

Church of St. Ephrem

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June 30, 2019
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Faith Formation Office

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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.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2019

“He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you go.”

Today’s gospel begins with the journey to Jerusalem, it is a turning point in Jesus’ ministry. Jesus begins his final travel toward Jerusalem that will ultimately end in his death and resurrection. We might expect this moment to take place near the end of Luke’s gospel. Actually, we still have ten more chapters in Luke before Jesus even enters Jerusalem. We could say a full half of Jesus’ ministry takes place on the road to Jerusalem. In the second part of today’s gospel Jesus encounters three “would-be disciples.” His response to them may seem harsh. But Jesus knows that this journey he has undertaken will require determination and perseverance. Being a disciple of Jesus demands the same.

We are a great geographical distance, foreign language, and culture, and about twenty centuries removed from the time and place of Jesus. We do not have the opportunity to follow him literally throughout Judea and Samaria, and we never did. He spoke Aramaic, so we would not understand him if we heard him. We have stories about him, his followers, and his would-be followers. From them we learn lessons and seek to apply them to ourselves in our own situation.

Jesus knows where his ministry will end: Jerusalem, not only a city but a metaphor for the paschal mystery where he will face his passion, death, and resurrection. It is for this reason that he “sets his face” to Jerusalem. Where do we set our face? What is our ultimate destiny? From what will we not look back to see what we have left behind? May we set our face toward our own Jerusalem and a journey with Christ, at the conclusion of which we will experience the paschal mystery. The journey is worthy of the effort. There is no turning back.

Today we welcome Bishop Hyacinth Egbebo, from Nigeria. Through the Office of the Propagation of the Faith of the Diocese, Bishop Hyacinth will share about his Diocese and his ministry. Thank you for your generous support.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



June 23, 2019 238 Envelopes \$7,108.00
We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 647

673 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	171
Amount Pledged	\$89,295.00
Paid to Date	\$64,611.68

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 continues across the Diocese!

Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of June 17, 2019 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church	
Campaign Goal	\$980,000.00
Total Pledged	\$1,045,969.00
Total Payments to Date by Parishioners	\$906,197.50
Total # Donors	198
Number of Donors who completed Pledge	127
Total Funds already paid to the Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday, June 29th
 8:45 AM Joan Dixon
 5:00 PM Paulette Sbordone
 Pat Giangregorio
 Joseph Mondiello (9th Anniversary)
 Agatha Williams
 For the Intentions of Eddie J.

Sunday, June 30th
 8:00 AM In Thanksgiving of Msgr. Theo's Transplant
 10:00 AM Veronica Nicholson Murphy
 12 Noon Clifford Allen
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, July 1st
 7:00 AM The Elder Family
 8:45 AM John Carr

Tuesday, July 2nd
 7:00 AM Salvatore Calderone
 8:45 AM Joan Dixon

Wednesday, July 3rd
 7:00 AM For Health Intention
 8:45 AM The O'Kane Family

Thursday, July 4th
NO 7:00 AM MASS
 8:45 AM Judy & Frank Chiarchiaro's 49th
 Wedding Anniversary

Friday, July 5th
 7:00 AM William Wall
 8:45 AM Sylvia Zraick

Saturday, July 6th
 8:45 AM The Loughran Family
 5:00 PM Rosina Marcus
 Joseph Baione Sr. & Joseph Baione Jr.
 Marie Paciello
 Theresa Bambino
 Rosemarie Kelly

Sunday, July 7th
 8:00 AM Peter Murray
 10:00 AM Mickle Lepore
 12 Noon Croce Carluzzo
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:
Josephine & Frank Saccente
Requested by The Ronzo Family



Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar

In Memory of:
Allan & Betty Chalkley
*Requested by
 The Calderone 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
stephremreligious@gmail.com

Summer Super 50/50 Raffle

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

Collected to date: \$520.00

Last year our winner took home \$1,405.00



The Rectory Office will be closed
 on
Thursday, July 4th

And

There will be no 7:00 AM Mass

Happy 243rd Independence Day

PARISH NEWS



St. Ephrem Catholic Academy 2019 Summer Camp

Registration is ongoing

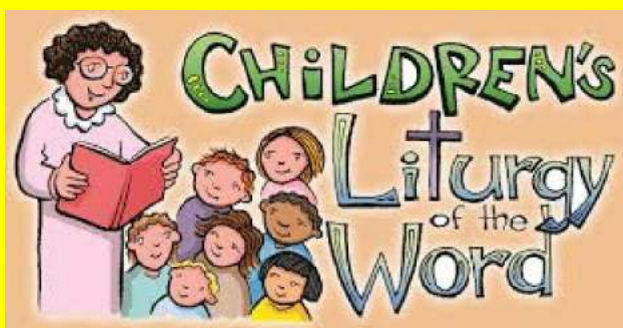
Camp dates July 1, 2019 through
August 9, 2019

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



Every Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass
One of the Parish Catechists will share the
Sunday Readings on the children's level.
God does not go on vacation—please join us!

