

Church of St. Ephrem

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March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent



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St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

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



Second Sunday of Lent

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“While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.”

Luke tells us in today’s gospel, on this second Sunday of Lent, about the transfiguration. The presence of Elijah and Moses indicates Jesus as the fulfillment of the prophet Elijah and the law of Moses. Only the three disciples are there to witness this terrific encounter, and they, too are enveloped in the cloud, which itself is another image from the Old Testament. In particular, during the wandering in the wilderness, the Lord preceded the Hebrew people by means of a column of cloud during the day, and a column of fire at night. There, too, the cloud covered the meeting tent, and in doing so the glory of the Lord filled the place. There are many instances in the Old Testament where the presence of the Lord is indicated by a cloud, and that is the sense intended here by Luke as well. The cloud represents the Lord’s glory; this is not a story about what happened one foggy day. Moreover, a voice from the cloud speaks, echoing the message heard at Jesus’ baptism, *“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”*

More symbolism is present in the face of Jesus changing in appearance and his clothing becoming “dazzling white.” There is so much that is symbolic and representative of Jesus’ glory in the gospel reading that some scholars of Scripture refer to it as a “displaced resurrection account.” In other words, this was originally a story of a resurrection appearance or a story about the risen Jesus that was transposed into the narrative of his earthly ministry. Whether it is a displaced resurrection story or not, its Christology is profound, demonstrating that Jesus shares the glory of the Lord and fulfills the prophets and the law. He is on par with Elijah and Moses: He is called God’s son, to whom we should listen.

The birth of a child, falling in love, a special day, or an encounter in nature may all be peak experiences we want to preserve, remember, and cherish. Perhaps like Peter we want to “build a tent,” or otherwise make a memorial to the event and the person(s) with whom we shared it. But like the events in today’s gospel, as soon as the incident happens, it seems to end. “After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.” The encounter was over and those who had witnessed it were humbled into silence. The encounter of the transfiguration informs our own peak experiences. They are a taste of the life that is to come, an eternal peak experience that satisfies all longings.

Next Sunday, March 24th is the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick Day Parade. St. Ephrem Catholic Academy and parishioners will be marching. Please join us and march with St. Ephrem, to celebrate our heritage and our Catholic Identity. I look forward to seeing you there.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



March 10, 2019	238 Envelopes	\$6,974.00
Black & Indian Missions	142 Envelopes	\$2,363.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 835

1179 Families Registered and Receive Envelopes

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!



Annual Catholic Appeal 2019
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

How will our Parish Benefit?

St. Ephrem Parish Goal is:
\$99,236.00

You may notice that our parish goal has been reduced. This as a result that our weekly collections have gone down due to less attendance at weekly Masses. Once we exceed our goal, then we will receive 100% of all funds raised above goal.

Last year we received back **\$8,794.75 Thank You!**

St. Ephrem Parish Goal	\$99,236.00
Number of Donors	25
Amount Pledged	\$11,203.00
Paid to Date	\$6,988.00

Faith & Good Works

How Your 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Gift Will Be Used:

\$2,700,000 Vocation Support
\$2,500,000 Catholic Schools & Faith Formation
\$1,600,000 Catholic Charities & Parish Assistance
\$700,000 Welcome the Stranger
\$500,000 Chaplaincies in Schools, Prisons & Hospitals

Your gift allows the Church to share faith and do good works in Brooklyn & Queens.



Generations of Faith continues across the Diocese!

Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of February 16, 2019 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church	
Campaign Goal	\$980,000.00
Total Pledged	\$1,045,969.00
Total Payments to Date by Parishioners	\$886,611.82
Total # Donors	198
Total Funds already paid to the Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday, March 16th
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Diana Boutross

5:00 PM Jessie Doolan
Arthur Watroba
Robert Gencarelli
Susan Sexton
Evonne & Chaffic Boumoussa

Sunday, March 17th
8:00 AM Joseph Iannaci, Sr.
10:00 AM Eileen M. Maguire
12 Noon Lucy Coluccio
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, March 18th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

Tuesday, March 19th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Madeline & Joseph Maccario

Wednesday, March 20th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Joseph Ligammari & Miriam Ligammari

Thursday, March 21st
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Lucy M. Casale

Friday, March 22nd
7:00 AM Ilario Piscioneri
8:45 AM Michael Clark

Saturday, March 23rd
8:45 AM Peter Reyes

5:00 PM Mildred Sparano
Kathleen O'Connor
Marie Manfredo
Alfred Festa, Sr.
Susan Sexton

Sunday, March 24th
8:00 AM For the Intentions of Patty Giugliano
10:00 AM Rosemarie Lombardi
12 Noon Mary Lou Doolan
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:
Maria Cigliano

Requested by Polizzotto & Valvano Families



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:
Mary & Harry Arnold

Requested by Pat Arnold

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will pray the
Stations of the Cross
Thursday's of Lent at 1:30 PM
With the children of Our Academy

Friday's of Lent
Following the 8:45 AM Mass & 7:00 PM

Church of St. Ephrem Lenten Soup Supper

Wednesday March 20th at 6:00 P.M.
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

There will be a free will offering to benefit



A soup Kitchen & Shelter for homeless young women and their infants.

