

# Church of St. Ephrem

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## Parish Staff

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Mr. Robert Cote, *Youth Minister*  
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Mrs. Lisa Pinsky, *Parish Secretary*  
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May 26, 2019  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



### Rectory Office

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### Spirituality Center

935 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-921-9518

### Christian Awareness Program

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1143

### Faith Formation Office

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## St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ [www.stephremcatholicacademy.org](http://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](http://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.



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

***“The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”***

Our readings today continue to be from the Gospel of John, and interestingly it’s from Jesus’ Last Supper discourse. So even though we are in the Easter season, we hearken back to the Last Supper for words of wisdom from Jesus. And these words are appropriate as we approach the conclusion of the Easter season at Pentecost, the feast of the giving of the Holy Spirit, which we will celebrate in two weeks. But here Jesus tells the disciples forthrightly that the Father will send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, in Jesus’ name. The role of the Spirit is to teach the disciples and to remind them of what Jesus said. The Spirit then is a gift of the Father. This gift was given not only to that generation of Christians but to us too. We have that same Advocate to teach us and the other followers of Jesus. But that is not the only gift we receive.

A gift of Jesus given to the disciples is peace, but Jesus is quick to say that it is not the peace given by the world, but that given by Jesus. The world’s peace can be understood as the absence of war, or a cessation of hostilities. Others interpret it as the peace gained by domination of subject peoples. And in Jesus’ time and place we recall that the Romans were the occupying power. A generation after Jesus the city of Jerusalem with its temple would be destroyed by Rome. At the conclusion of the campaign the Romans would say they pacified Judea! The death, destruction, slaughter, fire, and pillaging of Jerusalem and its temple meant for the Romans that the land was at peace! So, no, Jesus’ peace is not like that given by the world, given by the Romans.

The peace Jesus gives is an interior wholeness, to be at peace with oneself and the world around us. The inner disposition of a disciple is one of peace, not aggression, peace, rather than anxiety, peace, not pursuit of ill-gotten gain. The life of a disciple is marked by the gift of peace given by Jesus.

How many of us live lives of peace? And by peace do we mean absence of strife? Or the peace that Christ gives? The peace that Christ gives is not only for those disciples in the New Testament, it is for us. The relationship we have with Christ means that we do not look to outside forces or external sources for validation. Our worth and sense of self is not measured by a job, position, house, children, family, retirement plan, or the praise of others. Instead, our peace and well-being comes from Christ himself. That peace and security can never be taken away. We are no longer subject to the impulses of others, the hazards of the world, or the fads of passing desires. Regardless of our condition in life, we have something fundamental at our core that is a gift. Let us rest in the knowledge that we have been given the gift of peace that comes from Christ himself.

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



May 19, 2019	250 Envelopes	\$8,152.00
School Collection	137 Envelopes	\$3,103.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

**Mass Attendance 684**

**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!**

<b>St. Ephrem Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$99,236.00</b>
<b>Number of Donors</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$81,490.00</b>
<b>Paid to Date</b>	<b>\$52,556.34</b>

### 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**

**Generations of Faith continues across the Diocese!**

<b>Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of May 15, 2019 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church</b>	
<b>Campaign Goal</b>	<b>\$980,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,045,969.00</b>
<b>Total Payments to Date by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$902,763.83</b>
<b>Total # Donors</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Total Funds already paid to the Parish to Date</b>	<b>\$336,719.00</b>



