

# Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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## Parish Staff

July 7, 2019  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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## 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.



## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019

*“Your peace will rest on that person.”*

Today’s gospel from Luke, is a continuation of Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem, by sending missionaries ahead of him to prepare the way. Much like John the Baptist at the beginning of Luke’s gospel, these seventy-two disciples are to proclaim, “The kingdom of God is at hand” and to call the people, communally and individually, to repentance. This account of the mission of the seventy-two reveals to us Jesus’ method in ministry. He calls others to help him in spreading the good news of God’s kingdom and he sends them to minister in pairs. The Christian mission is not to be undertaken as a solitary endeavor. If Jesus continually called on others to help him establish the kingdom of God, how much more do we, modern-day disciples, need to rely on co-laborers in ministry?

Aside from this story in Luke we never hear about the seventy-two again. But surely these people were likely some of the early evangelizers after the resurrection. It all gives us a brief inkling into the situation of the early church. Though it might be easier to imagine the Twelve with Peter at the head, knowing who is “on the team” and who isn’t, today’s gospel reading invites us to consider a much more complex picture.

Many of us like to draw boundaries, establishing membership and determining limits. But life is not often like that. Our lived realities are much more complex, and perhaps that’s part of the reason we seek to create order! The mission of the seventy-two gives us a peek into the greater apostolic ministry of Jesus. He was content to *send* (the word “apostle” means “one sent”) more than the twelve on mission. And the seventy-two are not specifically called disciples or apostles, though they are certainly sent. They go to the places Jesus intends to visit. We might ask ourselves who are the “seventy-two” today? And are we part of that large group sent to places where Jesus intends to visit? Just because we are not part of the Twelve does not mean we don’t have a mission. These seventy-two were critical to the ministry of Jesus. They prepared the way for him. In looking to a New Testament example of our call in life, there is something worthy of emulation here.

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



June 30, 2019	237 Envelopes	\$7,378.00
<i>Peters Pence</i>	129 Envelopes	\$1,693.00
<i>Summer Mission to Nigeria</i>		\$3,340.00
<i>We Share (Online Giving)</i>	40 Families	\$220.00

### Mass Attendance 615

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	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!

<b>Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of June 17, 2019 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church</b>	
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, 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 Mickele Lepore  
12 Noon Croce Carluzzo  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

**Monday, July 8th**  
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM For the Intentions of Noreen Hayes

**Tuesday, July 9th**  
7:00 AM Theresa Bambino  
8:45 AM Lucy & Edwin McGuirk

**Wednesday, July 10th**  
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM Onofrio & Maria Calderone

**Thursday, July 11th**  
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM Norma Frevola

**Friday, July 12th**  
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
8:45 AM David Crotta

**Saturday, July 13th**  
8:45 AM Marie Gilroy

5:00 PM Marie Olesik  
Stella Russo  
Grace Magrone  
Marie Dealy  
Dorothy Sharp  
Anne Lamia

**Sunday, July 14th**  
8:00 AM Stephen & Mary Pirrelli  
10:00 AM Antonietta Voci  
12 Noon Joan Dixon  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



## Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:

**Lester Burgess**

*Requested by The Calderone Family*



## Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:

**Anne Lamina**

*Requested by her loving husband Dino  
& her family Mike, Risa, & Anne Renee*



## Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar

In Memory of:

**Theresa Bambino**

*Requested by  
The Friendship Club*



## 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](mailto: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: \$760.00*

*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](mailto: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:

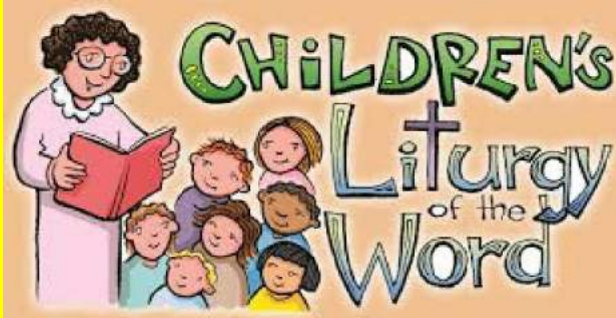
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### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



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](mailto: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!

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry



We will be collecting non-perishable and  
non-expired food items the weekend of  
July 13/14, 2019  
thank you for your usual generosity !

### 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.

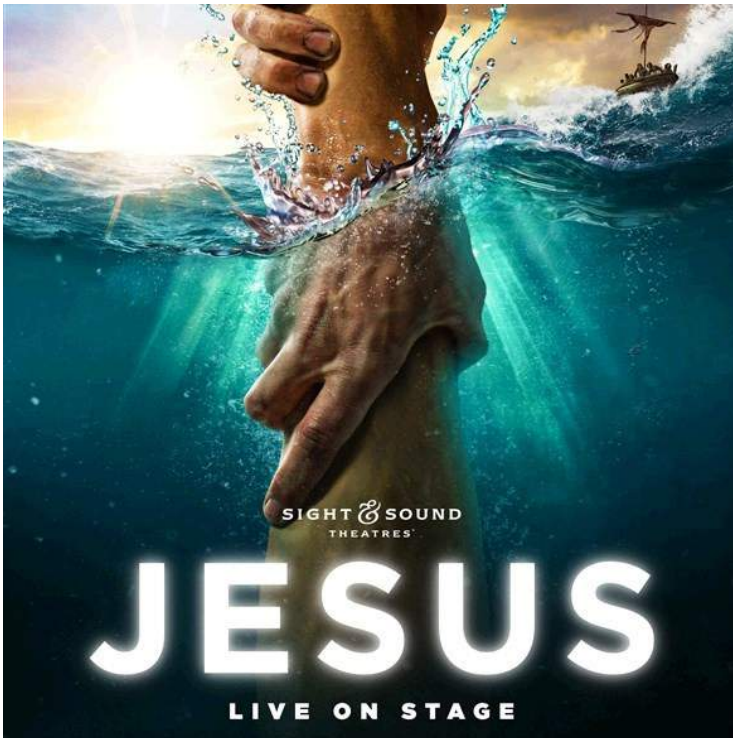
Please call  
718-491-2525 or

[www.svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://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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