

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org



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



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

Parish Staff

September 29, 2019
Twenty-Sixth 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

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ 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 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2019**

***“You received what was good.
Lazarus what was bad:
now he is comforted,
whereas you are tormented.”***

As we continue to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem in Luke’s gospel, we hear another parable unique to Luke: the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. This parable develops many themes in the gospel, including the right use of money from last week, and also the reversal of the social order that has been foretold in Mary’s canticle: he has lifted up the lowly and sent the rich away empty.

When most parables deal with everyday objects and stock characters like farmers, travelers, or a woman baking bread, today’s parable, the Rich Man and Lazarus, is distinctive in that it contains two first names. The rich man could be any person enjoying an extravagant lifestyle while others suffer but the poor man is *Lazarus* and when he dies he is carried to the bosom of *Abraham*. We’re not given many details about Lazarus’ life, how he came to his current state in life, or if he had any friends or family. But we are given a name. This man, laying at the rich man’s door, is not just a poor person, there is a social class that separated him and Lazarus in their earthly life he wouldn’t have found himself staring across an even greater chasm in eternity. Who are the ones in need at your door? Do you know their names?

Today’s gospel is a reminder that Jesus did not create parishes. The basis of one’s salvation is not parish membership, but the global community and how we treat the poor and disenfranchised among us. And now that our world has become flat, we are so interconnected that nearly the entire globe is our neighbor. Our responsibility to one another has increased very rapidly. No longer are we concerned merely with our neighborhood, parish, or school, but we are concerned with a much broader spectrum. The moral life includes decisions we make while shopping, hiring labor, or disposing of waste. With today’s reading we are called to let go of any narrow vision we might have of “neighbor” and see the Lazarus figure before us both locally and worldwide.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert

P.S. Please support our parish and purchase your tickets for our Cabaret Night by October 15th!



September 22, 2019 316 Envelopes \$10,095.00
Bahamas \$2,592.00
We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 1,253

**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	192
Amount Pledged	\$100,475.00
Paid to Date	\$90,020.70

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 September 16, 2019 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church	
Campaign Goal	\$980,000.00
Total Pledged	\$1,045,969.00
Total Payments to Date by Parishioners	\$930,401.51
Total # Donors	198
Number of Donors who completed Pledge	134
Total Funds already paid to the Parish to Date	\$336,719.00



Mass Intentions for the week

- Saturday, September 28th**
8:45 AM Maria Gorizia Irace
- 5:00 PM Paulette Sbordone
Stephen & Mary Pirrelli
Alfred & Anna Ingenito
David M. Durney
Murray Grossman
- Sunday, September 29th**
8:00 AM Paulette Sbordone
10:00 AM Tracey Reilly Nelson
12 Noon In Thanksgiving for Sr. Edyth &
Sr Rosemarie as they celebrate their Jubilee
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, September 30th**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Joseph Vitanza
- Tuesday, October 1st**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Wednesday, October 2nd**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Tony Grbic
- Thursday, October 3rd**
7:00 AM Thomas O'Kane
8:45 AM Paulette Sbordone
- Friday, October 4th**
7:00 AM Angela Scannapieco
8:45 AM Cecilia & Cosimo Cavallaro
- Saturday, October 5th**
8:45 AM Jude Safi
- 5:00 PM Peter Puleo
Louis Tuorto
- Sunday, October 6th**
8:00 AM Frances Rauso
10:00 AM Caterina & Giuseppe Sama
12 Noon Mickle Lepore
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:
Carole Griseta

Requested by The Comes Family



Flowers at the Holy Family Altar

**In Memory of:
Paulette Sbordone**

*Requested by
CAP Ladies*



Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar

**In Memory of:
Paulette Sbordone**

*Requested by
CAP Ladies*



**Altar Flowers
With Loving Grateful
hearts to our parents:**

Angie & Joe Baglivio

&

**May & John
Fitzsimmons**



100th ANNIVERSARY

Our Parish

Our Prayer

Our Legacy

As we prepare for our Centennial Celebration, we need the help of many.

