

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org



[stephrembklyn](https://twitter.com/stephrembklyn)



[stephremparish-brooklyn](https://www.facebook.com/stephremparish-brooklyn)

Parish Staff

Rev. Robert B. Adamo, KHS, *Pastor*
Rev. Msgr. Peter V. Kain, *Pastor Emeritus*
Rev. Anthony S. Chanan, *Parochial Vicar*
Mr. Robert Cote, *Youth Minister*
Mrs. Michele James, *Business Manager*
Rev. Msgr. Theophilus Joseph, *Parochial Vicar*
Ms. Eileen Maguire, *Director of Faith Formation*
Mr. Thomas Marchesiello, *Director of Music/Liturgy*
Deacon Kevin McLaughlin, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Craig Mercado, *Academy Principal*
Sr. Ann Martha Ondreicka, O.P., *Director of the Spirituality Center*
Mrs. Lisa Pinsky, *Parish Secretary*
Mr. Thomas J. Sbordone, *Christian Awareness Program/Pastoral Care*
Deacon Anthony Stucchio, *Permanent Deacon*

May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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.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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

***“I give you a new commandment,
love one another.”***

In today’s gospel we hear the simple but profound command to **“love one another,”** which presumes that there are others in the community. In case where semantics can open a debate about “who is my neighbor?” or how precisely we “love” an “enemy,” the command to love one another is straightforward and leaves little room for negotiating or explanation. Further, it is a command related to “one another,” which means those in the Christian community close to us. In some sense it harkens to family, and the relationships we have with one another as family. It’s nearly a plea for siblings to do more than “get along” but to actually “love one another.”

But Jesus goes further, pointing to the example he gave them as a model of love. **“As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”** The disciples will be known by their love for one another. Our own displays of charity and acts of love will mark us as Christian.

To love one another is challenging. It can be easier and more convenient to go to church, or to sit in one’s room and pray. But love requires action and some doing. As is often said, “Love is a verb.” The image of a family comes to mind again as it can be easier to love those on the outside or margins. But what about those most familiar to us? We know their foibles, idiosyncrasies, annoying tics, and habits. We have a history with them. Yet we are called, perhaps even reminded, to love one another.

For the Gospel of John, all ethical commands of Jesus may be summed up in this one command to love. Other than some references that seem to reflect the Ten Commandments the Gospel of John has one overriding exhortation: Love.

Jesus’ command today is simply to love. In its simplicity, it is extremely difficult. Love knows no bounds. Love does not say, “That’s enough.” Love puts the needs of the other ahead of our own. And in our global society we see that vast numbers of people have more needs than we do. Where to begin? It is our life’s calling as a disciple of Jesus to follow him in the way of love. It’s been said that a great journey begins with a single step. So we love one another and in doing so we become more devoted disciples of Christ.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



May 12, 2019	272 Envelopes	\$7,966.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00
<u>Mass Attendance 784</u>		

673 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	154
Amount Pledged	\$80,260.00
Paid to Date	\$50,766.34

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, May 18th**
Larry, Dorothy & Randy Soave

5:00 PM Michael K. Clark
William Fritsch
Angelina Femia
Angela Scannapieco
Paulette Sbordone

8:00 AM **Sunday, May 19th**
Mary Bonfiglio
10:00 AM Diane Ondreicka
12 Noon Rosario, Pietro & Maria Carluzzo
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

7:00 AM **Monday, May 20th**
For a Special Intention
8:45 AM Catherine & Thomas Colgan

7:00 AM **Tuesday, May 21st**
John Scarpinto
8:45 AM Paulette Sbordone

7:00 AM **Wednesday, May 22nd**
For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Paulette Sbordone

7:00 AM **Thursday, May 23rd**
For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Joseph Ligammari & Miriam Ligammari

7:00 AM **Friday, May 24th**
For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Paulette Sbordone

8:45 AM **Saturday, May 25th**
Josephine Lubduska

5:00 PM Domenick Bergamini
The Tozzi & Bergamini Families
Girolomo Biundo
Paulette Sbordone
Carmen Fernandez

8:00 AM **Sunday, May 26th**
10:00 AM Stephen & Mary Pirelli
12 Noon Louise Russo
5:00 PM Frank Saccente
For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:

Paulette Sbordone

Requested by Joanne & Frank Spadaro

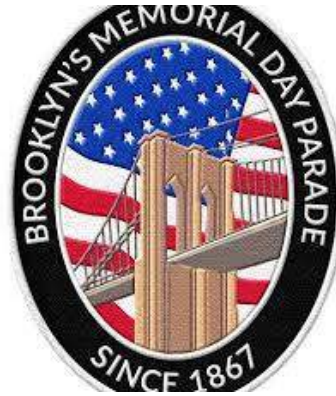


Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar

In Memory of:

Marie Manfreda

*Requested by
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
Faculty & Staff*



Brooklyn's Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 27, 2019
11:00 AM

Parade steps off on 3rd Ave & 78th St. Route along 3rd Ave. to Marine Ave. up to 4th Ave. & over to Cannonball Park for a Memorial Service.

All Veterans are invited to march



Our religious education program offers classes for children who do not attend a Catholic School for grades 1-7. These classes are held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 PM

to 4:45 PM. Registration will take place in the Faith Formation Office. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate is required. Re-registration is also available. Early bird discount registration ends June 30th!

