

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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June 16, 2019
The Most Holy Trinity



Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1010

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Spirituality Center

935 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-921-9518

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718-833-1143

Faith Formation Office

Third Floor of Academy

718-745-7486

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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.



The Most Holy Trinity

June 16, 2019

“Everything that the Father has is mine: the Spirit will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”

As we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity we hear the Gospel of John proclaimed. The word “Trinity” does not appear in the Bible at all, not in the New Testament and certainly not in the Old Testament. The term “Trinity” is a Latin-based word from *trinitas*, meaning the number three or a triad. It can also mean the state of being threefold, or triple. It’s a term that later Christian theologians, particularly in the patristic era, coined to talk about God, and the relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So, though the New Testament has many texts that speak of God the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, it never refers to them as Trinity.

Today’s reading is one such where Jesus the Son is speaking, making reference to the Spirit of truth and to the Father. As such, this is one of many texts that the church fathers used to develop the theology of the Trinity. And that theology developed over centuries with many roadblocks, hurdles, and missteps, but also many advances, developments, and clarifications along the way. One conclusion from the theological developments is that the doctrine of the Trinity is sophisticated, delicate, and worthy of reflection. There is a dynamic relationship between the three “persons” of the Trinity that is expressed in a variety of ways in different scriptural passages. Today’s passage from John gives us some of the intricacy of the relationship among the three that will be explored for centuries.

In this passage, we have the “Spirit of truth” rather than the more standard or classical, Holy Spirit. And the Spirit of truth has a particular role, which is to guide the disciples to truth, speaking what is heard from the Father and the Son. The Spirit of truth also glorifies the Son. He takes from the Son, who has everything the Father has, and declares it to the disciples.

One challenge we have in discussing the Trinity is that we’ve been given so many images and metaphors for it, for example, it’s been said that St. Patrick used the shamrock, a three-leaved clover, to teach the natives about Trinity. But of course God is more than three leaves, and each “person of the Trinity” has a more dynamic relationship than leaves on a shamrock. Some church fathers used the image of the sun for the Trinity, saying that the Father was like the sun itself, the Son the light, and the Spirit the heat. All three are in dynamic relation, but the sun itself is primary. This is a better image than a shamrock, but expresses the three persons as inanimate objects. Something similar happens when modern thinkers imagine the Trinity as the three modes of water in a liquid, solid, and gaseous state, but all at once!

The many images of Trinity and each of them incomplete in one way or another contribute to a fundamental challenge in discussing Trinity. Ultimately, it is best to go back to Scripture itself, and let that inform our understanding which we do today by reading the Gospel of John.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



June 9, 2019	249 Envelopes	\$7,033.00
St. Ephrem	126 Envelopes	\$1,804.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 719

**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	166
Amount Pledged	\$88,125.00
Paid to Date	\$58,639.68

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



Mass Intentions for the week

- Saturday, June 15th**
 8:45 AM Frank Calabrese
 5:00 PM Joseph Losardo
 Louis Tuorto
 Frank & Maria Capodicasa
 Ilario Piscioneri
 Sammy Birch & Shelly & Laurie Rothman
- Sunday, June 16th**
 8:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 10:00 AM Domenick Mazzone
 12 Noon Rosario & Gerlanda Carluzzo & Maria Taibi
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, June 17th**
 7:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 8:45 AM Cosimo Corsaro
- Tuesday, June 18th**
 7:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 8:45 AM Josephine Mazzone
- Wednesday, June 19th**
 7:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 8:45 AM Michael & Winifred McNamara
- Thursday, June 20th**
 7:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 8:45 AM Vincent Ingenito
- Friday, June 21st**
 7:00 AM Father's Day Mass Remembrance
 8:45 AM Cesare Bonici
- Saturday, June 22nd**
 8:45 AM Matthew O'Connor
 5:00 PM Emily Marchesiello
 Vincenzo & Rosa Comparato
 Francesco & Paola Sorci
 Gaetano Rizzo & Domitilla Rizzo
 Paulette Sbordone
 Natalino Guglielmetti
- Sunday, June 23rd**
 8:00 AM Edward Michel McDonough
 10:00 AM Raymond Duffy
 12 Noon Matthew A. Gilmartin
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:

Paulette Sbordone

Requested by Jim & MaryPat Toner



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:

Elliot Rampulla

Requested by The Calderone Family

Flowers at the Holy Family Altar



In Memory of:

John Riordan

*Requested by
His Loving Family*



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



Once again we welcome
Fr. Victor
who will be with us
throughout the summer!



Happy Father's Day

The Lord bless you & keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine
Upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance
upon you & give you peace...

Numbers 6:24-26

PARISH NEWS



St. Ephrem Catholic Academy 2019 Summer Camp

Registration is ongoing

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



Thursday, June 20th 7:30 PM
Msgr. Theo
Please join us!