In order to make proper arrangements
Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, March 18th
By calling: St. Ephrem Rectory (718) 833-1010

Lenten Daily Meditations



At the doors of our church there are the Lenten, "The Word Among Us". Please take one for your Lenten Daily Meditations.

We hope that this will be an opportunity to enhance your prayer and strengthen your relationship with God.

ACADEMY NEWS



St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
Will be holding open registration for
2019 Summer Camp

Wednesday, April 10th
Thursday, April 11th
3:00 to 4:30 PM
Academy Cafeteria

Camp dates July 1, 2019 through August 9, 2019
Accommodating Ages 4-12
Rates based on
3 days, 5 days & full 6 week enrollment

Early drop off & aftercare
available for an additional rate

For information
summerfun@stephremschool.org

SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Bereavement Support Group
Monday, March 18 at 7:00 PM.

A Lenten Retreat
“Encountering Jesus’ Way of Life”
will be held Tuesday, March 19 at 1:00 PM.

Exploring the Sunday Readings Group
Thursday, March 21 at 10:00 AM.

Spiritual Direction
Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

All are welcome!!!!



PARISH NEWS

St. Ephrem Friendship Club



Fun for Seniors

All Seniors 55 years and older are invited to join us on Wednesdays in the Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

(Doors open at 10:30)

Do you enjoy playing cards, bingo, join in the 50/50, or just talk to your new friends, even bring your own friends for a table of your own.

We look forward to your company!!!

YOUTH MINISTRY

For more information email:



Support St. Ephrem's
Youth Ministry
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com



@stephremyouth

Youth Group Meeting
March 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Faith Formation Office



Brooklyn & Queens Catholic Youth Day

Saturday, March 30th
9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Space is limited
Please register by emailing
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

Grandparents Retreat

*Are you a grandparent?
...praying for your grandchild
...introducing them to your Catholic faith
...worried for them in today's world*



**St. Joachim & Anne, the parents of Mary
and the grandparents of Jesus.**

Together we will explore the vocation of grandparents!

**Join us for a retreat to learn, share,
and pray with one another.**

Sunday, April 7th 1:00 to 3:00 PM
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Cafeteria

Lunch will be served.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 3rd
(718) 833-1010 or
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com



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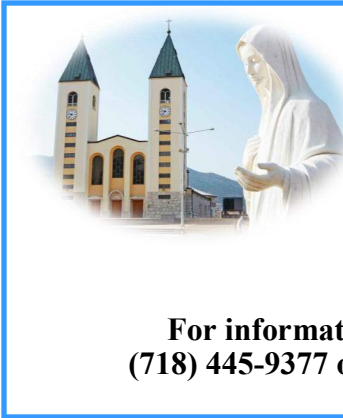


PARISH NEWS

Solemnity of St. Joseph

Tuesday, March 19th

Following the 8:45 AM Mass all are invited to join us in the Rectory Dining Room for light refreshments.



**Pilgrimage to:
Medjugorje, Austria,
Prague & Poland
with
Fr. Anthony Chanan**

**September 9th—19th
\$3,395,00**

**For information please call
(718) 445-9377 or (212) 676-9070**

**Pope Francis
Anniversary of Installation,
Supreme Pastor
of the
Universal Church
March 19th**



*O God, who in your providential design
willed that your Church be built
upon blessed Peter,
whom you set over the other Apostles,
Look with favor, we pray, on Francis, our Pope
and grant that he,
whom you have made Peter's successor,
May be for your people a
visible source and foundation
of unity in faith and of communion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

**Welcome
Bishop James Massa
Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn**



**Sunday, March 31, 2019
Bishop Massa will celebrate the
12 Noon Mass.**

**After mass Bishop Massa will meet with members
of our Parish Council, Parish Trustees,
Finance Council, and Parish Staff.**

**We will discuss the developments and challenges
facing the Diocese and our parish.**

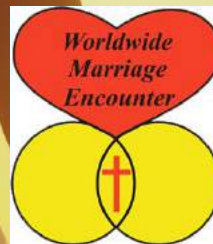
DEANERY NEWS

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations



Arianna Kotsatos	11th Grade	First Honors
Genna Mascarini	11th Grade	First Honors
Brigid McEvoy	12th Grade	Principal's List
Jonathan Mendizabal	9th Grade	Second Honors
Adam Nash	10th Grade	First Honors
Daniel Salib	10th Grade	Principal's List
Alyssa Zillini	12th Grade	Principal's List



**Married Couples are invited to
learn ways to grow their
Sacrament of Marriage
By improving their
communication skills.**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Brooklyn Special for Married Couples
2 day Non-Residential Weekend
Saturday & Sunday, April 6th & 7th
St. Patrick Church
Brooklyn, New York**

**To register or for more information:
go to wwme.org or call (718) 423-6434**