

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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July 21, 2019
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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718-921-9518

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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.



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21, 2019**

“Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the better part.”

The story of Martha and Mary we hear in today’s gospel from Luke, is so familiar many people refer to themselves as either a “Martha,” meaning they are good at or even prefer working in the kitchen, or a “Mary,” meaning they do not worry about such things. Indeed this gospel has been quoted so often and used to support many various understandings of ministry, household chores, the role of women, and more, that it is good to simply step back and read the words, or listen carefully when they are proclaimed.

Ultimately, it is the last verse of the gospel that causes many to perk up or question their own priorities. Is it really the better part to sit and visit, leaving others to do the serving? What if the Martha’s of the world stopped working in the kitchen, leaving the Mary’s and even Jesus himself without a meal!

It is significant that Jesus is interacting with two women. One, Mary, is seated at his feet, listening to his instruction as a disciple, though she is not called that here. The other Martha, is “burdened with much serving” in attempting to prepare a meal for Jesus. Jesus tells Martha in effect that the proper service for a disciple in this situation is to listen to Jesus. It is not to fret about serving meals.

Luke will make this point again in the Acts of the Apostles, when the apostles are too busy serving at table to be attentive to God’s word and to prayer. To free themselves up for prayer and reading the word, the apostles appoint seven to serve at table, as “deacons.” The deacons then do just that. They see to the needs of the community and the apostles can devote themselves entirely to their ministry.

The gospel reading today is not about the role of women, or the clerical/religious state versus the laity. Instead, the story demonstrates that the proper role of a disciple is attentiveness to Jesus and his word.

We can become overwhelmed by the many activities, checking boxes, crossing items off lists. But we hear a different message with other priorities in today’s gospel. Rather than busy ourselves or stir ourselves into a frenzy, it is the proper role of a disciple to listen to Jesus’ instruction. It may mean that we spend time in prayer, or with Scripture, coming to know the person of Jesus in a better way. This activity is critical for any disciple. And the example we have today is that of a woman. Luke is clear in presenting Jesus as giving pride of place to the disciple who listens to his instruction. Let us go and do the same.

This week I will be at St. Joseph’s Villa, in Long Island with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood. I hope to do a lot of listening to Jesus’ instructions for me. Please be assured of my prayers for you!

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



July 14, 2019 205 Envelopes \$5,994.00
Tablet 43 Envelopes \$ 554.00
 We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 564

**713 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	179
Amount Pledged	\$95,895.00
Paid to Date	\$73,894.02

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 July 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	\$912,995.17
Total # Donors	198
Number of Donors who completed Pledge	130
Total Funds already paid to the Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



Mass Intentions for the week

- Saturday, July 20th**
 8:45 AM Gail Scott
 5:00 PM Rosina Marcus
 Gaspar & Margareta Cuccia
 Barbara Gencarelli
 Felipa Delatorre
 Manuel Crespo
 Joan Dixon
- Sunday, July 21st**
 8:00 AM Dr. Nicholas F. Parise
 10:00 AM Gregory Ferraro
 12 Noon Michael & Winifred McNamara
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, July 22nd**
 7:00 AM For a Health Intention
 8:45 AM Francesco Riera
- Tuesday, July 23rd**
 7:00 AM Peter Murray
 8:45 AM Mary Lou Doolan
- Wednesday, July 24th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Frank Iannizzi
- Thursday, July 25th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM John Doolan
- Friday, July 26th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Elisa & Anna Monaco
- Saturday, July 27th**
 8:45 AM Connie Macannuco
 5:00 PM John Riordan
 Robert & Vincent Romeo
 Lisa Imperatrice
 Michael Mauro
- Sunday, July 28th**
 8:00 AM Rosina Marcus
 10:00 AM Mary & Sal Bonfiglio
 12 Noon Jerry & Eleanor Mazza
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:
Frank E. Iannizzi
Requested by His Loving Family



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:
Francesco Riera
Requested by His Loving Family



*Saints Joachim & Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Grandparents of Jesus
Feast Day July 26th*

For all parents & grandparents who pass down the faith by their words and actions.



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. **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

Wishing you a blessed summer!

My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.

EXODUS 33:14

Summer Super 50/50 Raffle

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

Collected to date: \$1,110.00

Last year our winner took home \$1,405.00

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



Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

Book Discussion Group:
The Blue Gate by L.L. Fox

All are welcome!!!!



Support St. Ephrem's
Youth Ministry

For more information email:

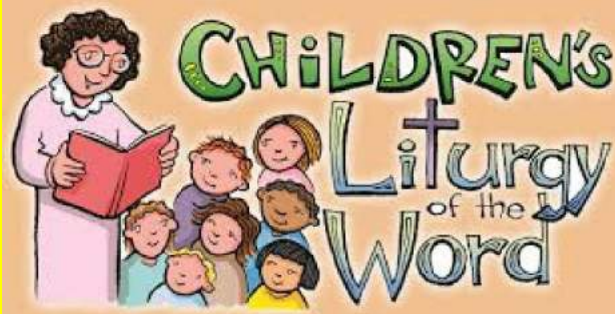
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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



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



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!

Every Child is a Gift:

"We need to see each child
as a gift to be welcomed,
cherished and protected."

- Pope Francis



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!



"An Evening of Timeless Music"

The Great American Songbook

- *Jazz Standards*
- *Big Band Swing*
 - *Oldies*
- *Rock n' Roll*
- *Doo-Woop*



**Live Performance by:
Charlie Romo**

Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM

**St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228
*The Msgr. Kain Hall***

\$40.00 Per Person Includes:

Snacks, Hot Food, at each table 1 bottle of White Wine & 1 bottle of Red Wine, Soda, Water, Cookies, Coffee & Tea

BYOB

Signature Drink, available for purchase

**For information & Reservations Contact the Rectory
You can arrange for tables of 8 or 10 people by October 15th
No Tickets will be sold at the door.**

50/50 Raffle & Basket Raffles Available



*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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