

# Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

[www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org](http://www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org)



[stephrembklyn](https://twitter.com/stephrembklyn)



[stephremparish-brooklyn](https://www.facebook.com/stephremparish-brooklyn)

## Parish Staff

August 4, 2019  
Eighteenth 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

[stephremreligious@gmail.com](mailto:stephremreligious@gmail.com)

## 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.

WHILE THE PASTOR'S AWAY...

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 4, 2019**



Dear Friends,

During this time of well deserved rest for Father Robert, he asked Msgr. Theo, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Victor and yours truly if we would do a brief reflection letter for our weekly bulletin. All of us gladly agreed.

The last "official" time I did a bulletin letter was the last week of June 2015, my last official week as pastor of this great parish. The following week I joined the fraternity of Senior or Retired Priests. It was a rare occasion in my thirty years as pastor twelve in Our Lady of Lourdes in Queens Village and eighteen here in St. Ephrem—that I was not able to have a letter, a reflection, for the weekly bulletin. I saw it as an opportunity to share some insights, some thoughts, on what was happening in our parish community, or an important event (s) or to share some thoughts on the Scripture for that particular Sunday. I feel it kept me in touch with what was happening in our Community.

It was also a reminder that with all the work and administration on the desk of the Pastor, his primary ministry was to pray for the parish community through the celebration of the Mass, the Sacraments and those quiet times of prayer so necessary to stay in touch with the Lord—as a pastor is called to do.

I think most of you know that I have a somewhat full schedule in retirement. I celebrate Mass here regularly twice a week and sometimes more depending on the schedule and needs. I also celebrate Mass at St. Dominic's three times a week in their new church.

The biggest surprise came in my last month here in June of 2015 when I was invited by Deacon Kevin McCormack and Mr. Robert Alesi, the Principal and the President of Xaverian High School to spend some time in ministry at Xaverian. Having been in Campus Ministry for sixteen years, I gladly said yes. It has been a delight! I do see many of the students from our Academy, both the boys and the girls

I am very grateful, thanks to Bishop DiMarzio and Fr. Robert, that I have been able to remain in residence here at St. Ephrem. It is home and a place I have grown to love. Let's keep praying for each other, and for all who are part of our parish community. God bless.

Much Peace

Msgr. Peter Kain



July 28, 2019 216 Envelopes \$6,805.00

We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 553

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	185
Amount Pledged	\$96,955.00
Paid to Date	\$77,659.36

**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!**

<b>Generations of Faith Campaign Update as of July 15, 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	\$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 3rd**  
 8:45 AM Joanne Perrone  
 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
- Monday, August 5th**  
 7:00 AM Frances Gambino  
 8:45 AM John Carr
- Tuesday, August 6th**  
 7:00 AM Nancy DiVirgilio  
 8:45 AM Filomena Mazzone
- Wednesday, August 7th**  
 7:00 AM Frank Osso  
 8:45 AM Mickle Lepore
- Thursday, August 8th**  
 7:00 AM Bill Nagy  
 8:45 AM Margaret Corey
- Friday, August 9th**  
 7:00 AM For a Health Intention  
 8:45 AM Joan Dixon
- 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



## Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:

**Rita Anderson**

*Requested by Sylvester & Cynthia Sichenze*

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: \$1,405.00*

*Last year our winner took home \$1,405.00*

## PARISH NEWS

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry



*We will be collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items the weekend of August 10/11, 2019 thank you for your usual generosity!*



### 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!!!!



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



Support St. Ephrem's  
Youth Ministry

For more information email:

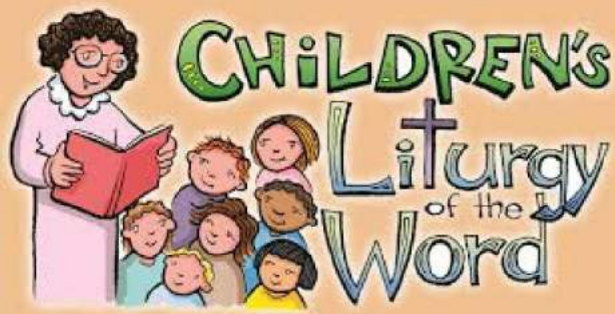
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

 @stephremyouth

### 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  
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