Parish Staff

Rev. Robert B. Adamo, KHS, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Peter V. Kain, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Anthony S. Chanane, 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

October 13, 2019
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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-kindle 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 13, 2019  
“None but this foreigner has returned to give thanks to God.”

Today Luke reminds us that Jesus is continuing his long journey to Jerusalem, now through Samaria and Galilee. We recall that Jesus is a Galilean for whom the Samaritans were considered foreigners. The most famous Samaritan is probably the character in one of Jesus’ parables known as the Good Samaritan, who offers such mercy and kindness. This being performed by a foreigner rather than a priest or Levite would have been shocking. Today we have not a fictional Samaritan but a Samaritan leper who interacted with Jesus, along with nine other lepers.

Jesus meets ten lepers who call out to him, “Jesus, Master!” At the time of Jesus, people afflicted with skin diseases were quarantined from others to ensure that their disease would not spread. While keeping their distance the lepers attract Jesus’ attention with their shouts. They call him, “Master!” Jesus’ reputation as a healer must have preceded him. These lepers recognize Jesus’ mastery over disease, which flees at the touch of his hand or even at a word from his mouth. In this healing, Jesus does more than restore the lepers’ bodies to health, he also restores them back to their families, friends, and communities, whom they may now approach, touch, and share life with again.

Saying thank you is much more than polite manners. When we express thanks we are forging and strengthening personal bonds. Whether it be a phone call, a handwritten note, or even a text, acknowledging an action or gift with a word of thanks does as much if not more for the receiver of the gift as the giver. There are so many occasions in our daily life to express gratitude that it can become something of a prayer, punctuating our day. Our ancient forebearers in faith knew this quite well. The Psalms give voice to much of this attitude, as does the Eucharistic prayer itself, “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.”

This week, let’s consider the opportunities we have to say thank you. In so doing, we echo our forebearers in faith and our eternal Eucharist; and we likewise spread gratitude throughout the world.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert

Last day to purchase tickets for Cabaret Night is Tuesday, October 15th. Please support the parish and have an enjoyable night!

Generations of Faith continues across the Diocese!

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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!

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.
There are many Masses being offered without any intentions. You can honor or remember a loved one by requesting a Mass intention, Bread & Wine, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Flowers.

Please come to the rectory

**Mass Intentions for the week**

**Saturday, October 12th**
8:45 AM Giuseppina LoBrutto
5:00 PM Salvatore Calderone
  Mary Parisi
  Antonio & Elena DiMatteo
  Joseph Vitanza, Sr.

**Sunday, October 13th**
8:00 AM Evelyn & Frank Giaquinto
10:00 AM Rosina Marcus
12 Noon Vincenza Iannizzi
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

**Monday, October 14th**
No 7:00 AM Mass
8:45 AM Carmen Rodriguez

**Tuesday, October 15th**
7:00 AM John Toolan
8:45 AM Richard Ondreicka

**Wednesday, October 16th**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Connie Bonafide

**Thursday, October 17th**
7:00 AM Margaret Amodio
8:45 AM Rosemarie Vojik

**Friday, October 18th**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Philip SanAntonio

**Saturday, October 19th**
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
5:00 PM Theresa Offitto
  Sean Patrick Verdi
  Carol Mary Kelly
  Michael Liberth
  Anthony Tricarico, Sr.

**Sunday, October 20th**
8:00 AM Maruffi & Guglielmetti Families
10:00 AM Phillip Sestito
12 Noon Mrs. Sandra Carabello
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

**Bread and Wine**

In Loving Memory of:
Rosemarie Vojik
Requested by her Loving Family

**Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp**

In Loving Memory of:
Vincenza Iannizzi
Requested by their Loving Family

**Healing Mass**

Thursday, October 24th
7:30 PM
Msgr. Theo, Celebrant

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**Commemorative Journal:**
Compiling ads for the Commemorative Journal

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**Homecoming Mass & Alumni Reunion:**
Planning a Mass for all Alumni and reception.

**Centennial Pilgrimage to Italy:**
Organizing & Planning a parish pilgrimage.

**Communication Committee:**
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On Monday, October 14th we will observe Columbus Day. There is no 7:00 AM Mass and the Rectory Office will be closed.

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.
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.

New York Blood Center will host a Blood Drive
Sunday, October 27th
8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
For your convenience the Mobile Blood Bus will be in front of the Church. A representative will welcome and assist you in donating blood.

Registration for St. Ephrem Basketball is open at this time for grades K through 8. If you are interested in registering your child, or seeking more information, please contact Brian Cassidy at stephrembasketball@gmail.com or call at 917-803-8176. St. Ephrem Basketball is also seeking volunteer coaches. If you have a love for basketball and would like to pass this down to future generations, please contact Brian Cassidy.

Support St. Ephrem’s Youth Ministry
For more information email:
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com
@stephremyouth

Spirituality Center
A DVD Program—“Meet the Real Mary Magdalene” will be held Tuesday, October 15 at 1:00 PM. Session 2 is “The Oldest Story About Mary Magdalene.” See flyers in church.

Exploring the Sunday Readings meets Thursday, October 17 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!!!

St. Vincent de Paul Society will be here on Saturday, October 19th
9 AM to 11:45 AM, in the parking lot on 74th Street. All types of clean usable clothing, blankets and towels will be accepted.

Catholic Grandparent Association
St. Ephrem is working on an exciting new Grandparent program for this year. If you’re interested in volunteering or learning more, join us on Sunday, October 20th at 1:00 PM in the Marian Room (Rectory Meeting Room).

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!
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

Live Performance by:
Charlie Romo

The Great American Songbook
• Jazz Standards
• Big Band Swing
  • Oldies
• Rock n’ Roll
• Doo-Woop
***DIOCESAN NEWS***

**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

**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*

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Called by Name**

A Convocation for All Lay Ministers

*This year our Deanery 9, will focus on Lay Ministry. With the collaboration and work of so many in our parishes, we are able to continue our mission as a Church. If you are in a ministry or are interested in joining a ministry, please join us for this Convocation.*

**Robert Choiniere, DMin - Facilitator**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**
- Shared Meal at 5:30 PM
- Presentation begins at 6:30 PM
- Concluding Ritual/Prayer at 8:30PM

**St. Patrick Church Auditorium**
- 97th Street and 4th Avenue
- Parking Lot on 97th Street

For more information or to register, please contact:
Eileen Maguire at 1(718)745-7486 or stephremreligioused@gmail.com by Wednesday, October 16th.

*ALL ARE INVITED! THERE IS NO FEE!*

**Sponsored by Deanery 9 Faith Formation Programs**
- Our Lady of Angels
- Our Lady of Guadalupe
- St. Andrew the Apostle
- St. Anselm
- St. Bernadette
- St. Ephrem
- St. Patrick

*Three Hours of LLF Credit*

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**Cardinal John Henry Newman**

Cardinal John Henry Newman will be canonized on October 13th in Rome. Newman was a 19th century theologian, poet, Catholic priest and cardinal. Originally an Anglican priest, he converted to Catholicism in 1845 and his writings are considered among some of the most important Church-writings in recent centuries.

Ordained a Catholic priest in 1847, he was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879, although he was not a bishop. Newman’s conversion to the Catholic faith was controversial in England, and resulted in him losing many friends, including his own sister who never spoke to him again.

The British cardinal founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England, and was particularly dedicated to education, founding two schools for boys. He died in Birmingham in 1890 at the age of 89.

*“God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.”*  
Saint John Henry Newman