

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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September 1, 2019
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.



**Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

September 1, 2019

**“Everyone who exalts himself
will be humbled,
everyone who humbles himself
will be exalted.”**

We are told in the gospel today that Jesus tells a parable. It’s actually less of a parable and more of a saying, one that has become very famous but not necessarily very well followed: “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” The key is not what one does, but who one is. A humble person naturally chooses the lowest position not wishing to draw attention to herself. Sometimes this leads to acclaim. Sometimes it just means that the humble are not as visible as those not notice the humble, we know that God’s eye is trained upon them, as ours should be.

Our liturgies, prayers Catholic culture, and more do much to promote a high Christology rightly so. But a gospel reading like the one we have today reminds us that Jesus was a human being who attended dinner parties, told stories at such parties, and even offered wise advice. One modern teacher made the point that in the Gospel of Luke there are so many meals that Jesus attends that one can eat one’s way through the story! Is it no wonder then, that by the conclusion of this gospel the disciples come to know Jesus through the breaking of the bread? And this is the way the risen Christ is made known to believers ever since. Each meal, and even the liturgical Eucharist, is a foreshadowing of the heavenly banquet. Let’s tap into this aspect of Christ, the one who enjoyed a good dinner party, to learn from him about the life that awaits us.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



August 25, 2019 238 Envelopes \$7,393.00
We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 570

**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	187
Amount Pledged	\$98,275.00
Paid to Date	\$85,210.36

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

We will be **CLOSED**
TO OBSERVE
**Labor
DAY**

The Rectory office
will be closed on
Monday,
September 2nd in
observance of
Labor Day!!
There will be
NO 7:00 AM Mass.



Mass Intentions for the week

- Saturday, August 31st**
 8:45 AM Richard Alexander
 5:00 PM Santa Kennedy
 JoAnne Blandi
 Anna Castellano
 Antonio Gaetano DiMatteo
- 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
- Monday, September 2nd**
NO 7:00 AM MASS
 8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Tuesday, September 3rd**
 7:00 AM John Chin
 8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Wednesday, September 4th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Charles & Alice Amass
- Thursday, September 5th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Rev. Johanes Tan
- Friday, September 6th**
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Barbara Gencarelli
- Saturday, September 7th**
 8:45 AM Mickele Lepore
 5:00 PM Victims of 9/11
 JoAnne Blandi
 Ramona Musto
- Sunday, September 8th**
 8:00 AM Byron Mancuso
 10:00 AM Josephine Saccente
 12 Noon Croce Carluzzo
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:
McGuirk & Delehanty Families
Requested by Lucy McGuirk



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

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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.

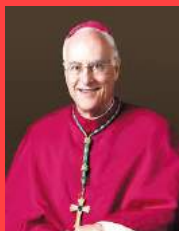
All registered children who have completed registration should report to Msgr. Kain Hall by 3:20 PM on September 18.

Summer Super 50/50 Raffle

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

Collected to date: \$2,185.00

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
Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn

PARISH NEWS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry



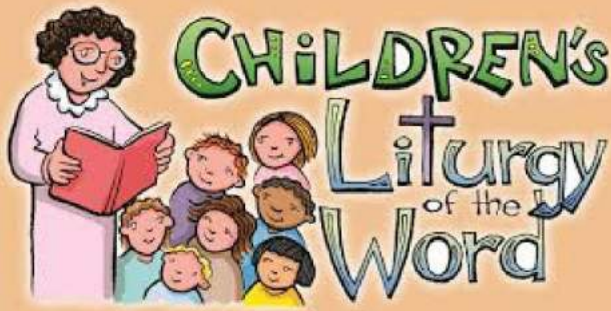
*We will be collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items the weekend of **September 7/8, 2019***
Thank you for your usual generosity!



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!!!!

New Adult Choir Format



Our Adult Choir, which enhances our liturgies through God's great gift of music, will be alternating the rehearsal schedule between Monday nights and Sunday mornings so that new members who find it hard to make a commitment to evening rehearsals can still join the choir.

The new season will begin with 2 Monday night rehearsals, September 16th and 23rd at 7:30pm. The first Sunday rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 29th at 11:00am.

All rehearsals are in Church and are open to those interested from High School age and up. Now is a great time to join our Choir as we prepare for the Fall holydays, Advent and one of the highlights of the choir year, Christmas Eve Midnight Mass with our chamber orchestra.



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