

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org

 [stephrembklyn](https://twitter.com/stephrembklyn)

 [stephremparish-brooklyn](https://www.facebook.com/stephremparish-brooklyn)

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*

October 21, 2018
Twenty-Ninth 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

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 following the 8:45 AM Mass
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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2018

“The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.”

In today’s gospel account, the two sons of Zebedee who, with Peter, make up Jesus’ inner circle ask for places of honor and influence when Jesus begins his reign. James and John proclaim their willingness to “drink the cup” of suffering and share the “bath” or “baptism” of suffering Jesus will experience. And just a few weeks ago, in the previous chapter of Mark’s gospel, Jesus reprimanded his disciples for their pointless argument among themselves as to who was the most important. James and John apparently did not get the message.

Most readers share the other disciples’ indignation at the incredible nerve of James and John to make such a request. Jesus calls the disciples together to try again to make them understand that he calls them to greatness through service. Jesus’ admonition to them is almost a pleading: If you really understand me and what I am about, if you really want to be my disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of my name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice-*but it cannot be that way with you.*

Gospel values should cause us to rethink how we are living our lives. We are never “there,” having arrived at Christian perfection, with nothing more to do. Instead, the message of Jesus consistently calls us to go deeper, question more, and change our behavior to more closely match the Master. For what purpose do we do what we do? Are we seeking the golden ring? The life of retirement and leisure? Do we want to be the most important or admired person in the room? Is personal glory the goal? Rather, the Christian life is about self-emptying service. The Christian life does not put the self in the center, but puts the other, with his or her needs, in the center. Today we might ask ourselves, whose needs will I put before my own?

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



October 14, 2018 244 Envelopes \$9,067.00

We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 686

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	\$101,312.00
Paid to Date	\$93,569.00

We are almost at goal! If you have not yet made a pledge or a one time donation, please consider supporting our brothers and sisters and the St. Ephrem Parish to make it’s goal.

We are only \$7,743.00 away from goal.

Thank you for your continued generosity to help our brothers and sisters through these ways:

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	\$1,062,069.00
Total Payments to Date by Parishioners	\$842,784.14
Total # Donors	198
Total Funds To Be Returned to Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



Mass Intentions for the week

- 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
- Monday, October 22nd**
 7:00 AM Rose & Mike Giumenta
 8:45 AM Guiseppe Fuda
- Tuesday, October 23rd**
 7:00 AM Jack Cullen
 8:45 AM Michelina Iannelli
- Wednesday, October 24th**
 7:00 AM Margaret Kenny
 8:45 AM Patrick McDonagh
- Thursday, October 25th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Virginia Ingenito
- Friday, October 26th**
 7:00 AM Frances Mascari
 8:45 AM Cosimo Corsaro
- Saturday, October 27th**
 8:45 AM Dot O'Brien
- 5:00 PM John Loddo
 Anne Culkin
 Patrick & Celia Golden
 Jamie Seaman
 Arlene Mordini
- Sunday, October 28th**
 8:00 AM Frances Heavey
 10:00 AM Sean Patrick Verdi & Carol Kelly
 12 Noon Philip Baffuto
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory

Daniel J. Ferrara

Requested by The Sichenze Family



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Mary & Joseph Cassamassino

Requested by Janet & Donald Cassamassino



Christian Awareness Program (CAP)

Our next meeting is on
October 23rd at 9:45 AM
in the Academy Cafeteria

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry

*We will be collecting
non-perishable and non- expired food items
the weekend of
October 27/28th*

Thank you for your usual generosity !



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 (718)745-7486 or stephremreligious@gmail.com



Silver Circle

Support the Retired IHM Sisters

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



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.*

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



Bereavement

Bereavement Support Group meets **Monday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM.**

Tuesday, October 23rd ,

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!!!!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND YOUNG OF HEART



For more information please email: stephremyouthministry@gmail.com



St. Ephrem Friendship Club

Fun for Seniors

All Seniors 55 years and older are invited to join us on Wednesday's 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!!!

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

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

WORLD PRIEST DAY

October 28th

Each year, on the last Sunday of October, Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates World Priest Day as an affirmation of the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for us as laity to thank, affirm and share our

love and support for our priests.

Our priests are an example of Jesus' love for us and lead us to a deeper relationship with God. They are with us throughout our lives and celebrate our joys and suffer our sorrows. They direct and challenge us to follow Christ and his teachings, and bring us to him by celebrating the Sacraments with us. Without our priests, we would be spiritually lost and in darkness. They are truly a beacon of light in our lives and in the world.

World Priest Day is being celebrated this year on Sunday, October 28. Today more than ever, we need to show our priests they are loved immensely, and to express our gratitude for their saying YES to God's call. We are asking for your help to make this day extra special for our priests. Most importantly, pray for all priests and for increased vocations. Please take some time to express your appreciation for our priests.

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY



CONGRATULATIONS

To the students and teachers for their excellent work on last year's NYS tests. The faculty and staff are proud of you.

St. Ephrem offers NYS testing in Math and ELA in grades 4, 6, and 8. Science testing is conducted in grades 4 and 8. Our curriculum follows the Common Core and NYS standards. As such our students are prepared to take these tests by our teachers throughout the year. Our teachers guide students in the development of needed skills and test-taking strategies. Below you will find the results for St. Ephrem students on last year's tests.

2017/2018 NYS Assessment Snapshot for St Ephrem

Subject	Test	# L1	# L2	# L3	# L4	Total	L3+L4	% L1	% L2	% L3	% L4	L3+L4%	Region L3+L4%	Regional Gap
ELA	Grade 4 ELA	1	8	13	5	27	18	4%	30%	48%	19%	67%	56%	11%
	Grade 6 ELA	1	1	8	11	21	19	5%	5%	38%	52%	90%	62%	29%
	Grade 8 ELA	0	4	4	10	18	14	0%	22%	22%	56%	78%	60%	17%
ELA Totals		2	13	25	26	66	51	3%	20%	38%	39%	77%		
Subject	Test	# L1	# L2	# L3	# L4	Total	L3+L4	% L1	% L2	% L3	% L4	L3+L4%	Region L3+L4%	Regional Gap
Mathematics	Grade 4 Math	3	8	9	7	27	16	11%	30%	33%	26%	59%	44%	15%
	Grade 6 Math	1	7	9	4	21	13	5%	33%	43%	19%	62%	38%	24%
	Grade 8 Math	0	3	10	5	18	15	0%	17%	56%	28%	83%	41%	43%
Mathematics Totals		4	18	28	16	66	44	6%	27%	42%	24%	67%		
Subject	Test	# L1	# L2	# L3	# L4	Total	L3+L4	% L1	% L2	% L3	% L4	L3+L4%	Region L3+L4%	Regional Gap
Science	Grade 4 Science	0	1	11	15	27	26	0%	4%	41%	56%	96%	93%	3%
	Grade 8 Science	0	0	7	11	18	18	0%	0%	39%	61%	100%	73%	27%
Science Totals		0	1	18	26	45	44	0%	2%	40%	58%	98%		

10% or More Above Region

1% to 9% Above Region

1% to 9% Below Region

10% or More Below Region

* Beginning in 2014, the Regional Percent calculation is based on all schools in your Diocese. Prior to 2014, the calculation is based on Nassau County public schools.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



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



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

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.