Welcome Bishop Hyacinth Egbedu



Bishop Egbedu will join us
this weekend to share with us
about his Diocese and his
ministry in
Bomadi, Nigeria.

Thank you for your
generosity in today's second collection.



Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518


All are welcome!!!!



Support St. Ephrem's
Youth Ministry

For more information email:

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

 @stephremyouth

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



The R.C.I.A. program is designed for adults who have never been baptized, perhaps been baptized in another faith, or baptized Catholic but never received Eucharist and Confirmation. This is an opportunity to explore life in the Catholic Community have a companion on your faith journey, and prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, and/or Eucharist, and Confirmation). What can you do to help someone who seeks to be a part of the Catholic Church? Accompany them to Mass; encourage them on the journey; introduce them to other parishioners. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about RCIA, contact Eileen Maguire at (718)745-7486 or stephremreligious@gmail.com

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.

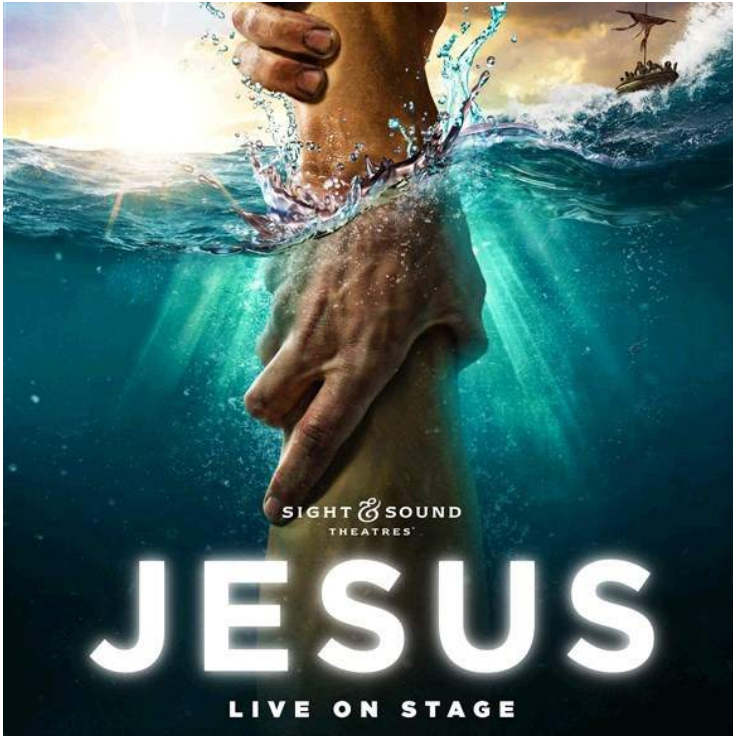
Please call
718-491-2525 or

www.svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

Thank you for your participation

Lancaster Show-Shopping-Amish Experience

Wednesday, September 18th to Thursday, September 19th



- ◆ Motor Coach Transportation
 - ◆ 1 Night Lodging
 - ◆ 2 Meals: 1 breakfast and dinner
 - ◆ Admission to the JESUS Show at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre
- ◆ Visit to charming Kitchen Kettle Village
 - ◆ Admission to the Amish Experience & Jacob's Choice at the F/X Theatre
 - ◆ Visit to Park City Center

Depart from St. Ephrem Church at 8:00 AM
\$238.00 per person for Double occupancy
\$277.00 for Single occupancy

\$75.00 Deposit



For Information: Please call the Rectory at (718) 833-1010



*Let your child take flight in a
values-based, caring environment!*

Seats available in PreK!

All children who will be 4 in 2019 are eligible to join us in the Fall

Reading and math skills development

Dedicated teaching staff

Integrated technology learning

Art, PE, Music

Creative play



To learn more, contact us at 718.833.1440

Students of all faiths welcome

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