

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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Parish Staff

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January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord



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

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ 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 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.



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

*“We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do
him homage.”*

In today’s gospel creation itself proclaims the birth of Jesus to the magi, the kings who are strangers in the land of Israel.

They follow the star in their search for this newborn king, and when they find him not in a palace in Jerusalem but in a humble home in Bethlehem, they worship this baby and offer him kingly gifts. The magi respond with joy to the revelation of Jesus, unlike Herod who is “greatly troubled.” Unable to receive the gift of Jesus or to offer Jesus the gift of himself he remains hostage to his greed and lust for power.

Both children and adults enjoy giving and receiving gifts: it seems to be part of the human condition. For the receiver there is an element of surprise. What could it be? Perhaps some anticipation comes with opening the gift and there is a sense of wonder. For the giver it is the joy of generosity, in seeing the look on the face of the one who receives. There is the joy that comes in simply thinking of the other and providing something for the other not because it was earned, but instead because it comes from a place of generosity. Stories of gifts given and received are numerous in the Scriptures, antiquity, and history. They come to be part of family and friends lore as well. It’s likely that many of us can quickly call to mind gifts that we’ve given or received. The gifts given by the magi in some way represent or symbolize the best physical objects that humanity has to offer. And Jesus is the best that God has to offer. By the conclusion of the gospel story humanity will have executed Jesus, the gift of God, only to have God raise him up from the dead. The expression of the paschal mystery, Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection, guides our thoughts today when the magi present the best of human intentions.

In today’s bulletin you will find our Financial Report from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. In addition, some members of St. Ephrem’s Finance Council and myself will share with you some points presented in this report. I ask you to review the report, pay attention to today’s presentation and if you have any questions feel free to speak with me.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



December 25, 2018	293 Envelopes	\$8,570.00
Catholic Charities	153 Envelopes	\$4,483.00
December 30, 2018	236 Envelopes	\$7,430.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance Christmas Day 1,684

Mass Attendance December 30th 660

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	216
Amount Pledged	\$111,017.75
Paid to Date	\$107,637.25

Answer the Call



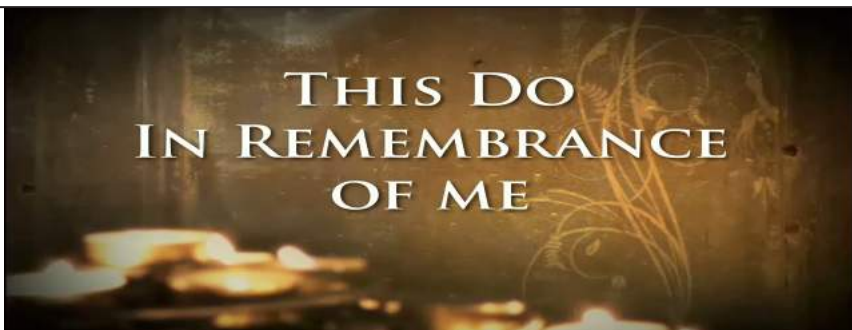
Generations of Faith continues across the Diocese!

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



Mass Intentions for the week

- Saturday, January 5th**
8:45 AM Purgatorial Society Mass
- 5:00 PM Theresa Offitto
Peter A. Carlin
Eileen M. Maguire
Peter Walsh
- Sunday, January 6th**
8:00 AM Dominick Hoang, Grace & Nicolas
Vrable
10:00 AM Margaret DeFilippo
12 Noon Salvatore & Carmela Messina &
Maria Emmanuele
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, January 7th**
7:00 AM Special Intention
8:45 AM John Carr
- Tuesday, January 8th**
7:00 AM Mary Francis Leddy
8:45 AM Diane Ondreicka
- Wednesday, January 9th**
7:00 AM Patrick Shields
8:45 AM Salvatore Calderone
- Thursday, January 10th**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Connie Bonafide
- Friday, January 11th**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Mary Parisi
- Saturday, January 12th**
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Julia Tricamo
5:00 PM Louis Diaferia
Elliot Rampulla
Alan & Betty Chalkley
Lester Burgess
Elvira D'Amura
- Sunday, January 13th**
8:00 AM Kevin Walsh
10:00 AM Salvatore, Giuseppe & Antonia Baio
12 Noon For the Intentions of Mark Costanza
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Mass Intentions
Bread & Wine
Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp
Altar Flowers

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



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:

Eileen M. Maguire

Requested by The Polizzotto Family

Thank You!

Your Generosity and support throughout the year helps us to continue our pastoral ministry.

In addition, thank you for your many Christmas Wishes, Sweets, Spirits & Gifts



GOLD

The royal metal; signifies Jesus' Kingship (hence, the gift for a king).



FRANKINCENSE

Symbol of prayer; signifies Jesus as the High Priest/Mediator between God and man (hence, the gift for a priest).



MYRRH

A burial ointment; meaning that Jesus had to die for the salvation of all (hence, gift for one who would die).

