

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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August 18, 2019
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rectory Office

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Spirituality Center

935 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-921-9518

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Third Floor of Academy

718-745-7486

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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...



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

Dear Parishioner,

Notice that I am not writing to Parishioners, but to you Parishioner. I wanted to tell you personally that “God loves you.” In fact as you read this letter, I want you to listen to the voice of God as God is calling you by name and saying....”I love you, I care for you. You are mine and I care for you. I really really really love you. Listen, Listen, Listen, to my voice. There is no voice like the voice of your loving God. There is no good news, like the good news that Jesus is speaking to you now, at this time, at this moment “ I love you my child.”

I hope you have been able to read from the Prophet Jeremiah. His life is an example of the TRUISM that I have been sharing with you. “God loves you.” The life of that seemingly always unhappy Prophet Jeremiah uncovers to us the care of God for each member of the Church—you belong to God because you belong to God’s Church and the Church belongs to God. God loves the Church so very much that the sent His Jesus to call the Church from our own darkness to God’s Wonderful light.

As you read through this letter, brief as it is, call on your lover God never leaves you or forsakes you. God will not allow you to fail or fall because God loves you. Did you know that your lover is your shepherd? Read and pray Psalm 23 daily, slowly and with love.

When Jesus says I have come to bring fire, Jesus is speaking of the depth of God’s love for you. That love is so profound it is a fire that destroys the negatives in your life, that destroys the disappointments you experience, the pains that seem to follow you. Jesus is saying to you “Hang in there, I love you always, in all ways.

Thank God for that great love, Thank God for loving you as you are where you are, how you are. Look up now and see the kind Face of God staring at you and saying to you “I love you.”

Much Peace,

Msgr. Theo



August 11, 2019	243 Envelopes	\$7,114.00
Air Conditioning	141 Envelopes	\$2,296.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 569

**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	186
Amount Pledged	\$97,025.00
Paid to Date	\$80,289.36

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 17th
Emile Boutross

8:45 AM
5:00 PM
Joseph Mule
Nicola Guerra
Cono Budetti

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

Monday, August 19th
7:00 AM Peter D. Murray
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

Tuesday, August 20th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Patrick Walsh

Wednesday, August 21st
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Anthony Alaimo

Thursday, August 22nd
7:00 AM Daniel J. Ferrara
8:45 AM Vincent Misseri

Friday, August 23rd
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem

Saturday, August 24th
8:45 AM Kate Boutross

5:00 PM
Rose DiPreto
Lorenzo Giordano
Pauline Mottola

Sunday, August 25th
8:00 AM Antoniette Papaleo
10:00 AM Roberto Manuel Sandoval and
Gregoria & Ofelia Rutti
12 Noon Croce Carluzzo
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:

Joseph P. Alessio

Requested by Sylvester & Cynthia Sichenze



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:

Maria D'Urso

Requested by Janet & Donald Cassamassino



The Class of 1976 is having a reunion on October 13, 2019. If you would like to attend or get more information please join our Facebook page St Ephrem's Class of 1976 Reunion or you

can call Laura Rodino Multari at 718-236-8371



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



We are happy to Announce that
The Sacrament of Confirmation
will be conferred on
Saturday, October 12, 2019
At 11:30am

Bishop Raymond Chappetto, DD
Auxillary Bishop of Brooklyn

Summer Super 50/50 Raffle

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

Collected to date: \$1,870.00

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



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!!!!



All parishioners are invited to join us for the Mass of Remembrance on

Saturday, September 7th at 5:00pm.


This special Mass will begin outside at our Garden of Hope with a blessing of the Memorial Stones, prayer and song. After this opening service we will all process into the Church and continue with Mass.



Support St. Ephrem's Youth Ministry

For more information email:

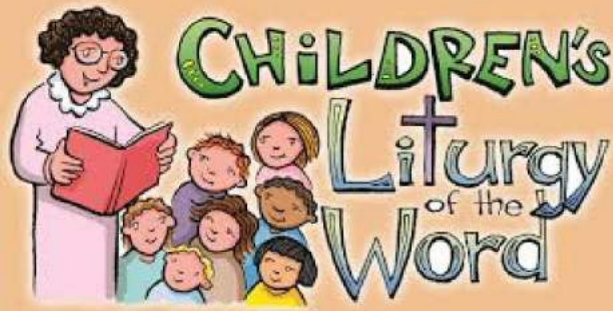
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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



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 stephremreligiously@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!

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



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



"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