DIOCESAN NEWS



*Monsignor Bernard J. Quinn
Servant of God
1888-1940*

Father Bernard J. Quinn was the founding pastor of St. Peter Claver Church, the first parish established for Black Catholics in the Diocese of Brooklyn in 1922. Ten years later, in 1932, he opened the Church of St. Benedict the Moor in Jamaica, New York. Father Quinn was also the founder of Little Flower House of Providence Orphanage in Wading River, New York, the precursor of Little Flower Children's Services. This was an enormous undertaking at the time, in an era when racism and prejudice were facts of life. In his first pastoral letter to his parishioners' on June 1, 1922, Father Quinn pledged to "...willingly shed to the last drop, my life's blood for the least among you." Such was the life giving sacrifice of this shepherd to his people.

Vesper Celebration
Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Chapel of Immaculate Conception Center

**Investigation of the
Cause of the Canonization
Msgr. Bernard Quinn
Servant of God**

All are welcome to join the priests and lay people of the diocese in expressing gratitude, for Msgr. Bernard Quinn's life-giving, sacrificial priestly ministry, in the model of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Bishop DiMarzio, Presiding.

*Corpus Christi
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Sunday, June 23, 2019
Following the 10:00 AM Mass*



**Please join us for our
Eucharistic Procession.**
*It's a wonderful expression of our faith
& devotion to the Eucharist.*

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy News



Rev. Robert Adamo
PASTOR



Craig Mercado
PRINCIPAL



Michelle Emeh
TEACHER

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy BROOKLYN, NEW YORK CLASS OF 2019



Jolie Avignone



Joseph Avignone



Jean-Pierre Benavides



Tiffany Chen



Jeffrey Dai



Christian Daloul



Sofia Giudice



Anthony Kanellopoulos



Daniel Licata



Peter Mignone



Owen Nash



Peter Ryan



Francis Scarpaci



Caitrin Smith



Eamon Walsh



Rebecca Yu

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Saint Ephrem Catholic Academy Congratulations to the Class of 2019

Jolie Avignone
Joseph Avignone
Jean-Pierre Benavides Cruzate
Tiffany Chen
Jeffrey Dai
Christian Daloul
Sofia Giudice
Anthony Kanellopoulos

Xaverian
Xavier
Xavier
Xaverian
Ft. Hamilton High School
Xavier
Fontbonne Hall Academy
Xaverian

Daniel Licata
Peter Mignone
Owen Nash
Peter Ryan
Francis Scarpaci
Caitrin Smith
Eamon Walsh
Rebecca Yu

St. Peter's
Xaverian High School
St. Edmund Prep
Leon M. Goldstein
Xaverian
High School of Telecommunication Arts
Xavier
Ft. Hamilton High School .

Awarded \$174,800.00 in High School Scholarships



Pope John Paul II Senior Apartments

255 Ovington Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11209

The building is for elderly residents & couples where the head of household or spouse is 62 or older. There are also units set aside for applicants 18 & older who permanently require a wheelchair accessible unit. Income restrictions apply & are based on Section 8 guidelines.

Applications will be available beginning June 17, 2019 & will remain available until June 28, 2019. Completed applications must be mailed to the PO Box listed on the application & must be postmarked by July 3, 2019.

Applications can be obtained:

- **IN PERSON:** Catholic Charities Walk-in Center
191 Joralemon Street, 1st Floor
Brooklyn, New York 11201
Mondays thru Fridays 9:00 AM—5:00 PM
Or
Pope John Paul II Senior Apartments
255 Ovington Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209
Mon. June 17, Wed. June 19, Mon. June 24 & Wed. June 26
10:00 AM –3:00 PM
- **BY MAIL:** Pope John Paul II Senior Apartments
c/o POP Management Corp.
191 Joralemon Street, 8th Floor
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Written application requests must be received by Friday, June 28, 2019

Application Assistance Workshops
If you or someone you know needs assistance completing the application there are two locations:

Monday, June 17, 2019
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Monday, June 17, 2019
Our Lady of Angels
337 74th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11209
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Applications will be provided at the above workshops.

NOTE: It is not necessary to attend a workshop in order to obtain or submit an application. Workshops are only for individuals and couples who may need extra assistance or have questions about the process.

If you have any questions, please contact the Catholic Charities Call Center: (718) 722-6001

Birthday Blessings Bishop DiMarzio



On June 16th Bishop DiMarzio will celebrate his 75th Birthday. As Bishop DiMarzio celebrates this milestone, Canon 401 of the Code of Canon Law, requires him to submit a letter of resignation to the Holy Father, Pope Francis. However, it takes effect only when Pope Francis accepts his letter.

May the Lord send His blessings upon you, as He keeps you in the palm of His hand.

Summer Super 50/50 Raffle

Once again we have our Annual Summer 50/50 Raffle available in church.

Collected to date: \$175.00

Last year our winner took home \$1,405.00