

Church of St. Ephrem

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May 5, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter



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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

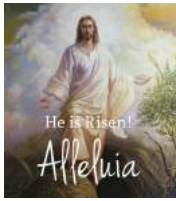
To make arrangements for communion to be brought to any parishioner who is seriously ill or confined to the house, or if they wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. To see a particular Staff Member, please call for an appointment.

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.



Third Sunday of Easter

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“Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and in like manner the fish.”

Today’s gospel from John incorporates two stories: one of the appearance on the seashore, followed by another of the rehabilitation of Peter. The Beloved Disciple, who remains nameless, is the first to recognize Jesus with the proclamation, “It is the Lord.” This is an echo of the discovery of the empty tomb when, even though Peter was the first to go into the empty tomb, the Beloved Disciple “saw and believed.” The Beloved Disciple is portrayed as the true model of discipleship. And he does not appear in any other gospel!

Another nod to earlier stories in the Gospel of John includes the mention of a “charcoal fire,” as that is the place where Peter denied Jesus three times. The presence of a charcoal fire here sets the stage, narratively speaking, for his threefold rehabilitation. Three times Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me?” and three times Peter responds affirmatively. This three-time inquisition is quite obviously a retort to Peter’s threefold denial during the passion. After the Beloved Disciple died, the Johannine community-for whom the Beloved Disciple was a model of discipleship-was coming to recognize their role in the greater Christian world, which was led by Peter. But the last story we heard about Peter was his denial of Christ. Thus, the epilogue, the additional chapter following the conclusion, tells the story of Peter’s rehabilitation. Peter represents the larger Christian community. Though he denied Jesus, unlike the Beloved Disciple who was the ideal, Peter was effectively forgiven and placed in a leadership role. Thus in the Christian imagination, Peter represents the ideals and realities of discipleship. No Christian community is an island unto itself. Even leaders can stumble; when they do they can be forgiven by Jesus himself. Such is the power of the risen Christ.

Sometimes it’s easy to imagine the saints and disciples as those who had it all figured out. But today’s gospel reminds us otherwise. Even now, a time after the resurrection, the disciples are fishing. They do not seem to be about the business of preaching or teaching. Instead, they have gone back to what they were doing before they met Jesus. One nameless disciple recognizes Jesus and his proclamation causes Peter to jump into the water and swim to the seashore to meet Jesus. Jesus does not scold Peter for the weakness he showed during the passion. Instead, Jesus asks him three times whether he loves him. And three times Peter says yes, though clearly becoming a bit agitated. But in doing so, Jesus rehabilitates Peter and gives each subsequent Christian the hope and promise of rehabilitation when we fall short too. The saints and disciples were real human beings. Rather, he chose disciples, those who would follow him. And he chose us too. Our task is to follow. When we fall short Jesus will be there for us too.

Today, we welcome 53 children from our parish to the Table of the Lord, as they receive First Holy Communion. We pray for them and their families that they will grow closer to Jesus every day.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



Easter Sunday April 21, 2019	318 Envelopes	\$11,910.00
Retired Priests' April 21, 2019	212 Envelopes	\$5,108.00
Divine Mercy April 28, 2019	247 Envelopes	\$7,184.00
<i>Catholic Home Missions</i>		
April 28, 2019	124 Envelopes	\$1,772.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance

Easter Sunday 1,675 Divine Mercy Sunday 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	144
Amount Pledged	\$76,750.00
Paid to Date	\$44,882.00

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

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, May 4th**
 8:45 AM Purgatorial Society Mass
- 5:00 PM Ceceilia & Andrew Delgado
 William M. Hyland
 Paulette Sbordone
 Maria Dos Santo Miranda
 Connie & Nick Gallo
- Sunday, May 5th**
 8:00 AM Pasquale Marsillo
 10:00 AM Vincenzo Luca
 12 Noon Robert Offito
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, May 6th**
 7:00 AM For a Special Intention
 8:45 AM John Carr
- Tuesday, May 7th**
 7:00 AM Marie Gambardella
 8:45 AM Vincent Campbell
- Wednesday, May 8th**
 7:00 AM Vincent Meli
 8:45 AM Brigid & Thomas O'Kane
- Thursday, May 9th**
 7:00 AM Gloria Petrilli
 8:45 AM Michael & Winifred McNamara
- Friday, May 10th**
 7:00 AM Paulette Sbordone
 8:45 AM The O'Kane Family
- Saturday, May 11th**
 8:45 AM Clara Calabrese
- 5:00 PM Ray Losardo
 Theodore M. Caridi
 Louis Tuorto
 Virginia Ingenito
 Daniel Marchesiello
- Sunday, May 12th**
 8:00 AM Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
 10:00 AM Anna Marie Walsh & Doreen Delaney
 12 Noon Robert & Margaret Moakler
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:

Natalino Guglielmetti

Requested by JoAnne & Frank Spadaro

May, the Month of Our Blessed Mother



*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Prayer 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!

May Crowning

On Sunday, May 12th following the 10:00 AM Mass we will have our May Crowning with the children of our parish who have received First Holy Communion.

*O Mary we crown thee with
flowers today,
Queen of Angels
&
Queen of May!*

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.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

All couples who have celebrated their marriage in the Catholic Church are invited.

Special recognition will be given to couples who are celebrating their

25th, 50th & 75th Anniversary.

Saturday, May 18th at 11:00 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

1550 Hendrickson Street
Brooklyn, NY 11234

All couples are invited to attend with their families.

To register, please contact:

Martha Hernandez at (718) 281-9540 or
mhernandez@diobrook.org



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

PARISH NEWS



St. Ephrem Catholic Academy 2019 Summer Camp

Registration

Wednesday, May 8th & Thursday, May 9th
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



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 received
First Holy Communion*

Aleah Blomquist
Matteo Bolognino-D'Egidio
Gabriella Bove
Gerald Brody
Nathaniel Brogan
Cristian Camaret
Matteo Convertini
Graziella Cottone
Adriana Diaz
Brooke DiMeglio
Samantha Dunne
William Farrelly
Sofia Giurdanella
Emily Gnerre
Eric Guzman
Luca Ho
Jackson Holowachak
Madison Kacey
Christian Keegan
Anthony LaBarbera
Brianna La Duca

Gianvito Manning
Thomas Manto
Francesca Marchese
Amelia McKinney
Isabella Morales
Nicholas Mousouroulis



Ethan Murillo
Isabella Neglia
Brian Nigro
Benjamin Nunez
Lucas Nunez

Logan Ojeda
Mia Isabella Oropeza
Isabella Palazzolo
Leila Parascandolo
Natalia Passanisi
Olivia Plantamura
Joseph Rodriguez, Jr.
Amanda Rodriguez
Santino Romero
Stephen Saraniti
Adriana Sferrazza
Gianna Solitario
Hailey Stauffer
Cristopher Susi
Giovanni Temperino
Mario Tutino
Cosimo Ursino
Julianna Vacirca
Sophia Venturelli
Joseph Villa
Mia Lucia Warshaw

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



Contact us at 718.833.1440 or
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CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

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

PARISH NEWS

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

Thank you for your participation

Prayer for our Seminarians



These men have answered Jesus' invitation to "Come Follow Me." Please take a Seminarian's prayer card (located in our church by the Blessed Mother Statue) and pray for him so that he may continue in his journey toward priesthood.

*"They abandoned their nets
and followed him."*

Mark 1:18

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



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WHY GIVE ONLINE?

- 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
For more information email:

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