## Mass Intentions for the week

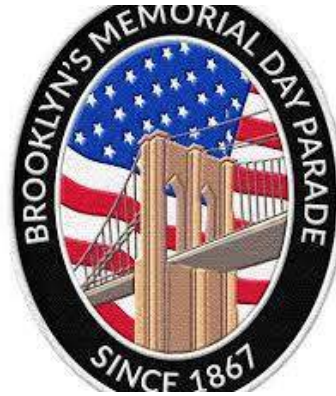
- Saturday, May 25th**  
8:45 AM Josephine Lubduska  
5:00 PM Domenick Bergamini  
The Tozzi & Bergamini Families  
Girolomo Biundo  
Paulette Sbordone  
Carmen Fitzpatrick
- Sunday, May 26th**  
8:00 AM Stephen & Mary Pirelli  
10:00 AM Louise Russo  
12 Noon Frank Saccente  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, May 27th**  
NO 7:00 AM MASS  
8:45 AM John Tambasco
- Tuesday, May 28th**  
7:00 AM The Carr Family  
8:45 AM Paulette Sbordone
- Wednesday, May 29th**  
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM Natalino Guglielmetti  
7:00 PM Vigil Paulette Sbordone
- Thursday, May 30th**  
7:00 AM For the Intentions of Anthony  
8:45 AM Vincent & Frank Iannizzi  
11:00 AM Teresa Cho
- Friday, May 31st**  
7:00 AM Joseph Miceli  
8:45 AM Paulette Sbordone
- Saturday, June 1st**  
8:45 AM Purgatorial Society Mass  
5:00 PM Joan & Robert Ryan  
Marina Tesoriero  
Paulette Sbordone  
Connie Macannuco  
Vincent Porogruto
- Sunday, June 2nd**  
8:00 AM John J. Moscato  
10:00 AM Salvatore Bonfiglio  
12 Noon Julia Costanza  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



**Bread and Wine**  
In Loving Memory of:  
**Vincent Iannizzi & Family**  
*Requested by Betty Iannizzi*



**Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar**  
In Memory of:  
**Elvira Damura**  
*Requested by  
Her Loving Cousin*



**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



**Faith Formation**  
Register today!!  
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](mailto: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](mailto:summerfun@stephremschool.org)

## SPIRITUALITY CENTER



**DVD Program**  
**An Introduction to a Feminist**  
**Interpretation of the Bible**  
Tuesday, May 28, 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

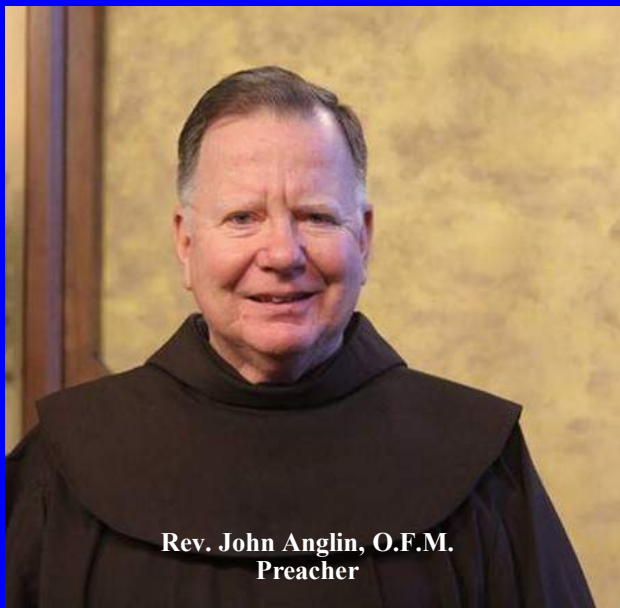
All are welcome!!!!



## 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?



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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

### Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Gives Back



St. Ephrem's could share in the profits.  
For donated cars, trucks or vans, running or not. The Associated Vincentian will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of.

Please call  
718-491-2525

or

[www.svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://www.svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)  
Thank you for your participation





*Ascension Thursday*  
**Holy Day  
of  
Obligation**

**Wednesday, May 29th  
Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM**

**Thursday, May 30th**  
**7:00 AM**  
**8:45 AM**  
*with children from our Academy*  
**11:00 AM**

**Feast of Pentecost**  
**June 9, 2019**


Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



**Christian Awareness Program (CAP)**  
Our next meeting is on  
**May 28th at 9:45 AM**  
in the Academy Cafeteria



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

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

**Feast of St. Ephrem**  
**June 9, 2019**



*“Fire and the  
Spirit are in our  
Baptism.*

*Fire and the Spirit  
are also in the  
Bread & Cup.”*

**St. Ephrem the Syrian**

**Summer Super 50/50 Raffle**

**As we celebrate Memorial Day,  
and the “unofficial” start of  
summer. Once again we have  
our Annual Summer 50/50  
Raffle available in church.**

*Last year our winner took home \$1,405.00*

