

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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October 14, 2018
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1010

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Spirituality Center

935 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-921-9518

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718-833-1143

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Third Floor of Academy

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.



Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018

“Sell what you have, and follow me.”

The young rich man is one of the most pitiable characters in the gospels. Clearly, Jesus’ teachings and healings have touched something in him, but his enthusiasm outdistances his commitment. Assuring Jesus that he has kept the “you shall *nots*” of the law, Jesus confronts the rich young man with the “you *shalls*” of the reign of God: “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor.”

And as Mark describes it, the man’s face fell and “he went away sad.” He can’t bring himself to do it. His faith is not strong enough to give up the wealth he possesses for the “treasure in heaven.” The young man walks away, certainly sad and perhaps feeling even somewhat disillusioned that his hero Jesus is not what he thought and hoped he would be.

Jesus then takes the moment to turn another Jewish belief upside down. Popular Jewish morality was simple: prosperity was a sign that one had found favor with God. There was a definite “respectability” to being perceived as wealthy and rich, how little things have changed. But great wealth, Jesus points out, is actually a hindrance to heaven: the rich may tend to look at things in terms of price, value, and the “bottom line.” Jesus preaches *detachment* from things in order to become completely *attached* to the life and love of God.

Throughout the gospel, Jesus points to the inadequacy of viewing religion as a series of codes and laws. The young man was no different than his contemporaries in seeing one’s relationship with God as based on a series of rules. But discipleship is much more than following rules. It is a call to do, to act, to reach out in the love of God. Jesus calls us not to follow a code of conduct but, rather to embrace the Spirit that gives meaning and purpose to the law. Jesus readily acknowledges that such detachment from the things of the world is difficult; it can only be accomplished through the grace of God.

Each of us likely has something or another holding us back from a complete and wholehearted commitment to following Jesus. For some it might be a sense of pride and social standing we receive from our position at work. What happens when that is gone? What happens when the job is lost?

Of course, in the end, at our death, we take no earthly possessions with us. What matters more is love, relationships, care, and concern we have shown to others. A desperate clinging to that which is merely passing makes one unfit to be a follower of Jesus. This week we are reminded that no earthly possession, no job title or position, and no status is anything compared to the relationship we have with Jesus as one of his followers.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



October 7, 2018 275 Envelopes \$10,017.00

We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 665

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	\$101,282.00
Paid to Date	\$93,419.00

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, October 13th**
 8:45 AM Vincenza Iannizzi
- 5:00 PM Pietro V. Puleo
 Carmela Lombardo
 Tim Brereton
 For the Intentions of JoAnna Perrone
 Jennie, Joseph & Rocco Luzzi, Sr.
- Sunday, October 14th**
 8:00 AM Anna Marie Walsh
 10:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Maffia
 12 Noon Richard Ondreicka (15 years)
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, October 15th**
 7:00 AM For the Intentions of Cheryl Lynch
 8:45 AM John Riordan
- Tuesday, October 16th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Bruno Vitale
- Wednesday, October 17th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Rosemarie Vojik
- Thursday, October 18th**
 7:00 AM Stella Luhn
 8:45 AM Sr. Francis Regis Vaght, IHM
- Friday, October 19th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Theresa Offitto
- Saturday, October 20th**
 8:45 AM Jude Safi
- 5:00 PM Michael Sloan
 John Riordan
 Sandra Garaballo
 Mafalda DiMango
 Anne Culkin
- Sunday, October 21st**
 8:00 AM Vito & Angelo Buffa & Vince Buffa
 10:00 AM Pasquale Sestito
 12 Noon Patrick Walsh
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Celebration of

Richard Chartrand's 40th Birthday

*Requested by His Loving Family, Mom, Dad,
Kimmie, Bobby, Jennifer and Juliette*



Mass Book Opening

January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019

You may enroll your loved ones for a
Mass Intention, on
Wednesday, October 17, 2018

**9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
1:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

**In addition you can memorialize or honor a
loved one with our Altar Flowers**

*To help us with your request, please indicate your Mass Intention on the blue
sheet located in our church and bring it with you to the Rectory*

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Gives Back



St. Ephrem's could share in the profits. For
donated cars, trucks or vans, running or not. The
Associated Vincentian will give back to our church
\$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a
vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor
has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would
like to dispose of.