Catechists Needed:

We are always in need of extra hands. If you enjoy children and are willing to share our faith, please contact Eileen Maguire.

For information please call

(718) 745-7486

stephremreligious@gmail.com

May, the Month of Our Blessed Mother



*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us!*

Recitation of the Rosary

During the Month of May, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will pray the Rosary through the intercession of Mary at

8:15 AM & 7:00 PM

Please join us!



Memorial Pavers

You can have your loved one (Living or Deceased) remembered in a very special way by having a paver placed by our Blessed Virgin Mary Prayer Garden. Each paver is 11 x 11. The donation is \$350.00.

For information please contact the rectory.

PARISH NEWS



St. Ephrem Catholic Academy 2019 Summer Camp

Registration

Wednesday, June 5th & Thursday, June 6th
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

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



DVD Program
An Introduction to a Feminist
Interpretation of the Bible
Tuesday, May 21, at 1:00 PM

Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

St. Patrick Parish

Sister Jeanne Elaine at 718-238-2600 x178

Our Lady of Angels Parish

Judy Chiarchiaro at 718-748-1164

All are welcome!!!!



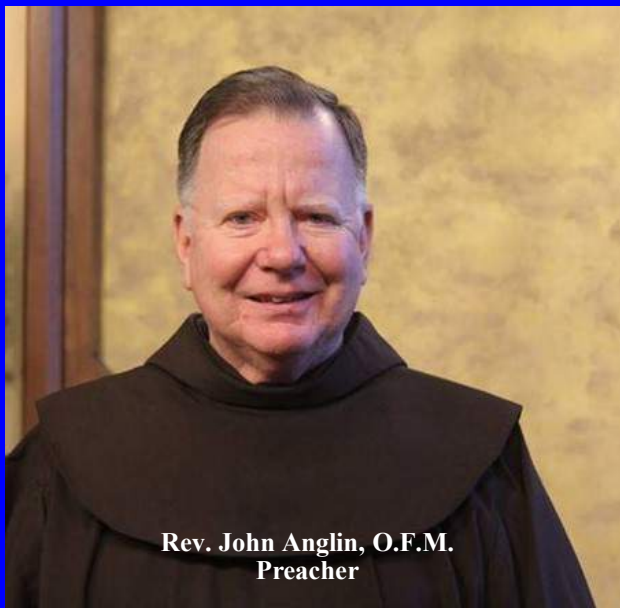
*“Help one another this is
what Jesus teaches us. This
is what I do. And I do it with
my heart.”*

Pope Francis

St. Ephrem Parish Mission

June 3rd to June 5th

8:45 AM Mass & 7:00 PM Prayer Service



Rev. John Anglin, O.F.M.
Preacher

“Living the Joy of the Gospel”

Monday, June 3, 2019

A Loving God: The Cause of our Joy

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

The Gift of Mercy

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

*Caring for our Common Home, Mercy for our
Brothers & Sisters & for all God's Creatures*

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



Contact us at 718.833.1440 or
cmmercado@stephremacademy.org

NEEDS-BASED TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR
ELIGIBLE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
Apply by April 29th at www.futuresineducation.org

924 74th Street

Brooklyn, NY 11228

stephremacademy.org



EXPLORE THE BENEFITS OF A
VALUES-BASED EDUCATION AT

**ST. EPHREM
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

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

PARISH NEWS

St. Ephrem Friendship Club is sponsoring a



Wednesday, June 12, 2019 the bus departs at 9:00 am sharp
Bingo, coffee & cake for the ride to the casino
Movie, beverage & snack for the bus ride home.
\$38.00 per person & casino gives back \$30.00

For information please call Frank (347) 267-3644
till 7:00 PM in the evening
Reservations and full payment no later
than **June 7, 2019**—No Refunds



St. Vincent de Paul Society
Will be here on
Saturday, May 25th
9:00 AM to 11:45 AM,
In the parking lot on 74th Street.

**All types of clean usable clothing,
blankets & towels will be accepted.**

Thank You for your donation!

BUILD THE BLOCK

Neighborhood Policing & Safety Meeting



68th Precinct—Sector B Bay Ridge & Dyker Heights

The NYPD officers serving our community invite you to a discussion of the public safety challenges in our neighborhood.

With neighborhood policing, the Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs), and the Steady Sector Officers who work with them, have been given more time and opportunity to collaborate with residents in identifying and solving local quality of life conditions and crime concerns. The same officers are assigned to our community each day, so these officers learn the neighborhood, its challenges and potential, and the people who call it home.

This is a new way of doing business for the NYPD, and we need your help to make it work. We want to hear from a broad range of voices about what it will take to make all the residents of our neighborhood feel safe and secure. Please join us for what we hope will be lively and productive discussion.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228

Doors open at 6:30 PM for Refreshments
Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Sponsored by our Neighborhood Coordination Officers
Police Officer Jeffrey Lau
Police Officer Patrick Memi

For accommodations regarding & any disability, please contact:
Lieutenant Krystin Suarez at (929) 371-6423 or Krystin.Suarez@nypd.org
At least 72 hours (three days) prior to the event. (By 05/18/2019)



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

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

 [@stephremyouth](https://www.instagram.com/stephremyouth)