

Church of St. Ephrem

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Parish Staff

August 11, 2019
Nineteenth 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*
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Deacon Anthony Stucchio, *Permanent Deacon*



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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.

WHILE THE PASTOR'S AWAY...



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are in the middle of this beautiful summer, the heat wave is over. I am enjoying my evening walks in the neighborhood. I hope you're enjoying your holidays with your family and friends. Here, I would like to remind you that in the work of salvation there are no holidays; each and every day in our life is a working day.

In today's Gospel, Jesus said, "You all must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect the Son of Man will come" (Luke 12:40). Jesus conveys this message by means of a parable of a master who having gone to a wedding feast, comes home late into the night. And the message of Jesus is as follows:

- (i)-Be sure that I will come. I am not who fails in his promises.
- (ii)- Stop thinking about the when and the how my coming to you at the end of time will take place. It is sufficient to know that it will be according to my Father's plan. "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mt: 24: 36)
- (iii)-The coming that really matters for each one of you, is my coming at your death. As you will be found at your death so will you be found at my coming in glory at the end of the world.
- (iv)- Let your waiting be "an active waiting", busy at all times at the task I have entrusted to you in life.

There is a striking reflection on the Lord's coming to each of us that was written by Blessed James Alberione. "In whatever place we die, there shall be the Judgment seat erected, and we shall face it alone, accompanied only by our deeds, good or bad. Christ has no need of witnesses, He is the all-wise Judge." As we read in the book of Revelation, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them." (Rev.14:13.)

The best way you are preparing for the Lord's return is by being faithful to Him all the time. We may or may not be here when the Lord appears in glory at the Second Coming. But we will all encounter the Lord when He surely comes to each of us when our earthly life is over. What will that moment be like? Will it be a moment of regret or fulfillment? Will we fear a Judge or welcome a savior? That is up to us.

Being "watchful" for the Master's return is simply a matter of a living daily routine. This includes regular daily prayer; growth in knowledge of spiritual and moral truths; a fundamental care for those in need and a hopeful expectation about the Master's arrival. If we are not watchful and do not take precautions to know what is morally right and live accordingly, then the thief will find an easy entrance into our hearts and steal all our spiritual treasures. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the battle and victory over the evil thief who would try to lead us away from our responsibilities becomes possible only through prayer. The Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to "keep watch" – to do what we are called to do with tender love. (CCC #2849).

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary :
On November 1, 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church. The doctrine of the Assumption solemnly states that at the end of her earthly life Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Thursday, August 15, 2019. It is the most important of all Marian feasts and a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Please see the Holy Day Mass schedule in the bulletin and make every effort to attend Eucharistic celebration and ask Mary, our Blessed Mother to help us live with faith and hope, seeking God's will in all things.

Have a great summer!

Fr. Anthony Chanan



August 4, 2019 225 Envelopes \$7,544.00

We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 557

713 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	186
Amount Pledged	\$97,025.00
Paid to Date	\$80,071.36

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, August 10th
 8:45 AM The Moscola Family
 5:00 PM Irene Liberth
 Maria Gilroy
 Angela Barbara
 John Vellucci
 Dr. Anthony & Mafalda DiMango
 In Thanksgiving of Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio's
 75th Birthday

Sunday, August 11th
 8:00 AM Vincent Maroney
 10:00 AM Rae Esposito
 12 Noon Croce Carluzzo
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, August 12th
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Brigid O'Kane

Tuesday, August 13th
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Mary Parisi

Wednesday, August 14th
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Carmela Donato
 7:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Thursday, August 15th
 7:00 AM Mildred Wiggins
 8:45 AM Connie Bonafide
 11:00 AM Peter & Elsie Scalera

Friday, August 16th
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

Saturday, August 17th
 8:45 AM Emile Boutross
 5:00 PM Joseph Mule

Sunday, August 18th
 8:00 AM Rosina Marcus
 10:00 AM Gilbert Bonilla
 12 Noon Graffagnino & Savarese Families
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:
John Carr
Requested by Margaret Carr



Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar

In Memory of:
Rae Esposito
Requested by
Her Loving Family



Altar Flowers

In Memory of:
John Carr

Requested by
Margaret Carr



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
stephremreligioused@gmail.com



Summer Super 50/50 Raffle

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

Collected to date: \$1,660.00

Last year our winner took home \$1,405.00

PARISH NEWS

Summer Dress Etiquette

The "Sunday best" dress was standard in the past. However, this has changed as a result of: "Casual Friday's," "Wedding's on the Beach," "Sneakers;" "Dress Casual" for everything such as: traveling, theater, opera, concerts, etc. A gentle reminder that we are grateful that our Church is air conditioned and understanding that as a society we have become more "Casual," but we strive for Modesty as our value in our dress.

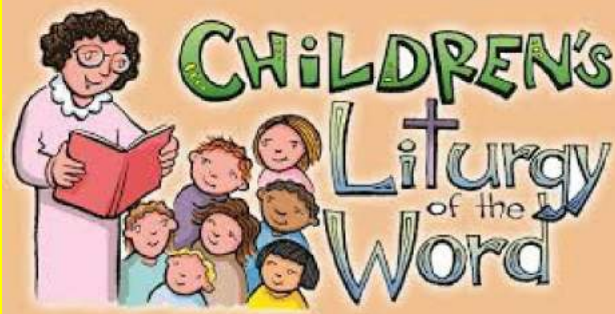
"...let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:3

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Solemnity: August 15



Holy Day Mass Schedule

Wednesday, August 14th Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM
Thursday, August 15th 7:00 AM, 8:45 AM & 11:00



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!

St. Ephrem Friendship Club is sponsoring a bus trip to
Sands Resort Casino, Bethlehem, Pa.

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019
the bus departs at 9:00 am sharp
\$35.00 per person, with a rebate of \$25.00
\$20.00 Slots & \$5.00 Meal



For information please call Frank (347) 267-3644 till
7:00 PM in the evening
Reservations and full payment no later than
September 16th, 2019



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:

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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



Fun for Seniors

Friendship Club is back!!!

All Seniors 55 years and older are invited to join us on
Wednesday, September 11th in the
Msgr. Peter V. Kain Hall
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Doors open at 10:30)
Do you enjoy playing cards, bingo, join in the 50/50, or
just talk to your new friends, even bring your own
friends for a table of your own.
We look forward to your company!!!



"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

Take another look at Catholic education



Seats available for 2019-20 at



**St. Ephrem
Catholic Academy**

Contact us at 718.833.1440