

Church of St. Ephrem

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April 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday



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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.



**Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 28, 2019**

“Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.”

The Second Sunday of Easter, which the church calls Divine Mercy

Sunday, presents us with the gospel from John, where Thomas encounters the risen Christ the week after the initial resurrection appearance. He has been called “doubting Thomas,” even though the word “doubt” does not appear in the story. Still it’s clear Thomas was hesitant to believe. More than one preacher has likened Thomas’s attitude to a “show me” skepticism. His belief is conditioned on physically inspecting the risen Christ’s nail marks. And yet, the story does not say that when given the opportunity Thomas actually put his hand in Jesus’ side. Immediately, upon encountering the risen Christ he proclaims, “My Lord and my God!”

Once we believe in the Son of God and love one another as he loves us, our life is complete. We then unfold this relationship day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year. Neither “belief” nor “love” knows fulfillment. There is always more, there is always a limit, a horizon we never reach. As human beings we can never achieve perfect belief or perfect love. But the pursuit of both is lifelong. On this Second Sunday of Easter when we encounter Divine Mercy and pray: “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion... Have mercy on us.” In the gospel we recall Jesus’ profound and simple message. Believe and love.

Today, Bishop DiMarzio will bestow Diocesan Honors of Distinguished Parishioner Award at The Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph, on our parishioners: Ms. Lucy McGuirk and Mr. Alfred Marciano. This award celebrates lay members of the parish who will be recognized and honored for their contribution, dedication and generosity to the life of the parish and the Church of Brooklyn and Queens. Each parish will have two recipients who live out their faith and share it with the needs of the parish. Lucy and Al certainly fulfill this requirement. Congratulations to Lucy and Al and thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with our parish family and with the Church in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Next weekend the children of our parish will be receiving First Holy Communion, at the Saturday, 5 :00PM, Sunday 10:00 AM and 12 Noon Masses. We pray for them and their families.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



April 14, 2019	315 Envelopes	\$9,621.00
Easter Gift	237 Envelopes	\$17,442.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 1,277

675 Families Registered and Receive Envelopes

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!



Annual Catholic Appeal 2019
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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	136
Amount Pledged	\$74,805.00
Paid to Date	\$43,547.00

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 March 15, 2019 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church	
Campaign Goal	\$980,000.00
Total Pledged	\$1,047,969.00
Total Payments to Date by Parishioners	\$892,152.49
Total # Donors	198
Total Funds already paid to the Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



Mass Intentions for the week

8:45 AM **Saturday, April 27th**
Ann R. Boutross & Eddie Boutross

5:00 PM Angelo Tesoriero
Louis & Margaret Parise
Girolamo Biundo
Marie Manfredo
Paulette Sbordone

8:00 AM **Sunday, April 28th**
Paulette Sbordone
10:00 AM Veronica Nicholson Murphy
12 Noon Diane Ondreicka
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

7:00 AM **Monday, April 29th**
Paulette Sbordone
8:45 AM Antonio Alaimo

7:00 AM **Tuesday, April 30th**
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
All Souls

7:00 AM **Wednesday, May 1st**
8:45 AM Mary Fran Dougherty
Paulette Sbordone

7:00 AM **Thursday, May 2nd**
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
Eileen Canale

7:00 AM **Friday, May 3rd**
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
McGuirk & Delehanty Families

8:45 AM **Saturday, May 4th**
Purgatorial Society Mass

5:00 PM Ceceilia & Andrew Delgado
William M. Hyland
Paulette Sbordone
Maria Dos Santo Miranda
Connie & Nick Gallo

8:00 AM **Sunday, May 5th**
10:00 AM Pasquale Marsillo
12 Noon Vincenzo Luca
5:00 PM Robert Offito
For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:
William M. Hyland

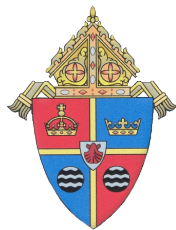
Requested by Eileen Pynn



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:
Marie Gambardella

Requested by Janet & Donald Cassamassino



Diocese of Brooklyn Distinguished Parishioners Award Sunday, April 28, 2019 Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph

Congratulations

Alfred Marciano

Mr. Marciano is a Parish Trustee and member of the Parish Finance Council. Al is a Lector and the founding member of the Consolation Ministry. Al also is a graduate of the Lay Leadership Program Class of 2006 of the Diocese of Brooklyn .



