walking in faith with you and your family as together we pass on the Catholic faith to the next generation.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



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, contact Eileen Maguire at 1(718)745-7486 or 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 Faith Formation Office at (718) 745-7486 or stephremreligiously@gmail.com Classes for prospective catechists will be available to accommodate your schedule.

SPIRITUALITY & COMMUNITY



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

We welcome all to the Spirituality Center as we begin our Fall 2018 Programs. Brochures are available at the exit doors of church.

Book Discussion Group

The Group meets every 6 weeks at 4pm. The first session begins Thursday, October 4th. The Books, **One Perfect Lie** by Lisa Scottoline and **Behold the Dreamers** by Imbolo Mbue will be discussed.

Bereavement

A new Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, September 24 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

Monday, October 15th at 9:30 AM, Sister Ave Clark, OP will give a Mini-Retreat on “Parables of the Heart.” See flyers in church for more information.

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, October 4, “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



St. Ephrem Basketball Registration is ongoing. For more information email STEPHREMBASKETBALL@GMAIL.COM. If you are looking to volunteer as a coach or assist w the concession stand , please call Brian Cassidy at 917-803-8176



For more information please email:

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com



@stephremyouth

PARISH/ACADEMY/COMMUNITY NEWS



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 holidays, Advent and one of the highlights of the choir year, Christmas Midnight Mass with our small orchestra.



Friendship Club is back!!!

All Seniors 55 years and older are invited to join us on Wednesday, September 26th in the Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Doors open at 10:30)

Do you enjoy playing cards, bingo, join in the 50/50, or just talk to your new friends, even bring your own friends for a table of your own.

We look forward to your company!!!

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 20th and 27th 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.

Norwegian Christian Home
And
"Right at Home" Home Care
Presents
"Learning about Dementia"



We are proud to present to our community, the opportunity to take part in an informative and supportive program which seeks to educate and console those who are experiencing and/or living with a loved on afflicted with Dementia or Alzheimer's Disease.

Join us on Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:00pm
1250 67th Street
Brooklyn, NY

For further information contact Rev. Bill Redekop at
718-306-5641

We're Catholics because of Jesus Christ, crucified & risen from the dead. We're Catholics because of the Trinitarian love of God. We're Catholics because of the Sacraments. We're Catholics especially because of the Eucharist. We're Catholics because of the Blessed Mother. We're Catholics because of the Saints. Even as leaders in the Church fail morally, the Catholic Church remains the Mystical Body of Christ, the Bride of Christ.

And she's worth fighting for.

-Bishop Barron



Are you homebound? Are you or someone you know sick? Are you or someone you know going into the hospital or a nursing home or rehabilitation?

Please let us know!

Would you like us to send a card, visit, bring Holy Communion, or be in contact for any need—such as a walker, cane, homemaker or housekeeper.

Please contact: Tom Sbordone
Christian Awareness Program (CAP) Office
(718) 833—1143

We will be happy to assist you!

"I was sick & you visited me.."

Matthew 25:36

**We are happy to Announce that
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy has opened.**



**Bishop James Massa,
Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn
Will celebrate Mass on
Monday, October 1st at
8:45 AM with the School
Community. Bishop will bless
our new Academy. Light
refreshments will follow.**

All are welcome to join us!

FALL FUNDRAISER

ST. EPHREM FEVER ON SATURDAY NIGHT

DRESS TO IMPRESS IN YOUR DISCO BEST!

Featuring

**DISCO
UNLIMITED**

Live Show



**\$50 Per Person
Includes:
Sandwiches, Snacks, Beer,
Wine, Soda & Water.**

**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.