

Church of St. Ephrem

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Parish Staff

August 25, 2019
Twenty-First 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*
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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...



Greetings from Ghana



Soon the beautiful summer comes to an end and we are all gearing up for "regular" everyday life. I will return to Ghana on Friday September 6. I wish to thank you all for your love and prayers especially your encouraging HELLO with beaming

SMILES, kind words and friendship. As some of you already know I am now Pastor of a Parish with about 6,700 families comprising 13 village communities. In August 2018, my bishop appointed me as Director for Education (vicar for schools) certainly, in a diocese of which 60% of the total population is under 30 years of age, school Apostolate is a top priority. Thankfully, with your prayers and financial support over the years, the diocese of Keta-Akatsi can tell some success stories regarding EDUCATION and in particular education of the girl child in Ghana.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of ST. CATHERINE'S GIRLS' SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL. On the 29th of November last year, the school launched a year long celebration on the theme: EDUCATING THE GIRL CHILD: AN ASSET TO NATION BUILDING.

Evidence from recent performance records indicate clearly that this dream of empowering our female population for nation building has taken root through our laudable partnership (St Ephrem's Parish and the diocese of Keta-Akatsi). In the 2018 external qualifying exams, 95% of the girls presented passed all Papers. Of this, 50% scored credit and above. In our educational system, this means 50% of the graduating class of 2018 have scores that qualifies them entry into College and Tertiary Professional institutions in Ghana. This indeed is good news!!! Not only for the girls or the diocese of KETA -AKATSI but also for all the good people of ST. EPHREM'S whose support have yielded such fantastic results. Accept my heartfelt gratitude and CONGRATULATIONS for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you and thank you very much. I wish to thank especially our good hearted Pastor and his hard working staff who have given additional impetus to this great project. In a special way I wish to salute our "PATRIARCH" Msgr. Peter Kain, Pastor Emeritus, who initiated this partnership and actually visited GHANA in August of 2013 to see at firsthand your dollars at work. Finally I wish to thank all those who quietly but consistently have supported us behind the scenes financially to get this far.

Certainly as saying how "It is not over until it is over", as a Pastor I am in regular contact with these girls and their need for help. Even as we get good results, the quest to climb higher becomes greater and enormous. Please keep these girls always in your prayers. Enrollment at the close of the school year in July stands at 858. Let us continue to pray for one another for good health and peace in the world.

With sentiments of personal esteem and tremendous gratitude,

I remain, your friend ,

REV. VICTOR ASHIAGBOR



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
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	\$80,289.36

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 24th**
 8:45 AM Kate Boutross
 5:00 PM Rose DiPretoro
 Lorenzo Giordano
 Pauline Mottola
 JoAnne Blandi
- 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
- Monday, August 26th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Rose Sabatino
- Tuesday, August 27th**
 7:00 AM Peter James Carlin
 8:45 AM Peter Puleo
- Wednesday, August 28th**
 7:00 AM Martin Murray
 8:45 AM Louis Offitto, Sr.
- Thursday, August 29th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Mary & Sal Bonfiglio
- Friday, August 30th**
 7:00 AM Carmine & Dolores Peccia
 8:45 AM Eleanor Trombone
- Saturday, August 31st**
 8:45 AM Richard Alexander
 5:00 PM Santa Kennedy
 JoAnne Blandi
- Sunday, September 1st**
 8:00 AM Antoniette Papaleo
 10:00 AM Sylvia Zraick
 12 Noon Croce Carluzzo
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:
Michele Grace Marciano
*Requested by Mommy, Daddy, Sisters,
 Brother in Law & Nephew*



Altar Flowers
In Memory of:
Jean & Joseph Alessio
*Requested by
 Dominique & Michael*



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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious education classes are held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM for all children in grades 1 through 7 who do not attend a Catholic elementary school. We have set aside the following dates for new registration and completion of re-registration:

Monday, September 9 through Wednesday, September 11 from 10 AM to 4 PM
Tuesday, September 10 from 7 PM to 9 PM
Sunday, September 15 from 12 Noon to 2 PM

All registration takes place in the Faith Formation Office located on the 3rd floor of the school.
Classes begin on Wednesday, September 18.
All registered children who have completed registration should report to Msgr. Kain Hall by 3:20 PM on September 18.

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



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

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.

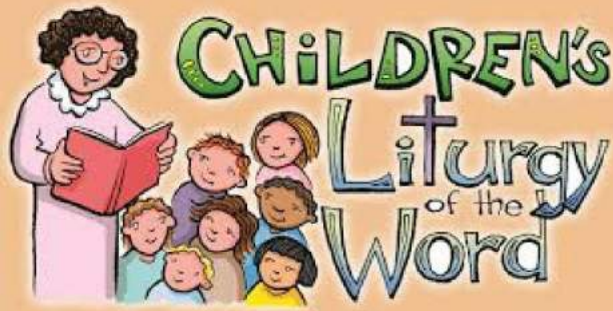
"...let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:3



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.



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

A new Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, September 16 at 7:00 PM. Sessions run on a 6 week cycle. If you have recently lost a loved one and would like to join the group for some compassionate listening, honest sharing and consoling prayer, please come to the Center. Individual (one on one) sessions are available on request.

Thursday, September 19, "Exploring the Sunday Readings" will begin at 10:00 AM. These sessions will be held the first and third Thursday of the month. The sessions include prayer, scripture and faith sharing.



All are welcome!!!!



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