

# Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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## 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 7, 2018  
Twenty-Seventh 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](mailto:stephremreligious@gmail.com)

## St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ [www.stephremscatholicacademy.org](http://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](http://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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 7, 2018**

***“Therefore what God has joined together, let no human being separate.”***

The question of divorce was among the most divisive issues in Jewish society. The book of Deuteronomy stipulated that a husband could divorce his wife for “something indecent.” Interpretations of exactly what constituted “something indecent” varied greatly, ranging from adultery to accidentally burning the evening meal. Further, the wife was regarded under the law as the husband’s personal property other than real estate, with neither a legal right to protection nor recourse to seeking a divorce on her own. In biblical times, marriages were arranged rather than the product of romantic love. Marriages were often arranged in the husband’s favor: the husband could divorce his wife for almost any reason, and the woman was treated, according to the law, as little better than property. Divorce, then, was easy to obtain among the male Jews of Jesus’ time.

In today’s gospel, Jesus cites the Genesis account of the creation of man and women, as we hear in today’s first reading, to emphasize that husband and wife are equal partners in the covenant of marriage – “the two shall become one flesh.” The language of Genesis indicates that the Creator intends for the marriage union to possess the same special covenantal nature as God’s covenant with Israel. As authoritative teacher of the Torah, the Jewish Law, Jesus cites Genesis in making an absolute prohibition of divorce, something allowed by the law in the Book of Deuteronomy. This kind of appeal to his own personal authority in matters of Mosaic law would have been frustrating to Jewish authorities to seek an end to this Galilean upstart.

Today’s longer gospel reading is also the model of a child’s simplicity and humility as the model for the servant-disciple.

We approach today’s gospel in light of our knowledge and experience of human relationships. We grapple with its meaning, recognizing that Jesus’ sayings are hard. But we never stop following. We never stop being a disciple. We are adults in his church, with freedom, responsibility, and mutuality in relationships.

In the Good Shepherd,

***Fr. Robert***



September 30, 2018      272 Envelopes      \$8,023.00  
We Share (Online Giving)      40 Families      \$220.00

Mass Attendance 770

***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!**

<b>St. Ephrem Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$104,459.00</b>
<b>Number of Donors</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$101,282.00</b>
<b>Paid to Date</b>	<b>\$92,250.00</b>

***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!**

<b>Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of May 15, 2018 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church</b>	
<b>Campaign Goal</b>	<b>\$980,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,063,769.00</b>
<b>Total Payments to Date by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$819,500.46</b>
<b>Total # Donors</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Total Funds To Be Returned to Parish to Date</b>	<b>\$336,719.00</b>



## Mass Intentions for the week

### Saturday, October 6th

8:45 AM Purgatorial Society Mass

5:00 PM For the Intentions of Anthony Nicola  
Louis Thomas Tuorto  
John Riordan  
Francesco & Maria Crocitto  
Conversions of Sinners

### Sunday, October 7th

8:00 AM Harry D'Amura  
10:00 AM Dolores Contes  
12 Noon Tracy Reilly Nelson  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

### Monday, October 8th

**NO 7:00 AM MASS**

8:45 AM Mario Lefande

### Tuesday, October 9th

7:00 AM Pietro V. Puleo  
8:45 AM Vincent & Domenick Iannizzi

### Wednesday, October 10th

7:00 AM Jack Ferguson  
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Sharon Perrone

### Thursday, October 11th

7:00 AM Vito Fiorello  
8:45 AM All Souls

### Friday, October 12th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM Lucy & Edwin McGuirk

### 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



### The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

**Mark Lipowski**

*Requested by Michael & Kathy Thompson*



### Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

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**Mark Lipowski**

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### 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*



### **Blessing of the Animals**

In honor of

**St. Francis of Assisi**

Please bring your pet to be blessed on

**Sunday, October 7th at 2 PM**

by the outside statue of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary



### **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



### **Clothing Drive**

**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 9, 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)

**St. Patrick Parish**

Sister Jeanne Elaine at 718-238-2600 x178

**Our Lady of Angels Parish**

Judy Chiaro at 718-748-1164

**St. Ephrem Parish**

Sister Ann Martha at Bereavement Support Group 718-921-9518

**Spiritual Direction**

Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518



All are welcome!!!!



Join Us For  
**a Holy Hour**  
before the Blessed  
Sacrament

**HEALING**  
for Victims

*"Come to me, all of you who are weary & loaded down with burdens, & I will give you rest."*

*Matthew 11: 28*

**REPARATION**  
for the failings of the Church

**Saturday,  
October 13th  
4:00 to 5:00 PM**

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**Sports Activity Mass**

St. Ephrem's Baseball and Basketball Teams will join us for the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 7th

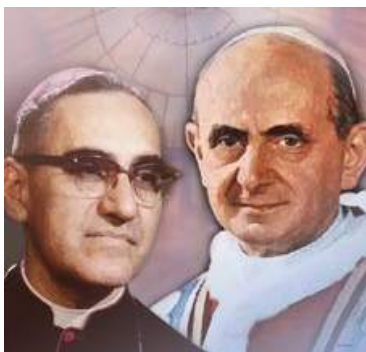


For more information please email: stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

@stephremyouth

**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 AND COMMUNITY NEWS



**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](mailto:deeb1326@aol.com)

### JESUS THE HEALER



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



We are happy to Announce that  
The Sacrament of Confirmation  
will be conferred on

Thursday, October 11, 2018  
at 4:00 PM

Bishop Neil Tiedemann,  
Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn  
Celebrant



On Monday, October  
8th we will observe  
Columbus Day.  
There will be  
no 7:00 AM Mass  
and the  
Rectory Office  
will be closed.

### 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

### The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher



Congratulations to

Msgr. Theo

Who was invested into  
The Equestrian  
Order of the Holy Sepulcher  
On Saturday, September 29th  
at St. Patrick's Cathedral

## Thomas Marchesiello

1978 Director of Music/Liturgy 2018



*St. Ephrem's prolific poetry of liturgical hymns is  
incomparable which is why the church gives him the  
title the "harp of the Holy Spirit."*



*"I have always kept one end  
in view, namely...to conduct  
a well-regulated church  
music to the honor of God."  
Johannes Sebastian Bach*

*Thank you for your  
dedication & 40 years  
of service to  
St. Ephrem Parish  
Your talent and skill has  
given us a glimpse of  
heaven on earth.*

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.**