

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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October 6, 2019

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rectory Office

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Spirituality Center

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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-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

October 6, 2019

“If you have faith!”

What is faith? The disciples have a simple request of Jesus today: “Increase our faith.” How many of us have made the same request? But what did the disciples mean by it? And what would we mean by it? Further, what is the point of the request?

In another example of exaggeration, Jesus responds by saying that if their faith was the size of a mustard seed (very tiny, about the size of a sesame seed) they would be able to move trees. Now, nobody, not even Jesus, moved trees. Significantly, there are other gospels where the claim is that they could, with faith the size of a mustard seed, move mountains (Mark 11:23; Matt. 17:20). But apparently Luke thought that was an exaggeration taken too far. For in this gospel the extent of faith is moving only trees. Mountains are not mentioned. Nevertheless, the point is simple that they have little faith, not even the size of a mustard seed.

Jesus continues his lesson with a demonstration of the proper attitude of a servant who does what he is told expecting nothing, not even gratitude, in return. That attitude, striking for us today, is proper for discipleship.

Today’s gospel reminds us of the place disciples have before the Lord. Jesus uses an image from the ancient world about servants and a master. Such an image can be problematic today, but it reflects the worldview of antiquity. We, as disciples, are advised to do what we are told, follow directions, and carry out what we are obliged to do. Such an image does not leave much room for self-charity, or self-determination, other than to align oneself with the Lord. And this is why the image has some challenges as we bring it to the modern world. And yet, doing the will of the Father is precisely the role of the disciple, the follower. Our task is to discern that will in our world and to carry it out, expecting nothing in return. We die to our own wants, needs, and desires, noble as they might be, such as an increase in faith. Instead, we follow the direction set for us, using our gifts, talents, and abilities in such a way that there is not even the expectation of a thank you.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert

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



September 29, 2019 253 Envelopes \$9,768.00
We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 818

**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	194
Amount Pledged	\$100,845.00
Paid to Date	\$90,987.70

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, 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 Mickele Lepore
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, October 7th
7:00 AM Harry D'Amura
8:45 AM John Carr

Tuesday, October 8th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM In Thanksgiving of St. Ann

Wednesday, October 9th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Vincent & Domenick Iannizzi

Thursday, October 10th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Deana Darconte

Friday, October 11th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Lucy & Edwin McGuirk

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



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:
Mary & Harry Arnold
Requested by Pat Arnold



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:
Vincent & Domenick Iannizzi
Requested by their Loving Family



Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar

In Memory of:
Kathleen Mary Ryan
Requested by
James Francis & Celeste Mary Ryan



JESUS THE HEALER

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



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.



We are happy to Announce that
The Sacrament of Confirmation
will be conferred on
Saturday, October 12, 2019
At 11:30am

Bishop Raymond Chappetto, DD, VG
Auxillary Bishop of Brooklyn

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.



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, October 7th at 7:00 PM.

Mini-Retreat and Brunch Morning- "A Sacred Bead"

will be held Monday, October 7th at 9:30 am. The presider is Sister Ave Clark, OP.

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

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

Sponsored by: Italian Ministry of the Diocese of Brooklyn



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
stephremreligious@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

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, 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!