

Church of St. Ephrem

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April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent



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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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

It is so much easier to point out other people's sins than to confront our own. Jesus reminds us

in the gospel today that when our focus shifts to another's sinfulness we need to refocus our attention. Following Jesus' challenge, *"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her,"* the crowd slowly dissipates. Finally the woman is left with the only one who is without sin, Jesus himself. But instead of throwing vicious words or any other "bullets" intent on hurting, Jesus offers the woman forgiveness. As in all things, Jesus shows us the way. We are called to love our neighbors, not to condemn them.

Some background to this story told in today's gospel. There was a time in church history, a few centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection that some Christians did not believe in forgiveness of sin after one's baptism. As a result, many Christians were delaying baptism until well after their "sinning years" were over effectively delaying baptism until one's deathbed. Some other Christians were proclaiming that one could be forgiven for sins even after one was baptized.

In the face of such internal church disputes comes this story about Jesus. That is to say, it was about the time that the church was engaging in the debate about forgiveness of sins that the story of Jesus forgiving the woman caught in adultery began to appear in early manuscripts. It's as though the church recalled an episode from Jesus' life, or told a story about how Jesus might approach the issue. And now, of course, we have the sacrament of reconciliation. The history of the sacrament of reconciliation is beyond the purview of this brief essay. But the story in today's gospel seems to have been a prominent memory in the journey of how the church went from Jesus' personal ministry to the sacrament of reconciliation we have today.

Forgiveness is not an easy thing to express; it is not an easy thing to do. We see from Jesus' own ministry, from the experience of the early church, and probably our own past experiences how quickly we exclude others, setting apart and separating them. But Jesus' ministry, and by extension, the church's own ministry, is about inclusion through reconciliation. Jesus proclaims the forgiveness of sins, even undergoing a baptism of forgiveness. By his ministry those on the margins, those who have been condemned, are brought back and welcomed into the fold. The disciples of Jesus carry the ministry forward into the world. And like the time of Jesus, this ministry moves forward even when there are forces present who prefer exclusion. The question: "What would Jesus do?" is particularly appropriate here. Jesus did not condemn. Neither should we. Jesus forgave. So should we.

Thank you for the warm welcome you gave to Bishop Massa, last Sunday. Our gathering with the parish leaders was very productive, in which we spoke about the many wonderful things that are happening here at St. Ephrem, as well as the challenges we are facing.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



March 31, 2019	288 Envelopes	\$8,233.50
Catholic Relief Services	146 Envelopes	\$2,521.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 841

1179 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	104
Amount Pledged	\$60,375.00
Paid to Date	\$34,362.00

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

- Saturday, April 6th**
8:45 AM Purgatorial Society Mass
- 5:00 PM Louis DiPretoro
Robert Gencarelli
Marie Manfredi
Richard P. Barnett
Michael Clark
- Sunday, April 7th**
8:00 AM Franco Cinquepalmi
10:00 AM Eileen M. Maguire
12 Noon Wahing Chang
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, April 8th**
7:00 AM Theresa Murray
8:45 AM Vincenzo Sperrarra
- Tuesday, April 9th**
7:00 AM Matthew O'Connor
8:45 AM Emma Marsillo
- Wednesday, April 10th**
7:00 AM Michael & Miriam Loughran
8:45 AM Domenick Bergamini & The Tozzi and Bergamini Families
- Thursday, April 11th**
7:00 AM For the Intentions of Pauline Parker
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Steve McAteer
- Friday, April 12th**
7:00 AM Vito Gentile
8:45 AM Pasquale Castellano
- Saturday, April 13th**
8:45 AM Molly McGarny Dougherty
- 5:00 PM Marie Manfredi
William Fritsch
Frank Pologruto Jr. & Filomena Pologruto
Salvatore Stuto & Mildred & Salvatore Esposito
Betty Walsh (Belated Birthday)
- Sunday, April 14th**
8:00 AM Peter Corradi
10:00 AM Eileen M. Maguire
12 Noon Winifred Fugowski
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Catholic Wedding Music Night



**Thursday, April 11th
at 7:30 PM
in our Church**

The evening will provide you with an opportunity to listen to all of the music selections, the singers and the different instruments available for your wedding.



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:
Maria Modena

*Requested by Her Husband Leonardo Modena
And Family*

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 14th

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM—Adult Choir Mass

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon & 5:00 PM

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, April 15th

3:00 PM to 9 PM

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday—April 18th

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Church will remain open till midnight for Adoration.

Good Friday—April 19th

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday—April 20th

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

Easter Sunday—April 21st

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the parish lawn.

12 Noon

Alleluia He is Risen!

