

Church of St. Ephrem

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November 18, 2018
Thirty-Third 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-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

November 18, 2018

*“He will gather his elect from
the four winds.”*

The early Christians expected Christ to return in the near future, in other words in their lifetimes. When their world began to collapse around them under the Roman attack of Jerusalem, they wondered in their anguish. When will Jesus return for us? Like the members of the early church, we live on the edge of eternity; with every experience of loss, with every sign of illness, with every hint of age creeping upon us, we become more and more aware of our mortality. Jesus neither denies the pain and anguish of the end nor that the earth will pass away. But the important thing is not when Jesus will come but our readiness to meet him. The blossoming fig tree is held up by Jesus as a symbol of our lifelong struggle to bring to fulfillment the kingdom of God. The growth and blossoming of the fig tree mirrors our growth in wisdom and understanding as God’s reign becomes more and more a reality in our lives.

Rather than worry about when the world will end, it might be more productive to wonder about my own personal end. That is, when will I die? How have I prepared myself for that eventual end? How have I lived my days knowing that nothing I accumulate on earth will be taken with me when I pass from this life? We know that we are definitely going to experience our own personal end, our own death. We are less likely to be here for the end of the world.

We have so much to be grateful for, let us join together as a parish family around the table of the Lord, on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 PM for our Thanksgiving Mass. I am grateful for the opportunity to share my priestly ministry with you. I wish you and your families a Blessed Thanksgiving and God’s blessings to you!

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



November 11, 2018 270 Envelopes \$7,625.00
St. Elizabeth Seton 176 Envelopes \$2,377.00
We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 687

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

**Rectory Office will be
closed on
Thanksgiving Day
and
Friday after Thanksgiving**





Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday, November 17th

8:45 AM Anna Velez

5:00 PM Steven & Theresa Canny
Peter Puleo
Anna Laura Dinkel
Anne 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

Monday, November 19th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

8:45 AM Calogera Zaffuto

Tuesday, November 20th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

8:45 AM Chicky Monteleone

Wednesday, November 21st

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

8:45 AM For the Intentions of Bettyann Saggese

7:00 PM John Riordan

Thursday, November 22nd

NO 7:00 AM Mass

8:45 AM Rose C. Viola

Friday, November 23rd

NO 7:00 AM MASS

8:45 AM Clara Calabrese

Saturday, November 24th

8:45 AM Donna Beckman

5:00 PM Louis & Rose DiPretoro
Margaret Tramutola
Anne Culkin
Fred Mouffally
Adaline Repass

Sunday, November 25th

8:00 AM Mary Sweeney

10:00 AM The Canny Family

12 Noon Julia & Thomas Costanza

5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory

Ronald E. Shammass

Requested by St. Ephrem Baseball



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Ronald E. Shammass

Requested by Sylvester Sichenze



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.



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.

Saint Lucia
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From JFK Airport
Msgr. Theo
\$2,450.00 per person
For information please call:
Peter's Way Tours
800-225-7662

— MASS —
BAPTISM

Sunday, November 25th at the 10:00 AM Mass
We welcome two babies into our faith community
through the Sacrament of Baptism

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.

Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 PM

Join us around the Table of the Lord to give thanks for all the blessings we have received. We invite you to bring non-perishable food items for Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Food Pantry



*On behalf of the Parish Staff
We wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving!*

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 27, 2018

Consider making St. Ephrem your charity for this day!

SPIRITUALITY



Bereavement

Bereavement Support Group
Monday, November 19th at 7:00 PM.

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

St. Patrick Parish
Sister Jeanne Elaine at
718-238-2600 x178

Our Lady of Angels Parish
Judy Chiarchiaro at 718-748-1164

St. Ephrem Parish
Sister Ann Martha at Bereavement Support Group
718-921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



PARISH NEWS



For more information email:
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@stephremyouth

Flu Season—Feeling Ill?



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



**Sunday, December 2nd
11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
The Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall**

**Admission is Free
Stop by it's a fun day for all!**

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



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Applications for 2019-20 open in January, 2019
Apply by April 29th at www.futuresineducation.org



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The parish has been paying for *The Tablet* each month \$1,500.00.

Please help the parish with this large bill, by taking a subscription.

Thank You!

Due to the many financial commitments that individual parishes have, *The Tablet* is now being transitioned from its former publishing model, which relied heavily on parish funding, to a new, reader-paid model. Parishes will not be asked to pay for your subscriptions to *The Tablet*. That's where we need your help.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Altar Server Ministry Training

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

FROM THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF KETA-AKATSI , GHANA

VOCATIONS NEWS



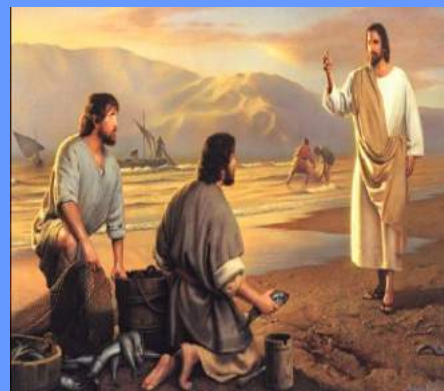
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*Prayer for our
Seminarians*



These men have answered Jesus' invitation to "Come Follow Me." Please take a Seminarian's prayer card (located in our church by the Blessed Mother Statue) and pray for him so that he may continue in his journey toward priesthood.

*"They abounded their nets
and followed him."
Mark 1:18*

Our Ref.: KAD/34-A/354/18

Akatsi, 12th September 2018

Rev. Fr. Robert Adamo
The Pastor, St. Ephrem Parish
929 BayRidge Parkway
11228 Brooklyn, New York
U. S. A.

Dear Rev. Fr. Adamo

EXPRESSION OF DEEP GRATITUDE

The Grace and Peace of the Lord be with you.

I write to thank you for the opportunity you gave to Very Rev. Msgr. Peter Huletey to solicit for funds in your Parish. I have received an amount of Nine Thousand and Forty Seven US Dollars (US\$9,047) being your support to the Diocese of Keta-Akatsi in aid of the St. Catherine Senior High School Projects. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in supporting this institution to serve God's people in a special way.

We extend our appreciation and gratitude to our benefactors and for their kindness and assure them of our prayerful support. May God bless them always.

With renewed sentiments of personal esteem and every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Gabriel Edoe Kumordji, SVD
Bishop of Keta-Akatsi

