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November 25, 2018
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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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.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

“You say I am a king.”

We celebrate the kingship of Jesus with John’s gospel account of what is perhaps Jesus’ most humiliating moment: his appearance before Pilate. It is a strange exchange: Pilate, a government functionary with power to inflict punishment, is being encouraged by religious authorities into executing Jesus-but it is the accused who dominates the meeting and takes on the role of inquisitor. In their exchange, Jesus refuses to accept Pilate’s narrow understanding of power and truth, explaining to the procurator, to no avail, that Jesus “rules” a kingdom not of this world-power that Pilate does not comprehend.

John’s gospel brings us into the scene of Jesus and Pilate. But in the midst of the conversation we hear eternal questions that cause us to consider, “What is truth?” Jesus makes a straightforward claim, that he is a king, and he has been sent to testify to the truth. He doesn’t see the incarnation of truth, the King of Kings, standing before his very eyes. And in Pilate’s blindness, he will put to death Jesus as King of the Jews.

So the early Christians, and even us today, continue to proclaim Jesus as King. He is no mere figurehead. Instead, he shares the title with Yahweh, “great king over the gods.” What Pilate said in mockery was utterly true. Jesus Christ is King.

The mocking tone of the political authority in calling Jesus “King” seemed to crush this minor upstart who might have led an insurrection. But Jesus’ followers began to proudly proclaim that mocking title. Jesus was King. But his kingship was of an entirely different kind than that expected by the people. Rather than a military conquest of an occupying force that restored the independence of the Jewish people, Jesus’ kingship involved suffering and death, which then led to resurrection and exaltation. The kingship of Jesus is not one of splendid pageantry. It is not even the sort of medieval gallantry. Instead, he is enthroned in heaven, with our great God who is king over all gods. As Jesus underwent death before his exaltation, so must we. Our own path to glory, exaltation, and ultimate resurrection comes through a dying to self.

It’s hard to believe that a month from today is Christmas. Therefore, this is the last weekend to sponsor a tree, wreath or poinsettia. Brochures are in the church, if you like to participate please return it to the Rectory Office by Friday, November 30th, so that we can make the proper arrangements. I look forward to joining everyone for the 4th Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 8th, immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



November 18, 2018 274 Envelopes \$9,128.00
Human Development 156 Envelopes \$1,671.00
We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 759

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	\$104,459.00
Paid to Date	\$97,211.25

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	\$846,192.81
Total # Donors	198
Total Funds To Be Returned to Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



Mass Intentions for the week

- 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
- Monday, November 26th**
 7:00 AM All Souls
 8:45 AM Jerry Botti
- Tuesday, November 27th**
 7:00 AM Patrick McDonagh
 8:45 AM Tim Pascale
- Wednesday, November 28th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM For the Intentions of Rose Mazzone
- Thursday, November 29th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Diane Ondreicka
- Friday, November 30th**
 7:00 AM Frank Calabrese
 8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Saturday, December 1st**
 8:45 AM Purgatorial Society Mass
- 5:00 PM Anne Culkin
 Rosetta & Salvatore Volpe
 Paul Murphy
 Veronica Menke
 MaryAnn Kelly
- Sunday, December 2nd**
 8:00 AM Anna Laura Dinkel
 10:00 AM Vera Fox
 12 Noon Josephine & Frank Saccente
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



The Bread & Wine
 In Loving Memory
Harry & Mary Arnold
Requested by Pat Arnold



Altar Flowers
**In Memory of the U.S. Missionaries on their 38th
 Anniversary of Martyrdom in El Salvador (December 2nd):**

***Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clark & Ita Ford,
 Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel &
 Lay Missionary Jean Donovan***

***Sister Ita Ford is an Alumna of
 St. Ephrem School***

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.

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 27, 2018

Consider making St. Ephrem your charity for this day!

Christmas Wishes to the girls of St. Catherine High School, Ghana

*For many years the people of St. Ephrem's have been generously
 supporting St. Catherine's High School in Ghana.
 Msgr. Peter & Fr. Victor have introduced them to us and each summer
 have asked us to help financially.*

*If you would like to send a Christmas Card to the girls, please place your
 card by December 2nd in the box in the rear of the church.*



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*

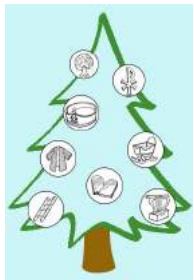
**Brochures are available in the church if you like to participate in this Annual Event. Our Church property will be adorned with these beautiful Christmas Trees so that the Light of the World—Jesus will shine for all to see!
This is an opportunity to honor or remember in a special our loved ones.**



Our Advent Giving Trees will be available for the first weekend of Advent, **December 1st and December 2nd**. Please take one of the gift giving tags. These gifts will go to children ranging in age from infants to teenagers. Heartshare and Hour

Children are the agencies servicing these children. Please return all gifts **No Later than the 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday, December 16th**

ADVENT JESSE TREE CELEBRATION



Our Faith Formation is having an Advent celebration on **Wednesday, December 5th** in the Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall at 5:30 PM. At this gathering we will share faith, food and friendship as we decorate our Jesse Tree and pray together. There will be crafts for the children to do. Each family is asked to bring a potluck dish

of pasta or pizza; we'll provide salad, drinks and dessert. Please respond to the Faith Formation Office at 718-745-7486 or stephremreligious@gmail.com by **Wednesday, November 28th** so we can set up and prepare in advance. Let us know your family name and number of guests. **All are Welcome!!!**

SPIRITUALITY



Bereavement

Bereavement Support Group
Monday, November 26th 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

St. Ephrem Youth Ministry

Service Project

Join us to Prepare the Giving Tree



Friday, November 30th
6pm-8pm
in the Church

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com



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

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

2019-20 Registration is Open!

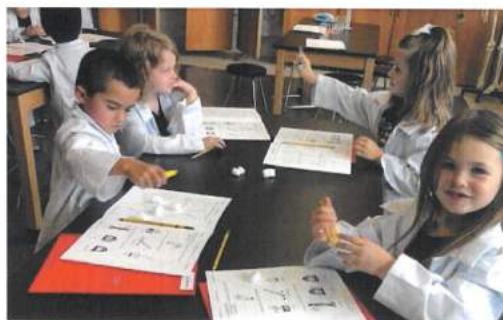
Will your child be 5 years old in 2019?



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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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 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

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

VOCATIONS NEWS



*The Season of Advent
Begins December 2nd*

An Advent Prayer

God of light and hope, look upon us in love, and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom. Protect us during this season and keep us watchful in prayer as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Advent Prayer Opportunities

Please take a copy of The Word Among Us, Daily Meditations for Advent 2018, so to prepare spiritually for the coming of the Lord this Christmas.

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*