

# 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*

January 27, 2019  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1010

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### 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

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## 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 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](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.



### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled.”*

Following Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River and time of temptation in the desert, Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth to worship in the synagogue. After reading from the scroll of Isaiah the people look at Jesus intently as he tells them, *“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”* When we read the Bible we remember the history of this great book. We think about the context in which these words were first written and proclaimed. But then we go further for we believe the *living* word has something to tell us today. How can these words of comfort and justice for the poor and oppressed be fulfilled in our time? What role do we have in making these words come alive here and now?

But the church is not content to give us only the first four verses of all the gospel on this Sunday. The second significant item to note is that we also read about Jesus’ preaching in the synagogue at Nazareth. Luke is intent to show that the Scriptures of old are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus reads the prophet and proclaims that the message is fulfilled in their midst. The message will be Jesus’ guiding light. He will refer to it again when John the Baptist’s followers come to Jesus and ask if he is the one they should expect. Jesus causes the blind to see and proclaims glad tidings to the poor. In so doing, he is the fulfillment of the hopes and expectations of the prophets, for the Spirit of the Lord is upon him.

How do we imagine the ministry of Jesus? What was it that he did? We know it ultimately ended in his passion, death and resurrection, but what about his work among the people? Today’s gospel reading, with Jesus quoting the prophet, gives us an indication as to what occupied the mind and thoughts of Jesus as he performed his ministry. He brings glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. This was the message of the prophet and to use a modern term, it is the mission statement of Jesus’ ministry. If we want to be his followers, it is up to us to take on this mission statement as well. This ministry is in conformity with the prophets. It animated Jesus himself, and it should animate his followers. Jesus does not talk here about prayer, or doing liturgy, or even going to church. The ministry of Jesus is action in the world. And this action, as indicated by the mission statement, upends the powerful and privileged. It ultimately, and fairly quickly, leads to Jesus’ death. Faced with such a leader, we will be followers as well, undergoing our own paschal mystery? Or are we content to read about his ministry rather than do it, hear about it rather than practice it?

Today we begin Catholic Schools Week. I hope you can come over to St. Ephrem Catholic Academy to see the exciting and wonderful academic and fun things it offers. If you are not able to join us today, please call and make an appointment for a tour. I hope to see you there!

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



January 20, 2019	224 Envelopes	\$6,6975.00
Church Heat Assistance	119 Envelopes	\$2,349.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 578

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	225
Amount Pledged	\$115,207.75
Paid to Date	\$113,228.75

**There are 7 Donors who have not yet fulfilled their pledge, totaling \$1,979.00. St. Ephrem will only receive what has been paid above the Parish Goal.**



**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>	
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 already paid to the Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



## Mass Intentions for the week

8:45 AM **Saturday, January 26th**  
For the People of St. Ephrem

5:00 PM Ann Arnao  
Paul Abdilla  
Nancy O'Sullivan  
Frank Pologruto  
Kim Marie Cavatlomagno

8:00 AM **Sunday, January 27th**  
Christine Wiseman  
10:00 AM Dolph Mascari (10 year Anniversary)  
12 Noon For the Intentions of Steven Torres  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

7:00 AM **Monday, January 28th**  
For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM Caibbi Cologiora

7:00 AM **Tuesday, January 29th**  
For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM Diane Ondreicka

7:00 AM **Wednesday, January 30th**  
Fred Lomangino  
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Fr. Robert

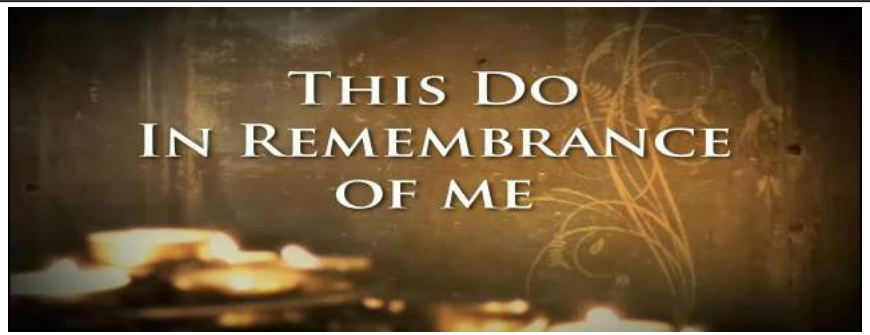
7:00 AM **Thursday, January 31st**  
For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM St. Giovanni Bosco

7:00 AM **Friday, February 1st**  
Dorothy Earley  
8:45 AM William M. Hyland

8:45 AM **Saturday, February 2nd**  
Purgatorial Society Mass

5:00 PM Louise & Louis Tuorto  
Frank Pologruto  
Rose Sabatino

8:00 AM **Sunday, February 3rd**  
For the Intentions of Fr. Anthony  
and The Chanan Family  
10:00 AM Joseph Russo, Sr.  
12 Noon Anne Culkin  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Mass Intentions  
Bread & Wine  
Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp  
Altar Flowers:  
♦ The Tabernacle Altar  
♦ Blessed Mother Altar  
♦ The Holy Family Altar

*There are still many opportunities available.  
Please come to the rectory*



### Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:

**Peter Poggioli**  
*Requested by Anthony Maguire*

## Annual Contribution Statement for 2018

— END OF YEAR —  
**GIVING**  
STATEMENTS

For your 2018 statement of  
contribution to St. Ephrem  
Parish, Please contact the  
rectory office.



