

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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Parish Staff

Rev. Robert B. Adamo, KHS, *Pastor*
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February 3, 2019
Fourth 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

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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

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.



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“Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus was not sent only to the Jews.”

It is often difficult to see something or someone that we know well with fresh eyes. Something similar happens in today’s gospel when Jesus preaches in his hometown synagogue. The audience thought they knew him: *“Isn’t this the son of Joseph?”* But what he preached, the fulfillment of the Scriptures, was shocking to the point of their attempting to silence him for good. In the face of such objection, Jesus does not change his message. On the contrary, he says that *“no prophet is accepted in his own native place.”* By this, Jesus refers to himself as a prophet in the manner of Elisha and Elijah.

The reference to Elijah going to the widow in Zarephath and Elisha to Naaman the Syrian prefigures Jesus’ own ministry to those who are not Jewish. Luke is foreshadowing the eventual Gentile mission and demonstrating that it, too, is rooted in Scripture. Just as Elijah and Elisha went beyond the bounds of the Israelites, Jesus will too. Luke’s story of Jesus is rooted in the prophets, especially the ministry of Elijah and Elisha who raised the dead, fed multitudes, and ministered to non-Israelites. For Luke more than any other evangelist, the prophets, John the Baptist, and Jesus himself in his ministry, passion, death and subsequent entrance into glory follow “God’s plan.” Jesus behaves in a way wholly unexpected by those in his hometown who ostensibly knew him best. Rather than seek to silence him for good, they might have reassessed their own preconceptions. But as we know, such a task is difficult. It’s much easier to believe what I already “know” to be true.

When we take in new information that causes a change in our way of thinking we experience a metanoia, to use a favorite term of Luke. We die to our old preconceived notions and allow something new to rise up. But sometimes our first reaction can be like the townspeople of Nazareth, and we can seek to destroy the messenger. Allowing new information to influence us and ultimately to shape or even change our minds in a difficult process. We let go of the past; we let go of our old ways of thinking. We let go of what is not so, and embrace something new. This is a kind of paschal mystery.

Thank you for so many who came to the opening of our Catholic Schools Week Mass and toured St. Ephrem Catholic Academy. It was a great way to begin this week, with great excitement and the registration of new students. There is still time if you would like to take a tour, just call the Academy Office and schedule a tour.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



January 27, 2019	298 Envelopes	\$11,019.00
Churches in Need	148 Envelopes	\$2,569.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 868

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!

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

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

5:00 PM Louise & Louis Tuorto
Frank Pologruto
Rose Sabatino
Filomena Secondino (10th Anniversary)

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

7:00 AM **Monday, February 4th**
8:45 AM Michael Zraick
John Carr

7:00 AM **Tuesday, February 5th**
8:45 AM Maddalena Piscioneri
For the Intentions of Ralph Nicosia

7:00 AM **Wednesday, February 6th**
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem's
Domenico Mazzone

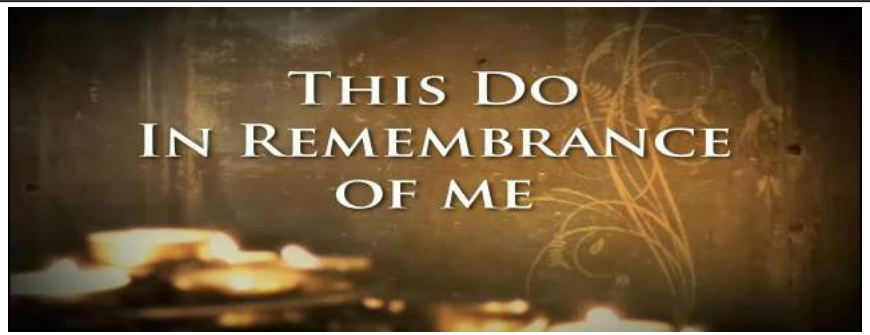
7:00 AM **Thursday, February 7th**
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
Theresa Maloney

7:00 AM **Friday, February 8th**
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
William M. Hyland

8:45 AM **Saturday, February 9th**
For the People of St. Ephrem

5:00 PM Victoria Balsamo
Mario Gaudiuso
Elvira D'Amura
Esther Iqbal
William M. Hyland

8:00 AM **Sunday, February 10th**
10:00 AM Joseph Verponi
12 Noon Eileen M. Maguire
5:00 PM For the Intentions of Nicolette Genzale
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:

Elvira D'Amura

Requested by Peggy & Peter Katt

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.**



**Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 5:00 PM Mass
Our Lady of Angels**

**All couples, Married & Engaged are invited
Light refreshments to follow in the School Cafeteria**

**For information & Registration please contact:
ola.bayridge@verizon.net
(718) 836-7200**

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER OUTING

Friday, February 8th
Proceeds benefit
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

349 Quintin Road
Brooklyn, NY 11223

Preregistration starts at 6 pm games start at 7 pm
\$100 initial Buy-in and \$50 unlimited re-buys
Final add on \$50 gets you \$1000 in chips
\$100 gets you \$2000 in chips.

Advance payment gets you bonus chips.

For information please contact:

Angelo Manganiello
(718) 288-3476



*Thank You for all who recycled
your Christmas Cards.
We received over 700 cards.*

Thank you!

SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Bereavement Support Group

Monday, February 4th at 7:00 PM

Exploring the Sunday Readings Group

Thursday, February 7th at 10:00 AM.

Save the Dates

Lenten Retreat – “Encountering Jesus’ Way of Life”

will begin Tuesday, March 5 at 1:00 PM. .

Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



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

YOUTH MINISTRY



For more information email:

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



@stephremyouth

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



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

Don't miss out on scholarship opportunities!

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www.futuresineducation.org

RECEIVED AN AWARD LAST YEAR? RE-APPLY BY MARCH 29, 2019

FIRST TIME APPLICANT? APPLY BY APRIL 29, 2019



To learn more, or schedule a visit,
contact us at **718.833.1440**

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**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!



World Day for Consecrated Life

February 3, 2019

Honoring

Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
and
Sisters of St. Joseph



Sisters of
St. Joseph
Uniting all in
God's love

We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. May the light of Christ shine brightly through men and women who choose the consecrated life to live out their baptismal commitment, especially those who serve in the Diocese of Brooklyn now or who have been part of our history.

Prayer for Vocations

Source of all life; we offer you our praise and thanks for creating us out of your abundant love. You sent your Son, Jesus, to teach us and show us the way to live. You summon us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' power to heal.

You call each of us to holiness. Strengthen our commitment to prayer and service. Bless our Church with men and women who dedicated their lives to you in consecrated life.

May we, your people, proclaim the Gospel whether it is convenient or inconvenient. We trust that you will empower us through the gift of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.