Lucy McGuirk

Ms. McGuirk is a Parish Trustee and member of the Parish Finance Council. Lucy is a weekday Lector and a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Lucy is a member of the CAP Program and visits the Homebound. As well as a member of the Ministers of Consolation. In 2007 she was invested as a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Lucy is a lifelong parishioner.



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Mass Book Opening for *July to December 2019*

You may enroll your loved ones for a Mass Intention, on

Thursday, May 9, 2019

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

To help us with your request, please indicate your Mass Intention on the purple sheet located in our church and bring it with you to the Rectory



Save the Date
Mini-Retreat and Brunch Morning
“Mother of Compassionate Love”
Monday, May 13 at 9:30AM Sister Ave Clark, OP will be the presider.

DVD Program
An Introduction to a Feminist Interpretation of the Bible
Tuesday, April 30, at 1:00 PM

Bereavement
 Bereavement Support Group
Monday, April 29 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

Exploring the Sunday Readings Group
 Thursday, May 2nd at 10:00 AM.

Spiritual Direction
 Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

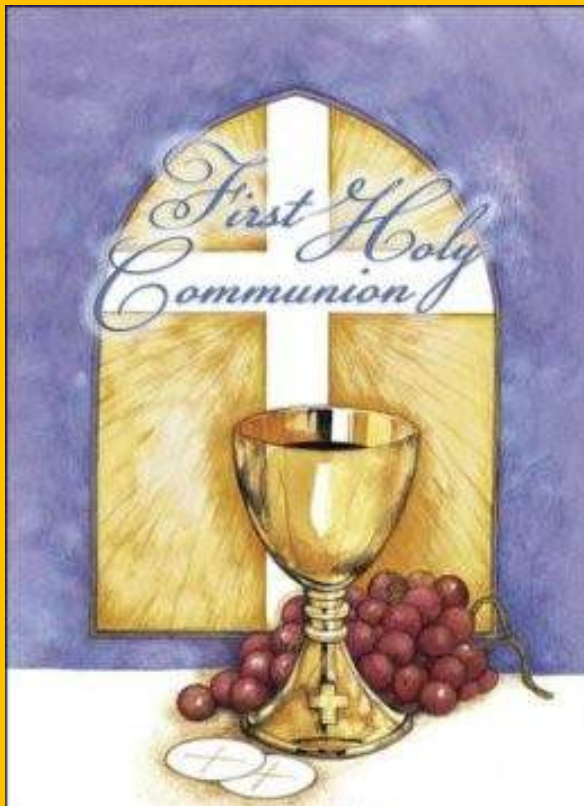
All are welcome!!!!



Congratulations

*To the children of our parish
 who will be receiving
 First Holy Communion
 Next weekend
 Saturday, 5:00 PM
 Sunday, 10:00 AM
 Sunday, 12 Noon*

God Bless them & their Families



Want your child to ...
think logically,
write persuasively,
deepen faith,
love learning?



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Mass of Hope & Healing

*Planned by Survivors for: Survivors, those who love a
Victim-Survivor & all those impacted by the sexual abuse
crisis affecting our church*

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 - 7:00 PM

St. Athanasius Church
2154 61 Street, Brooklyn

Main Celebrant:
Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio
Bishop of Brooklyn
Homilist: Very Rev. Jeffry T. Dillon

All are invited to come together on this day to pray for healing
for all those impacted by sexual abuse.

Confidentiality of all in attendance will be strictly respected. For more
information please follow/visit us on  @ Office of Victim Assistance
Ministry of the Diocese of Brooklyn &   @vacministry

**The LORD is close to the brokenhearted,
saves those whose spirit is crushed.
Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him from them all.**

**He watches over all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

**Evil will slay the wicked:
those who hate the righteous are condemned.
The LORD is the redeemer of the souls of his servants;
And none are condemned who take refuge in him.**

Psalm 34

Never worry about bringing your checkbook or your envelope to Mass again.



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- 1 You can share your gifts...** Any way you want to. When you want to. Where you want to.
- 2 Leave your checkbook at home.** Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.
- 3 Your funds are protected.** Your donations are automatically transferred to our parish so it's safer and more secure.
- 4 Support our parish consistently,** even if you are unable to attend Mass.
- 5 Give on-the-go!** Access the site from your mobile phone or tablet.

SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

- 1 Visit your church website and click Give Online.**
- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.**
- 3 Set up your donation or payment. That's it!**

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

QUESTIONS? Contact Your Parish Office.



Support St. Ephrem's Youth Ministry
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