

Church of St. Ephrem

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October 27, 2019
Thirtieth 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.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2019

“The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home.”

The parable that Jesus tells us in today’s gospel, strikes one’s conscience with the desire most if not all Christians have to “be right with God.” This desire animated the Jewish people of Jesus’ time too, and it continues to be a goal of many religious people regardless of faith or denomination. But Jesus’ parable penetrates deeply into the attitudes that often lie below the surface. And for the Pharisee in the parable, his attitudes were on full display. He prays in thanksgiving that he is not like “the rest of humanity” (quite a broad stroke!) or “even like this tax collector.” The Pharisee has justified himself before God by following the rules, obeying Mosaic Law, doing “what God wants” as he understands it. On the other hand, the tax collector approaches God with sincere humility, admitting his sinfulness. For that, he rather than the Pharisee, is justified, or “right with God.”

The words of the Pharisee and the tax collector provide an interesting contrast in prayer. The Pharisee is intent upon listing off his many attributes and even though he does this under the guise of giving God thanks for his many virtues, we get the sense that his prayer is about *him*, not about God. The tax collector’s prayer is simple. He calls God “merciful” and identifies himself as a “sinner.” Despite his lowly standing in the religious community, this tax collector, whose job requires him to collude with the Roman oppressors, has a relationship with the living God, the Merciful One. This is what sends him home justified, while the Pharisee, too full of himself to have room for God’s mercy, leaves empty.

The Christian life and the entire paschal mystery is a reversal of the norms, standard, and structures of the world. We do not need to look far in our world to see those who seek to exalt themselves. We too are likely part of that group from time to time if we are honest with ourselves. Each of us has a bit of the Pharisee’s attitude. Today’s parable tells us that we are to identify with the tax collector, the one who comes humbly before God confessing himself to be a sinner. Only by humbling oneself will exaltation come. And those who seek exaltation will be humbled. This echoes a theme announced by Mary’s canticle in the opening chapter of the gospel. “He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones, but lifted up the lowly” (Luke 1:52).

Jesus, too, will be humbled to the point of death on the cross, and subsequently exalted to heaven. This fundamental reversal is an essential Christian message, and it can be difficult to absorb. In our modern world (and in the ancient) the proud are exalted, the humble are brought low. But we proclaim the Good News. The lowly will be exalted and the proud will be brought low. It is the paschal mystery.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



October 20, 2019	285 Envelopes	\$9,129.00
World Mission Sunday	117 Envelopes	\$2,377.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 917

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	198
Amount Pledged	\$102,744.00
Paid to Date	\$93,983.04

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 17, 2019 at St. Ephrem R.C. Church	
Campaign Goal	\$980,000.00
Total Pledged	\$1,045,969.00
Total Payments to Date by Parishioners	\$933,982.18
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

- Saturday, October 26th**
8:45 AM Cosimo Corsaro
5:00 PM John Lodo
Peter Anthony Carlin
Gaetana & John Biondo
Frances Mascari
Eugene Iannicelli
Maria Papandrea
- Sunday, October 27th**
8:00 AM Frances Heavey
10:00 AM For the Intentions of Jane & Harry Genzale
12 Noon Croce Carluzzo
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
- Monday, October 28th**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Dominick Costagliola
- Tuesday, October 29th**
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Philip Baffuto
- Wednesday, October 30th**
7:00 AM Ray Losardo
8:45 AM Agatha Lombardo (5th Anniversary)
- Thursday, October 31st**
7:00 AM Patrick Walsh
8:45 AM Mike & Danica Vuccina
7:00 PM Vigil Adrienne & Frank Marciano
- Friday, November 1st**
7:00 AM Madeleine Behette
8:45 AM Giuseppina & Vincenzo Spaniolo
11:00 AM Diane Ondreicka
- Saturday, November 2nd**
8:45 AM Pasquale Marsillo
5:00 PM Croce Carluzzo
Marie & Anthony Barbera
Rita Palumbo
Giancarlo Traverso
- Sunday, November 3rd**
8:00 AM Phyliss, Linda & Joseph Vasta
10:00 AM Vincenzo Mazzone
12 Noon Mickle Lepore
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.



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:
Angelo Spata

Requested by The Sichenze Family



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

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Angelo Spata

Requested by The Sichenze Family



Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of
Domenick Mazzone

Requested by His Loving Family



Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar

In Memory of:

The DeLuca & Scotto Families

Requested by

Carolyn & John DeLuca



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

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 29 at 1:00 PM. Session 4 is "John's Story: A Story in Two Parts." See Flyers in Church.

Bereavement Support Group meets Monday, October 28th at 7:00 PM.

Bereavement Deanery Corner
St. Patrick Parish
Sister Jeanne Elaine at
718-238-2600 x178

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!!!

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.



"If today we are remembering these brothers & sisters of our who lived before us and are now in heaven, they are there because they were washed in the Blood of Christ, that is our hope, and this hope does not disappoint. If we live our lives with the Lord, He will never disappoint us."

Pope Francis

PARISH NEWS



Daylight Saving Time Ends

www.NationalDayCalendar.com

First Sunday
in November

Next weekend Daylight Savings Time Ends
Remember to put your clocks one hour back.

NYC Marathon Sunday
November 3rd



May God Bless all the Participates



Child's Prayer Before Trick-or-Treating

*God, bless all the people we will meet.
Let our visit, with them be a pleasant treat.
Whatever the costumes we wear tonight, may
we all be clothed with Christ's light.
Protect us from danger, so that tomorrow with
the Saints we may sing your praises.*

Diana Macalintal

The Rectory is giving out treats,
please stop by and show us your costume.

National Vocations Awareness Week:
November 3-9, 2019

IS GOD CALLING YOU?



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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

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

Election Day November 5th



“We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern.”

Pope Francis