

# Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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## Parish Staff

June 9, 2019  
Pentecost Sunday

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*



### 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](mailto:stephremreligious@gmail.com)

## 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.



**Pentecost Sunday**

**June 9, 2019**

***“The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.”***

In the gospel, Jesus gives the gift of the Holy Spirit by breathing on the disciples. In the first and second readings we see the effects of this gift. In the first reading, the apostles proclaim “the mighty acts of God” to “Jews from every nation under heaven,” and yet, through the power of the Holy Spirit each person hears the message in their own native language. In the second reading we hear a listing of many different gifts the Holy Spirit confers upon us. From these two readings we see that the Spirit’s work is universal and also particular. The Spirit works within the community to draw people from every nation together in praising God. But the Spirit also works within us individually by giving gifts that are to be used to build up the kingdom of God. The action of the Holy Spirit enables the followers of Jesus to carry on Jesus’ mission, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

The paschal mystery calls us to die to ourselves so we might be lifted up by and with Christ. One way we die to ourselves is to seek forgiveness when we do something wrong. Simply asking for forgiveness is a sign of humility, and it is something not often done. Not only are we to ask for forgiveness, but we are to forgive when someone wrongs us. Rather than hold a grudge our role as disciples is to forgive, in imitation of Jesus who set the example for us. If he can forgive those who wronged him, how much more must we forgive those who wrong us? To be a disciple requires nothing less. An admirer will certainly respect and praise the forgiveness Jesus effects, but a follower will seek to do the same and forgive. As disciples, followers of Jesus, let us forgive as he forgave.

As we come to the end of the Easter season we are given a mission. After being formed anew in the life and light of Jesus’ death and resurrection we are to go forth as Jesus did in his ministry. Jesus sends us out into the world to be with people. To feed the hungry, comfort the outcast, touch the sick and lame, and everywhere proclaim the redemptive love of God.

In the Good Shepherd,

**Fr. Robert**



June 2, 2019	230 Envelopes	\$8,054.00
Communications	118 Envelopes	\$1,602.00
Ascension Thursday	117 Envelopes	\$2,049.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance June 2, 2019 675

Mass Attendance May 30, 2019 422

**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>163</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$84,665.00</b>
<b>Paid to Date</b>	<b>\$55,412.34</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 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, June 8th**  
 8:45 AM Rosalia Adamo  
 5:00 PM Aida Offitto  
 Michael Clark  
 Robert Gencarelli  
 Maria Manfredo  
 Paulette Sbordone
- Sunday, June 9th**  
 8:00 AM Michael K. Clark  
 10:00 AM Vincenzo Luca  
 12 Noon For the Intentions of Ralph Costanza  
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, June 10th**  
 7:00 AM Fred Lomangino  
 8:45 AM For All Souls
- Tuesday, June 11th**  
 7:00 AM Maddalena Piscioneri  
 8:45 AM John Carr
- Wednesday, June 12th**  
 7:00 AM Louis Zraick  
 8:45 AM Michael C. Esposito
- Thursday, June 13th**  
 7:00 AM Anna Marie Walsh  
 8:45 AM Matthew A. Gilmartin (School Mass)
- Friday, June 14th**  
 7:00 AM Eddie, Edward & Kevin O'Connor  
 8:45 AM Lucy & Edwin McGuirk
- 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



### Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:

**Michael Esposito**

*Requested by His Loving Niece Betty*



### Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:

**Mary & Joseph Cassamassino**

*Requested by Janet & Donald Cassamassino*



### Altar Flowers

In Memory of:  
**Lucy & Edwin McGuirk**

*Requested by Lucy McGuirk*



## Feast of St. Anthony

### June 13th

Novena through the intercession of St. Anthony will be prayed and blessed bread will be distributed, following the 7:00 AM Mass and 8:45 AM Mass.

**Please join us!**

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry



*We will be collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items the weekend of*

**June 15/16, 2019**

**Thank you for your usual generosity !**



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  
stephremreligioused@gmail.com

## 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](mailto:summerfun@stephremschool.org)

### *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.*

## SPIRITUALITY CENTER



### Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

### Bereavement Corner

**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!!!!



## 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.**

# 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**

## PARISH NEWS


# HEALING MASS

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



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

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

 @stephremyouth

## 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### 10 DAYS-HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Tour LLC  
November 13, 2019

Price \$ 3,198.00  
per person

If you are interested, please call  
Our Lady of the Angelus Rectory at 718-897-4444  
for brochure and more information

## 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

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

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