

Church of St. Ephrem

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November 11, 2018
Thirty-Second 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.



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 2018

“This poor widow put in more than all the others.”

Jesus is preaching in the Jerusalem temple in today’s gospel, prior to the Last Supper and his crucifixion. Jesus accuses the scribes for their lavish but empty show of faith. His accusation of them can just as easily applied today. Those who make a show of religious practice rather than live the essence of the message are worthy of change. They would enjoy the privilege that comes with religious authority and even use it to devour the estates of the widows, in other words, the powerless. Their faith is empty and, in the end, their judgement will be severe.

Throughout the Scriptures, widows were the embodiment of destitution and no power. Jesus again makes a considerable impact on his hearers, then, by lifting up an impoverished widow as the model of faithful generosity-as well as embodying the “Great Commandment” that Jesus spoke of in last Sunday’s gospel. Only that which is given not from our abundance but from our own need and poverty-and given totally, completely, humbly, and joyfully-is a gift for God.

Our lives can be saturated with requests for giving, to the parish, Scouts, sports, charitable causes, and more. These are all good deeds that are done from our sense of Christian charity. Christians in the early centuries of the church recognized this all too often and had a name for those would use the name of Jesus to make a comfortable life for themselves, Christ-monger. We are probably familiar with the modern televangelist style Christ-monger. But rather than point the figure outward, it’s a good opportunity to examine ourselves and ask why we give, whether we give for pure charitable motives, or whether there might be some other hidden motives.

In the end, Jesus doesn’t want our money. He wants us. The money does help the mission of the Church, to proclaim the Gospel Message. He wants our personal commitment from each of us to be his follower. When that happens, we will not count the cost, which would be greater than any price we could pay, for we are his.

With a grateful heart, I want to thank you for helping us “Bridge the Gap” for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your sacrifice and generosity enabled us to collect \$5,490.00 last weekend. In addition to \$2,042.25 that was directly mailed to the diocese, leaving us with a balance of \$210.75. We are almost at goal thanks to everyone working together. Just a reminder that everything over goal is returned to St. Ephrem parish. Once again I am grateful for your generosity!

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



November 4, 2018 254 Envelopes \$8,324.00
All Saints 150 Envelopes \$2,464.00
We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 705

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	\$102,262.00
Paid to Date	\$96,561.25

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 \$210.75 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, November 10th**
Matthew A. Gilmartin
- 8:45 AM
5:00 PM
- Michael Sloan
Rosalie Grasso DiPretoro
Angelina Femia
Leonore Mary Petito
Frank Tripodi
- Sunday, November 11th**
Pat Giangregorio
For the Intentions of the Maffia
Granddaughters
Graffagnino & Savarese Families
For the People of St. Ephrem
- 8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12 Noon
5:00 PM
- Monday, November 12th**
NO 7:00 AM MASS
8:45 AM Brother John Hoffschmidt, O.S.F.
- Tuesday, November 13th**
7:00 AM Frank Prizzi
8:45 AM Josephine DeStefano
- Wednesday, November 14th**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Concetta Immacolata Mongiardo
- Thursday, November 15th**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Pasquale Marsillo
- Friday, November 16th**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Jean Kosnik
- Saturday, November 17th**
8:45 AM Anna Velez
5:00 PM Steven & Theresa Canny
Peter Puleo
Anna Laura Dinkel
Ann Culkin
For the Intentions of Jane & Harry Genzale
- Sunday, November 18th**
8:00 AM Kathleen Smith
10:00 AM Raymond Duffy
12 Noon Michael Zraick
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory

Pat Giangregorio

Requested by Camille Arezzo



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Pat Giangregorio

Requested by Sal & Josephine Arezzo



Altar Flowers

In Memory of:

Diane Ondreicka

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.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK



**Saturday, November 17th
at the 5:00 PM Mass**

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is both “a liturgical and a communal celebration.” In the family home, hospital, or church, members of the Body of Christ gather for the sacramental rite led by a priest. The Penitential Rite followed by the Liturgy of the Word and sacramental anointing of the sick can inspire and comfort both those who are ill and their family and friends who are gathered. (CCC, nos. 1517-18).

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering or elderly. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit’s gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church. (CCC, nos. 1520-23).

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament.

*If you wish to be anointed please place
your completed card in the collection basket or the Rectory.*

Saint Lucia
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Msgr. Theo
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For information please call:
Peter's Way Tours
800-225-7662

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting



Please join us for our Christmas Tree Lighting

*Saturday, December 8th, 2018
5:00 PM Mass with both our
Adult & Children's Choirs*

*Followed by the Lighting of
Christmas Trees & Light Refreshments*

Brochures are available in the church if you like to participate in this Annual Event. Our Church property will be adorned with these beautiful Christmas Trees so that the Light of the World—Jesus will shine for all to see!
This is an opportunity to honor or remember in a special our loved ones.

SPIRITUALITY



Bereavement

Bereavement Support Group
Monday, November 12th at 7:00 PM.

Exploring the Sunday Readings
Thursday, November 15 at 10:00 AM

Book Discussion Group
Thursday, November 15 at 4:00 PM.
The book, "The Story of the Lost Child" by Elena Ferrante will be discussed.

**Advent Retreat—"An Advent Journey" a DVD with
Fr. Michael Himes**
Tuesday, December 4, & 11 at 1 :00 PM

Spiritual Direction
Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND YOUNG OF HEART



For more information email:
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VETERANS DAY

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

On Monday, November 12th we will observe Veteran's Day. There will be no 7:00 AM Mass and the Rectory Office will be closed.

Flu Season—Feeling Ill?



Please be thoughtful of others and refrain from receiving from the cup and physically exchanging the Sign of Peace.

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.



St. Ephrem Friendship Club



Fun for Seniors

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 Friendship Club Sponsoring



Tuesday, November 20, 2018

The bus departs at 9:00 AM Sharp

\$40.00 per person & Casino gives back \$30.00

For information please
call Frank (347) 267-3644 till 7:00 PM

Reservations & Full Payment by November 16th

2019-20 Registration is Open!

Will your child be 5 years old in 2019?



K It's time for
Kindergarten

Let your child take flight in our caring, nurturing environment!

To learn about the benefits of a values-based education, contact

Principal Craig Mercado
718.833.1440



Tuition assistance available for eligible families
Applications for 2019-20 open in January, 2019
Apply by April 29th at www.futuresineducation.org



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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, Moderators, will greet you .

Please call the Rectory Office to register & for further information