

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org



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July 28, 2019
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1010

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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

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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.



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“Ask and you will receive.”

In Luke’s gospel we see Jesus at prayer many times. He prays at his baptism, after healing people, before choosing the twelve disciples, and before feeding the five thousand, to name only a few. Those closest to him in the gospel have witnessed his life of prayer and you can sense their desire to have what Jesus has in the request, *“Lord, teach us to pray.”* Jesus’ response is the beloved words of the Our Father and several teachings on prayer: pray persistently and constantly and trust God to give you what you need. In our life of faith we are called to pray at all times. Sometimes these prayers are the traditional words passed down through generations of faith, but other times they are our own unique communication. Just like the disciples in today’s gospel, let us trustingly request of Jesus, *“Lord, teach us to pray.”*

Next time we rush through this memorized prayer at Mass or another occasion, it might be good to set ourselves in the context of Jesus and his disciples, imagining receiving this prayer and his instruction. Let’s consider the words we are praying and the worldview they depict. Ultimately, the prayer constitutes a way of life and disposition much deeper than mere chatter.

Jesus was no mere myth as were the ancient Greek and Roman gods and goddesses. He was a human being who walked the face of the earth, as even pagan historians relate. The Christian claim is not merely that Jesus existed, but that he was the Son of God, the Incarnate Word of God. But his existence as a human being on this earth is something that nearly every single noteworthy scholar admits.

Part of his time on earth consisted of prayer and teaching, and this prayer known as the Our Father or the Lord’s Prayer is something that scholars can attribute to historically with certainty to Jesus. As Luke has it, the prayer includes an injunction to keep us from the final test. The astute reader immediately thinks of Jesus and his coming passion. Later in the gospel, Jesus will pray that the cup pass him by, for such a passion and death is the desire of no one, not even Jesus. But his prayer has strengthened him for such a moment.

After this final test he will be raised to new life in paradise eternally. Such a future awaits us too when we will ultimately live the paschal mystery *par excellence*.

This week I will be going on vacation. I hope this time will be one of rest and renewal. Please be assured of my continue prayer for you, as I hope you will keep me in your prayers.

In the Good Shepherd,



July 21, 2019 206 Envelopes \$5,994.00
 We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 520

**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	185
Amount Pledged	\$96,955.00
Paid to Date	\$77,349.02

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 27th**
8:45 AM Connie Macannuco
5:00 PM John Riordan
Robert & Vincent Romeo
Lisa Imperatrice
Michael Mauro
John B. Yates
- 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
- Monday, July 29th**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Matthew J. Durney
- Tuesday, July 30th**
7:00 AM John Vellucci
8:45 AM John Riordan
- Wednesday, July 31st**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Dennis P. O'Berg
- Thursday, August 1st**
7:00 AM Deacon Arnaldo Rodrigues
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Friday, August 2nd**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Norman Frevola
- Saturday, August 3rd**
8:45 AM Joanne Perone
5:00 PM Michael F. Mathieson
Louis Zraick
Elizabeth Milea
Irene Liberth
- Sunday, August 4th**
8:00 AM Detective Joseph Calabrese and
His Family
10:00 AM Carol Lemmon
12 Noon Croce Carluzzo
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:

Barbara Gencarelli

Requested by The Polizzotto & Valvano Families

THIS DO
IN REMEMBRANCE
OF ME

*You can honor or remember a loved one by requesting a
Mass intention, Bread & Wine, Altar Candles &
Sanctuary Lamp and Flowers for The Tabernacle Altar,
Blessed Mother Altar and Holy Family Altar.*

Please come to the rectory.



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: \$1,210.00

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

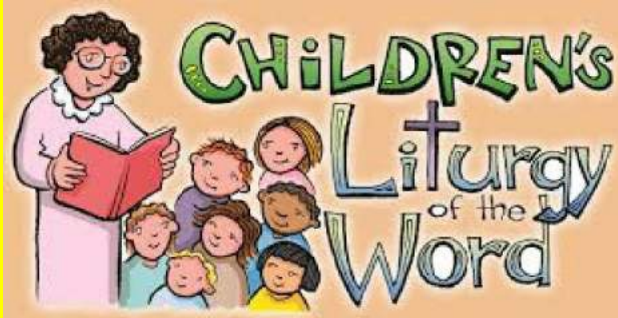
Accommodating Ages 4-12

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



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



Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann 718-921-9518

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

Bereavement Cluster Corner
St. Patrick Parish

Sister Jeanne Elaine at
718-238-2600 x178

St. Ephrem Parish
Sister Ann Martha at
718-921-9518


All are welcome!!!!



Support St. Ephrem's
Youth Ministry

For more information email:

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

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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 stephremreligiously@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!



"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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