He is Truly Risen! Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

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**

FRIENDSHIP CLUB



St. Ephrem Friendship Club

**Wednesday, April 24, 2019
Bus departs at 9:00 AM Sharp
\$30.00 per person,
with a rebate of \$25.00
\$20.00 Slots & \$5.00 Meal**

**For information please call
Frank (347) 267-3644
Reservations & full payment
no later than April 19th**



SPIRITUALITY CENTER



**A Lenten Retreat
“Encountering Jesus’ Way of Life”**
will be held Tuesday, April 9th at 1:00 PM.

Bereavement Support Group
Monday, April 8th at 7:00 PM a new
Bereavement Support Group. Sessions run on a
6 week cycle. If you have recently lost a loved
one and would like to join the group for some
compassionate listening, honest sharing and
consoling prayer, please come to the Center.
Individual (one on one) sessions are
available on request.

Spiritual Direction
Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518


All are welcome!!!!



YOUTH MINISTRY



Support St. Ephrem’s
Youth Ministry
For more information email:

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com
 @stephremyouth

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**

The Lord never tires
of forgiving, it is we
who tire of asking for
forgiveness.

Pope Francis



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



Contact us at 718.833.1440 or
cmercado@stephremacademy.org

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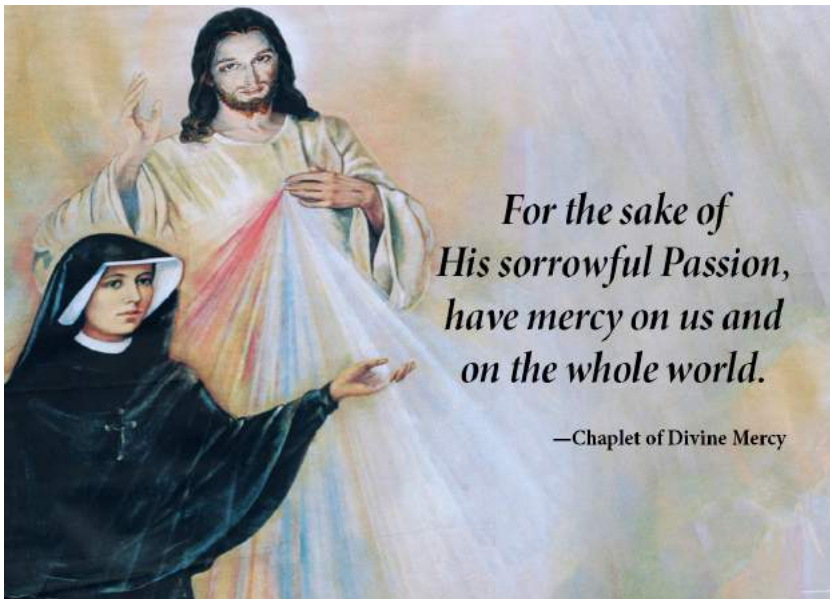
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VALUES-BASED EDUCATION AT

**ST. EPHREM
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

For Information and to set up a tour
Please contact the Academy Office.

PARISH NEWS

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 28, 2019



*For the sake of
His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and
on the whole world.*

—Chaplet of Divine Mercy

On Sunday, April 28, 2019
at the
12 Noon Mass

*Followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
St. Faustina's Praise of the Divine Mercy
And
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
3:00 PM Benediction

Monday, April 22 through April 27th
at 2:45PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Reflection of St. Faustina
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

**HELP
WANTED!**
*Christ Needs
You*

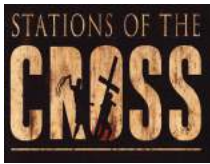
Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet



The washing of the feet during the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper is a beautiful ritual full of meaning which represents the service and charity of Christ, who came 'not to be served, but to serve.' With this in mind we are asking for volunteers that would like to represent the parish family, young and old, by having their feet washed during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on

Holy Thursday, April 18th at 7:30 PM.
Please call the rectory if you are interested

Good Friday Stations of the Cross



We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross
April 19th at 7:30 PM

If you are interested please call the rectory.



**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**

Congratulations

Rev. Robert B. Adamo

**Inducted into the Hall of Fame
St. Stanislaus Kostka,
Maspeth, NY**

Saturday, April 6, 2019

*Fr. Robert Adamo
served as Parochial Vicar
at
St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
1998 to 2003*

*This was
Fr. Robert's First Assignment
as a Priest*



**RADIO
BINGO**

Hosted by

**Where
'Name That Tune'
Meets Bingo!**

Friday, May 3rd

7:00 PM

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street
Brooklyn, New York

\$35.00 Per Person Includes:

Snacks, Sandwiches, Cookies, Soda, Water,

Coffee & Tea

Available for sale:

Wine, Beer & Signature Drink

**For Information & Reservations Contact
St. Ephrem Rectory (718) 833-1010
You can arrange for tables of 8 or 10 people.**

**Please make reservations by April 26th
No Tickets will be sold at the door**

Prizes
50/50 Raffle
Basket Raffles

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!!!