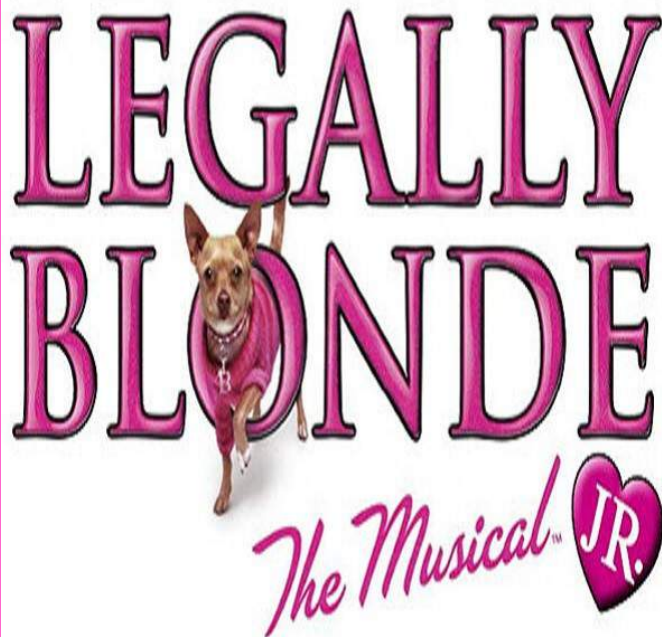


May the star of Bethlehem which was the guiding light to the three wise men bring peace, happiness and love in your lives this Christmas and always

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

Presents



Friday, January 11th at 7:00 PM

**Saturday, January 12th
at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

Sunday, January 13th at 2:00 PM

Msgr. Kain Hall

**For information, and to purchase
tickets please visit the Academy Office.**

**Tickets will also be
available at the door.
(718) 833-1440**

SPIRITUALITY



Bereavement Support Group

A new Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, January 7th at 7:00 PM in the Spirituality Center. Sessions run on a 6 week cycle.. If you recently lost a loved one and need consoling prayer, please come to the Center. Individual (one on one)

Book Discussion Group meets Thursday, January 10 at 4:00 PM. The book, **At The Edge of the Orchard** by Tracy Chevalier will be discussed. New members are welcome.

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 718-921-9518

Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



YOUTH MINISTRY



For more information email:

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**MASS
BAPTISM**

Sunday, January 13th at the 12 Noon Mass

**We welcome those who will be baptized into our
faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism**

**Next Sunday we celebrate the
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord..**

**We welcome all those who were baptized into our
Faith Community this year at the 12 Noon Mass.**

Registration for 2019-20 is now open at St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

Don't miss out on scholarship opportunities!

NEED-BASED TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE K-8 FAMILIES

www.futuresineducation.org

RECEIVED AN AWARD LAST YEAR? RE-APPLY BY MARCH 29, 2019
FIRST TIME APPLICANT? APPLY BY APRIL 29, 2019



To learn about the benefits of a Catholic education,
contact us at **718.833.1440**

We're saving a seat for you!

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Tuition Assistance Available 2019-2020

Financial aid is available for eligible students in grades K to 8,
who attend a Brooklyn or Queens Catholic School or Academy.

Families must meet Financial eligibility requirements and be registered/enrolled for 2019/2020 order to be considered. No consideration will be given for a family who has not completed the enrollment process. Only completed financial aid applications will be considered.



TO APPLY

Starting January 14, 2019 go to www.futuresineducation.org
From the main menu, click SCHOLARSHIPS and then APPLY



SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

March 29, 2019—Families who received an award last academic year
April 29, 2019—New Families



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit: www.futuresineducation.org

CHURCH OF ST. EPHREM FINANCIAL REPORT

**St. Ephrem RC Church
Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2018**

Ordinary Income

Sunday/Holy Day Collections	\$ 478,405		
Christmas and Easter Gifts	65,273	\$ 543,678	(Total Collections)
Votive Shrines	20,766		
Rental Income Convent/Senior Priests	60,740		
Rental Income Other	23,850		
Religious Education	32,327		
Parish Programs/Events	3,160		
Clergy Fund (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, Etc.)	48,080		
Other Auxiliary Receipts	385		
Poor Boxes/St. Vincent de Paul	4,650		
Fundraising (net expenses)	42,081	236,038	(Total Other Ordinary Income)

Total Ordinary Income

779,716

Ordinary Expenses

Salary & Expense Clergy (Medical, Pension Fund, Etc.)	200,774		
Religious Stipend	35,784		
Salaries (organist, singers, choir etc.)	92,080		
Employee Benefits & Taxes	84,025		
Rectory Household Salary & Expenses	98,311		
Fuel & Electricity	49,765		
Insurance - Parish Buildings	73,525		
Diocesan Assessments	207,222		
Ordinary Maintenance & Repairs - Salary & Expense	104,589		
Convent Expenses	41,035		
Office Salary and Expenses	164,934		
Altar Supplies (Includes the Tablet)	39,362		
Religious Education Program - Salary & Expense	66,874		
Parish Programs/Events	38,664		
Donations to Other Parishes/Org.-Charity	33,605		
Misc Expenses	4,086	1,334,634	(Total Ordinary Expenses)

Income (Loss) From Ordinary Operation

(554,918) *

** Please note that our Ordinary Income does not cover our Ordinary Expenses*

Extraordinary Income

Annual Stewardship Appeal	6,140		
Donations/Grants	40,203		
Bequests	-		
Campaign (Generations of Faith)	30,937		
Interest & Realized Gains(Losses), net expenses	7,176		
Unrealized Gains(Losses)	79,718		
School Rental (net leasing fees)	736,935	901,109	(Total Extraordinary Income)

Subtotal Income (Loss) from Ordinary Operation + Extraordinary Income

346,191

Major Repairs & Renovations:

(Church) Sacristy roof, Lexan windows,	52,526		
(Rectory) lighting, painting, memorial garden repairs	6,944		
(School) elevator repairs and upgrades	21,812		
(Old school building) bal of roof,	28,200		
(Convent/Spirituality Center) doors	3,760		
Cement work - 74th Street	134,437		
Interest on Loans	37,738		

285,417 (Total Extraordinary Expenses)

Net Income(Loss)

\$ 60,774

Diocesan Second or Special Collections & Payments

\$ 58,326