Please call
718-491-2525

or
svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org
Thank you for your participation



New York Blood Center

will host a Blood Drive

Sunday, October 28th

8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

*For your convenience the
Mobile Blood Bus will be in front of the Church.
A representative will welcome and assist you in
donating blood.*



Silver Circle

Support the Retired IHM Sisters

For information please contact:
Sister Mary Jane at (718) 833-1555



**St. Vincent de Paul Society
will be here on Saturday,
October 20th
9 AM to 11:45 AM,
in the parking lot on 74th Street.**

**All types of clean usable clothing,
blankets and towels will be accepted.**

OCTOBER—Month of Mary

During the Month of October , dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, please join us in praying the Rosary at 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM



In our church Monday through Friday.

Throughout the month we will pray the Rosary for Healing for all victims of abuse and for the Church

SPIRITUALITY



Mini-Retreat

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 16, 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)

Spiritual Direction
Please call Sister Ann
718-921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



JESUS THE HEALER



Healing Mass
Thursday, October 18th at 7:30 PM
Msgr. Theo, Celebrant

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



For more information please email:
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

 @stephremyouth

St. Ephrem is hosting its Annual Christmas Fair Sunday, December 2, 2018
If you are a vendor who sells only new merchandise, then we are the place!
If you bring your own table \$25.00. To rent a table \$50.00.
For information: deeb1326@aol.com

Saint Lucia

The Island of Light

February 14—19, 2019

From JFK Airport

Msgr. Theo

\$2,450.00 per person-

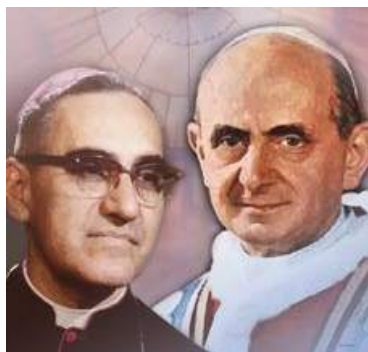
For information please call:

Peter's Way Tours

800-225-7662

Canonization of Saint Paul VI & Saint Oscar Romero

October 14, 2018



In order to participate in this historic event and to learn more about these two men,

We are offering an opportunity to view the Documentary Movies, & to have a discussion about these new Saints Lives.

Tuesday, October 16, 23 & 30 at 6:00 PM in the Spirituality Center with Pizza Dinner.

Please call the Rectory Office for Reservations.

PARISH NEWS

God's Blessing on the Young Adults of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation

Daniel Licata
James Maiello
Peter Mignone
Owen Nash
Caitlin Oramas
John Oramas
Arianna Padilla
Peter Ryan
Francis Scarpaci
Caitrin Smith
Sarah Torres
Eamon Walsh
Katherine Young

Alexis Balbi
Ptryk Balon
Jean-Pierre Benavides
Anthony DeAngelis
Kayla DeNisco
Olivia DiBona
Vita DiBona
Patrick Forde
Sofia Giudice
Aiden Hazel
Anthony Kanellopoulos
Markus Katz
Angelina Lagana

*God Bless the students of St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
who are part of the Melkite Rite of the Catholic Church*

Jolie Avignone • Joseph Avignone • Christian Daloul

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



Tuesday, October 30th
6:00 PM
www.bishopkearneyhs.org



Sunday, October 28th
2:30-5:00 PM
www.cheznous.org



Saturday, October 20th
12:30-3:30 PM
www.fontbonne.org



Thursday, October 18th
6:00-7:30 PM
www.stsaviour.org



Saturday, October 13th
12:00-4:00 PM
www.sfponline.org



Saturday, October 20th
11:30 AM-4:00 PM
www.xavierhs.org



Sunday, October 21st
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
www.xaverian.org

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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.