*World Day for Consecrated Life*

**On Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the 5:00 PM Mass  
We will join with the Sisters of St. Ephrem Convent  
to celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life.**

**We give thanks for their witness and commitment in  
serving God's people throughout the years.**

**May God Bless our Religious!**

**ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

**St. Ephrem Catholic Academy  
Presents**

**Designer Bag  
Bingo**



**Come & Have Some Fun,  
All Are Welcome!**

**February 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

**\$40.00 Per Person  
which includes:  
1 Bingo Card  
(Extra Bingo Cards will be for sale)  
Sandwiches  
Refreshments**

**BYOB**

**For a Table or Individual Ticket**

**For information please call:  
Tammy Fecci (917) 692-9378  
TLCFecci@aol.com  
Melisa LoFaso (917) 270-4842  
Mbruzzese23@yahoo.com**

**SPIRITUALITY CENTER**



**Bereavement Support Group**  
Monday, January 28 at 7:00 PM

**St. Patrick Parish**  
Sister Jeanne Elaine at 718-238-2600 x178  
**Our Lady of Angels Parish**  
Judy Chiarchiaro at 718-748-1164

**Save the Dates**  
**A Lenten Retreat – “Encountering Jesus’ Way of Life”**  
will begin Tuesday, March 5 at 1:00 PM. The remaining dates are  
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9. More information will follow.

**Spiritual Direction**  
Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

**All are welcome!!!!**



**YOUTH MINISTRY & PARISH NEWS**



For more information email:



Pope Francis is leading  
**World Youth Day in Panama.**

Be a digital pilgrim with the  
USCCB at resources at  
**wydusa.org**

or

Live stream the events at  
**<https://www.panama2019.pa/en/live/>**



Support St. Ephrem’s Youth Ministry  
**Souper Bowl Sunday Collection.**

Bring a can of soup to Mass on February 2nd/3rd  
to support OLPH Food Pantry.  
Middle Schoolers & High Schoolers, sign up to help col-  
lect soup for Souper Bowl Sunday at  
**<http://bit.ly/souperbowl2019>**  
**[stephremyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stephremyouthministry@gmail.com)**

**@stephremyouth**

## ACADEMY NEWS



Celebrate Catholic  
Schools Week 2019  
January 27 - February 2  
#CSW19

### Catholic Schools Week at St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Open House January 27<sup>th</sup> 11am

Catholic Schools Week celebrates Catholic education. The annual event is filled with fun and games for students and teachers. From career day to cultural day students are exposed to the world around them. The festivities kick off with 10am Mass on the 27<sup>th</sup> followed by an open house for parents and parishioners. Come see all that makes St. Ephrem great. From our new STEM lab to our ELA learning lounge there is so much new at St. Ephrem you really need to see it to believe it. Weekly events include:



**Sunday:** Open house 11am

**Monday:** Career day. Student get in idea of their future by meeting the people who do those jobs today

**Tuesday:** Students appreciation day. A dress down day filled with fun, games and a few surprises. 8<sup>th</sup> grade gets their class rings in a celebration with the whole junior high.

**Wednesday:** Community day. Students reach out to our community to give back to those who have given so much to us.

**Thursday:** Culture day. Students go on a cultural field trip to get a view of the world around them.

**Friday:** Faculty appreciation day. Students and faculty square off in their annual athletic showdown.



We are proud of all that St. Ephrem Catholic Academy is and we can't wait to see you there so you can celebrate with us!

### Children who will be 5 in 2019 are



to explore *all* that is **Kindergarten** at

### St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

To learn more, or schedule a visit, contact

**Principal Craig Mercado**  
718.833.1440

**Let your child take flight on the wings of a values-based education!**

Serving Students of All Faiths

Tuition assistance available for eligible families  
Apply by April 29th at [www.futuresineducation.org](http://www.futuresineducation.org)

Join us for an  
Open House  
And  
Registration  
Sunday, January 27  
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM



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[stephremacademy.org](http://stephremacademy.org)



**St. Ephrem 4th Annual  
Mardi Gras Celebration  
Saturday, March 2nd  
Following the 5:00 PM Mass**

**The Msgr. Kain Hall  
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy  
924 74th Street  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11228**

**DJ, Hot Food, Chips, Soda,  
Dessert, Coffee  
50/50 Raffles & Much More**

**B.Y.O.B.  
Casual Attire,  
Mardi Gras Attire Optional  
\$25.00 Per Person  
(Adults Only)**

**Individual Ticket  
or  
Table Reservations Available**

**No Tickets will be sold after  
February 25th  
No Tickets will be sold at the door**

**Tickets are available for  
purchase at the Rectory  
(718) 833-1010  
Hope to see you there!**

**San Alfonso Retreat House**



A group of women from St. Ephrem will be attending the Women's Retreat. March 8th to 10th. \$240 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is necessary by February 24th. Space is limited.

If you would like to car pool please call Carol Ann Pallonetti (347) 484-9958

**To make your reservations please contact  
San Alfonso Retreat House  
(732) 222-2731**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Food Pantry**

We will be collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items the weekend of



**February 2nd/3rd, 2019**

**Any Federal Employee on Furlough can visit OLPH Food Pantry for assistance with your Federal ID. Please call in advance at (718) 492-9200.**

**Thank you for your usual generosity !**

**Baseball/Softball Registration**

Sunday, January 27th, 2019  
11:00PM-2:00PM

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 5-14.

For more information you can contact

Sylvester Sichenze at 917-692-1367  
John Lavelle at 718-440-2245  
John Reilly at 347-225-4286



**Catholic Schools Week**

**January 27, 2019**

**10 : 00 AM Mass**

**Academy Open House &  
Registration**

**begins at 11:00 AM  
All Are Welcomed!**