- ◆ **Parish History Committee:**
Compiling the history of the parish for various presentations.
- ◆ **Commemorative Journal:**
Compiling ads for the Commemorative Journal
- ◆ **Gala Committee:**
Planning & Organizing the 100th Anniversary Gala
- ◆ **Homecoming Mass & Alumni Reunion:**
Planning a Mass for all Alumni and reception.
- ◆ **Centennial Pilgrimage to Italy:**
Organizing & Planning a parish pilgrimage.
- ◆ **Communication Committee:**
Publicizing the Centennial Events

**If you are interested in being part of one of these committees please join us on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the Academy Cafeteria
Light Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Parish Planning Council.**



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

PARISH NEWS

During the Month of October, dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, please join us in praying the Rosary at



8:15 AM & 7:00 PM

In our church
Monday through Friday.

*Come and stay with me.
Come and pray with me.*

Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
Benediction

Friday, October 4th

Immediately following the 8:45 AM Mass
(If there is a Funeral Mass, then following.)



Blessing of the Animals

In honor of
St. Francis of Assisi
Please bring your pet to be
blessed on

Sunday, October 6th at 2 PM
by the outside statue of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



Support St. Ephrem's
Youth Ministry

For more information email:

stephremyouthministry@gmail.com



@stephremyouth

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Each Sunday we have a special children's liturgy at the 10 AM Mass. Under the direction of our children's liturgy catechists, children in grades K through 4 are invited to listen to the Gospel and discuss and engage in an activity appropriate to the age which relates to its message. If you are not already doing so, please consider joining us each week for Eucharist. We'd love to have you be part of our faith community and the younger children will enjoy sharing God's Word with other children. CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR GRADES K - 4 EVERY SUNDAY AT THE 10 AM MASS!



SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Program Brochures are available at the exit doors of the church.

Bereavement Support Group meets Monday, September 30th at 7:00 PM.

"Meet the Real Mary Magdalene" begins Tuesday, October 1 at 1:00 PM. Session 1 is The Classic Portrait of Mary Magdalene. See flyers in church.

Exploring the Sunday Readings meets Thursday, October 3rd at 10:00 AM.

Spiritual Direction

Please call Sister Ann at the Spirituality Center at 718-921-9518 for information or to make an appointment.



Friendship Club is back!!!

All Seniors 55 years and older are invited to join us on Wednesdays, 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!!!

Mass Book Opening

January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020

You may enroll your loved ones for a Mass Intention, on Thursday, October 3, 2019

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

In addition you can memorialize or honor a loved one with our Altar Flowers

To help us with your request, please indicate your Mass Intention on the blue sheet located in our church and bring it with you to the Rectory



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. M. Boutross who are the winners of our Summer 50/50 Raffle
Total Collected: \$2,925.00
Winner Received: \$1,462.50



"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

DIOCESAN NEWS

**March to honor the contributions which
Mother Cabrini made to help build
New York City**



Sunday, October 6, 2019

**Procession begins at 3:00 PM
at Mother Cabrini Park
(41 President Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231)**

Mass at 4:00 PM

**Sacred Heart—St. Stephen Church
(125 Summit Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231)**

Sponsored by: Italian Ministry of the Diocese of Brooklyn



PARISH NEWS

Congratulations



**Sister Edyth Therese Fitzsimmons, 70 years
Sister Rosemarie Cecilia Baglivio, 50 years
As Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, N.Y.
and reside at St. Ephrem Convent.**

***On Sunday, September 29th at the 12 Noon Mass
Sisters Edyth & Rosemarie will celebrate
their many years of service.***

Sisters of
St. Joseph
Uniting all in
God's love

Permanent Diaconate Information Sessions



Information for men who feel
called to the permanent
diaconate will be held:

Diocesan Office

310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

Monday, September 30th
7:00 –9:00 PM

Monday, October 7th
7:00 –9:00 PM

Wednesday, October 23rd
7:00-9:00 PM

Saturday, November 9th
10:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Wednesday, December 4th
7:00-9:00 PM

*To attend one of these above sessions, men must first
have spoken with Fr. Robert, the Pastor,
and register for the desired date*

“Serve one another in love.” Galatians 5: 13

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SISTERS NEWS



Silver Circle

Support the Retired IHM Sisters

For information please contact:
Sister Mary Jane at (718) 833-1555

ACADEMY NEWS



Earn Cash for Our School!

You can help our Academy by saving your Box Tops.
For each Box Top our Academy receives 10 cents.
Please bring your Box Tops to the Rectory or place
them in the box located in the cafeteria.

Thank You for your support!