

# Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Robert B. Adamo, KHS, *Pastor*  
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Deacon Anthony Stucchio, *Permanent Deacon*

October 13, 2019  
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 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

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## 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.



**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!**



October 6, 2019                      261 Envelopes                      \$11,345.00  
We Share (Online Giving)      40 Families                              \$220.00

**Mass Attendance 724**

**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!**

<b>St. Ephrem Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$99,236.00</b>
<b>Number of Donors</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$102,350.00</b>
<b>Paid to Date</b>	<b>\$91,373.04</b>

**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 October 1, 2019 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church</b>	
<b>Campaign Goal</b>	<b>\$980,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,045,969.00</b>
<b>Total Payments to Date by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$930,401.51</b>
<b>Total # Donors</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Number of Donors who completed Pledge</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>Total Funds already paid to the Parish to Date</b>	<b>\$442,035.09</b>



## Mass Intentions for the week

**Saturday, October 12th**  
Giuseppina LoBrutto

8:45 AM  
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 Garabello  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



*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*



### Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:  
**Rosemarie Vojik**

*Requested by her Loving Family*



### Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

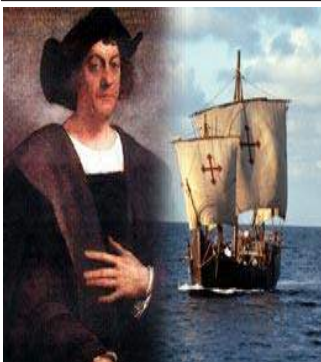
In Loving Memory of:  
**Vincenza Iannizzi**

*Requested by their Loving Family*

## JESUS THE HEALER



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



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

1921 + 2021



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.**



## 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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).



*"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**



# HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Saturday, October 19th  
12:30-3:30 pm  
[www.fontbonne.org](http://www.fontbonne.org)



Saturday, October 19th  
11:30 AM –4:00 PM  
[www.xavierhs.org](http://www.xavierhs.org)



Saturday, October 19th  
11:00 AM –1:00 PM  
[www.admissions@stedmundprep.org](http://www.admissions@stedmundprep.org)

## 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  
97<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Parking Lot on 97<sup>th</sup> Street

For more information or to register, please contact Eileen Maguire at 1(718)745-7486 or [stephremreligious@gmail.com](mailto:stephremreligious@gmail.com) by Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

## 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*



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