

Church of St. Ephrem

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October 28, 2018
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

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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.



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October 28, 2018

“Master, I want to see.”

Mark’s story in today’s gospel of the blind Bartimaeus, which takes place just before Jesus’ Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem, is as much a “call” story as a healing story. For Mark, Bartimaeus is a model of faith. The blind beggar calls out to Jesus using the messianic title “Son of David.” He first asks, not for his sight, but for compassion: he understands that this Jesus, unlike other preachers and healers, operates out of a spirit of love and compassion for humanity, and so Bartimaeus places his faith in that spirit. Ironically, the blind Bartimaeus “sees” in Jesus the spirit of compassionate service that, until now, his “seeing” disciples have so far been unable to comprehend.

At times we can think of the disciples as something of superheroes. The stories told about them can make them seem like exemplars of faith. Today we hear about another disciple, not one of the Twelve, but a follower of Jesus nevertheless. It’s not an accident that the story of Bartimaeus follows immediately upon the story of James and John, from last week’s gospel. In each story Jesus asks, “What do you want me to do for you?” That question is asked for their own glory? Or will our answer be like the blind Bartimaeus who seeks the beginning, it seems that Bartimaeus has a better self-understanding. He is whom we know very little, serves as a prime example of discipleship. What do we seek of Jesus? What do we want Jesus to do for us?

As was mentioned in last weekend’s bulletin, we are almost at parish goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal, we are short \$7,743.00. I want to express my gratitude to all who have made a pledge or donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal. This is how we help our brothers and sisters throughout our Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens. Next weekend we will take a second collection to help our parish make our goal. No donation is too small. Once again thank you for your continued support!

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert

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



October 21, 2018 **270 Envelopes** **\$9,095.00**
World Missions *116 Envelopes* *\$1,073.00*
We Share (Online Giving) **40 Families** **\$220.00**

Mass Attendance 811

1179 Families Registered and Receive Envelopes

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	\$93,713.00

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 27th Dot O'Brien

8:45 AM

5:00 PM

John Loddo
Anne Culkin
Patrick & Celia Golden
Jamie Seaman
Arlene Mordini

Sunday, October 28th

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12 Noon

5:00 PM

Frances Heavey
Sean Patrick Verdi & Carol Kelly
Philip Baffuto
For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, October 29th

7:00 AM

8:45 AM

Joan Walker
Domenick Mazzone

Tuesday, October 30th

7:00 AM

8:45 AM

Agatha Lombardo
Raffaella Losardo

Wednesday, October 31st

7:00 AM

8:45 AM

7:00 PM Vigil Mass for All Saints

Patrick Walsh
Danika & Mike Vucina
Adrienne & Frank Marciano

Thursday, November 1st

7:00 AM

8:45 AM

11:00 AM

Bartolomeo & Maria Monticciolo
Cosimo & Cecilia Cavallaro
God's Blessing on America

All Soul's Day Friday, November 2nd

7:00 AM

8:45 AM

Nicola & Rosalia Adamo
Vincenzo & Giuseppina Spagnolo

Saturday, November 3rd

8:45 AM

Cosimo Corsaro

5:00 PM

Theresa Chao-Nan Kuo
Lenore & Domenick Petito
Joseph John Casesa
Gilbert Bonilla
Anne Culkin

Sunday, November 4th

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12 Noon

5:00 PM

Mary & Jim Hamrogue
Mary Bonfiglio
Sebastian Striano
For the People of St. Ephrem

**The Commemoration of
All the faithful departed**

Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, November 3rd at 11:30 AM
*For all of our parishioners who have died
October 2017 through September 2018 and
their funeral Mass
was celebrated at St. Ephrem.*

All are welcome.



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory

Nicola & Rosalia Adamo

Requested by The Adamo Family!



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Eric Platow

Requested by Marie & Anthony Ciavarella



Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of:

Nicola & Rosalia Adamo

Requested by The Adamo Family

We are now offering an opportunity to
Memorialize or Honor loved ones with flowers at

**The Tabernacle Altar
Blessed Mother Altar
Holy Family Altar**

For information please contact the Rectory Office.

Feast of All Saints

November 1st

Holy Day of Obligation



Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass October 31st at 7:00 P.M.

November 1st

7:00 A.M., 8:45 A.M. Academy Mass, 11:00 A.M.

PARISH NEWS



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Friday, November 2nd, immediately following the 8:45 AM Mass
(If there is a Funeral Mass, following).
Benediction at 12:30 PM.
Come and spend time with the Lord!



Next weekend is Daylight Saving Time
A reminder to put your clocks one hour back.

NYC Marathon Sunday November 4th



May God Bless All the Participants!

Election Day November 6th



"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." Pope Francis

The Book of the Dead



Will be available in our Church during the month of November.
All are welcome to inscribe the names of your loved ones who have died this past year.

SPIRITUALITY



Bereavement

Bereavement Support Group meets
Monday, October 29th at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, October 30th,

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)

Exploring the Sunday Reading will be held **Thursday, November 1st, at 10:00am**

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

 @stephremyouth



St. Ephrem Friendship Club

All Seniors 55 years and older are invited to join us on

Wednesdays 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!!!



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

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy used Clothing Drive



November 2, 2018

Gently used clothing, shoes, linens, small toys, stuffed animals & accessories. Please drop off in the parking lot from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon.

Please no books, board games & electronic games!

National Vocations Awareness Week: November 4-10, 2018

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:
BUILDING A VOCATION CULTURE IN TODAY'S CHURCH**

"Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision....
Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love."

Pope Francis.

Altar Server Ministry Training

*Adults and Children,
Are you being called to the Ministry of Altar Server?*

The Altar Server's Ministry is a unique one in the Catholic Church. Other than priests and deacons, no one else is allowed to so closely play a part in the preparation of the Eucharist. Your participation as an Altar Server is special. When you serve the priests and deacons, you serve the people of God, and above all, you serve Christ.



Our parish is making available the Ministry of Altar Server to both Adults and Children, from Grades 3 and up.

If you are being called to respond to the needs of the parish as an Altar Server, please join us:

Training Sessions are after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Church:

Sunday, November 18th

Sunday, November 25th

Sunday, December 2nd

Mass of Installation, Sunday, December 9th at 10:00 AM

Fr. Robert Adamo and Deacon Kevin McLaughlin, Moderator, will greet you .

Please call the Rectory Office to register & for further information