

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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October 20, 2019
Twenty-Ninth 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.



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“God will secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him.”

What does it mean to pray and particularly to “pray always”? The widow in today’s gospel continues to bring her petition to the judge, even when she has no reason to believe he will hear and answer her. Jesus presupposes that this relationship in prayer will require effort and persistence when he warns the disciples against “becoming weary.” As in all relationships, sometimes communication is easy and at other times it might seem nearly impossible. In our relationship with God we are called to persevere even when it seems like our prayers are not being heard, much less answered. Unlike the widow, our Judge cares for us deeply and constantly works for our good.

It can be so difficult to be patient. Lessons we learned or attempted to learn in childhood are still with us as adults. Opportunities to learn patience overflow! One clever prayer, inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, reads: “Lord, grant me patience...NOW!”

Early Christians, and maybe even modern, grew impatient with the delayed Parousia, the promised coming of Christ. Some Christians eventually abandoned this hope and therefore abandoned their discipleship. Luke’s gospel is a reminder that disciples are “to pray always.” And not only that, but to do so “without becoming weary.” That may seem like a tall order, equivalent to telling a child on a long drive to “sit patiently; we’ll be there soon enough.” Yet, that’s the exhortation we receive along with a final question wondering whether the Son of Man will find faith when he returns. This, too, in a nod to the children in the car, might be the equivalent of, “I wonder if there will be ice cream for children who were quiet the entire way?” The issues that concerned the early church concern us. When will Jesus return? How long will this be? Is he slow to answer? The response is that we continue praying, doing justice, and God will act when he does.

Last Saturday, Bishop Chappetto administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 51 young adults from our parish. We pray that they open their hearts to the Holy Spirit so that they can fulfill the Lord’s desire for them.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



October 13, 2019 250 Envelopes \$7,147.00
 We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 675

**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	197
Amount Pledged	\$102,474.00
Paid to Date	\$93,073.04

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 October 1, 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	\$442,035.09



Mass Intentions for the week

8:45 AM **Saturday, October 19th**
For the People of St. Ephrem

5:00 PM Theresa Offitto
Sean Patrick Verdi
Carol Mary Kelly
Michael Liberth
Anthony Tricarico, Sr.

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

7:00 AM **Monday, October 21st**
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
Charles J. Rerch

7:00 AM **Tuesday, October 22nd**
8:45 AM Sarah Ferrara
Michelina Iannelli

7:00 AM **Wednesday, October 23rd**
8:45 AM Jack Cullen
Mario & Paulette Sbordone
(71st Wedding Anniversary)

7:00 AM **Thursday, October 24th**
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
Virginia Ingenito

7:00 AM **Friday, October 25th**
8:45 AM Freddy Lomingino
Jean Kosnik

8:45 AM **Saturday, October 26th**
Cosimo Corsaro

5:00 PM John Loddo
Peter Anthony Carlin
Gaetana & John Biondo
Frances Mascari
Eugene Iannicelli

8:00 AM **Sunday, October 27th**
10:00 AM For the Intentions of Jane & Harry Genzale
12 Noon Croce Carluzzo
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

**The Commemoration of
All the faithful departed**

Mass of Remembrance
Saturday, November 2nd at 11:30 AM
For all of our parishioners who have died
October 2018 through September 2019
and their funeral Mass
was celebrated at St. Ephrem.

All are welcome.



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:
Michelina Iannelli

Requested by her Loving Family



Altar Flowers
In Loving Memory
of
Sean & Marcella

JESUS THE HEALER



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

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 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
Sunday, October 20th at
6:00pm in the Marian Room

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

A DVD Program—"Meet the Real Mary Magdalene" will be held Tuesday, October 22 at 1:00 PM. Session 3 is "Matthew and Luke's Portrayals of Mary Magdalene." See flyers in church.

Bereavement Support Group meets Monday, October 21st at 7:00 PM.

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!!!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry



*We will be collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items the weekend of October 26/27, 2019
Thank you for your usual generosity!*

The Book of the Dead

Will be available in our Church during the month of November. All are welcome to inscribe the names of your loved ones who have died this past year.



PARISH NEWS

God's Blessing on the Young Adults of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation

Evangelia Ameno-Cataudella
Kiera Angilletta
Brendan Bedford
Alara Brunell
Robert Capodicasa
Ryan Cassidy
Gabriella Chiara
Frank Creo
Thomas DiLollo
Anthony DiNatale
Luciano DiPreta
Lauren Esposito
Dana Ferretti
Mia Franki
John Gallagher
Isabella Gebron
Abigale Giordano
Antonio Gnerre
Nicole Grimaudo
Sean Haggerty
Siobhan Hickey-Glenn
Matthew Kotsatos
Alexa Krupczynski
Sophia Lagana
Alyssa Lamanna
Ethan Leon

Gianna Loccisano
Nicholas Maffei
Natalie Mazzaferro
Julia McLoughlin
Ava Milo
Giulietta Moraca
Nikki Mortellaro
Layla Ojeda
Sara Oliveri
Christopher Pawson
Geena Petrone
John Porcu
Eva Reinhart
Gianna Samperi
Louis Savelli
Dante Scalia
Olivia Schoenfeld
Nicholas Serrano
Julianna Spoto
John Torres
Lauren Valladares
Lukasz Watroba
Taylor Weidler
Patrick Wong
Katherine Zimbron

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Gives Back



St. Ephrem's could share in the profits. For donated cars, trucks or vans, running or not. The Associated Vincentian will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of.

Please call
718-491-2525 or
www.svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

Thank you for your participation!

Feast of All Saints *November 1st* *Holy Day of Obligation*



Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass October 31st at 7:00 P.M.
November 1st
7:00 A.M., 8:45 A.M. Academy Mass,
11:00 A.M.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Tuesday, October 29th
Tours begin at 7:00PM
To schedule a buddy day or for additional information, contact the admissions office
www.admissions@stedmundprep.org



Wednesday, October 30th
6:00–7:30 PM
www.stsaviour.org/admissions



Sunday, October 27th
2:30-5:00 PM
www.cheznous.org

ACADEMY NEWS



Be an Angel, give a blessing today.

“Be An Angel” to a St. Ephrem Student

The “Be An Angel Program” is one of the ways Futures In Education, a Diocesan organization, provides a student with need-based scholarship the chance for a St. Ephrem parishioner to change the life of a child through the gift of a Catholic education. There are different ways one can help: partial tuition assistance starting at \$1,500.00 per year.

(St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Annual Tuition is \$4,975.00 per student.)

Please prayerfully consider assisting a child from St. Ephrem Catholic Academy. For more information please call the academy office at (718) 833-1440.



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.

For the New Box Tops app: Download the latest version of the Box Tops app, scan your receipt and St. Ephrem Academy will

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

Are you homebound? Are you or someone you know sick? Are you or someone you know going into the hospital or a nursing home or rehabilitation?



Please let us know!

Would you like us to send a card, visit, bring Holy Communion, or be in contact for any need—such as a walker, cane, homemaker or housekeeper.

Please contact: Tom Sbordone
 Christian Awareness Program (CAP) Office
 718-833-1143

We will be happy to assist you!
“I was sick & you visited me..”
 Matthew 25:36

Christian Awareness Program (CAP)



Our next meeting is on
October 22nd at 9:30 AM
 in the Marian Room
 (Rectory Meeting Room)