

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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Parish Staff

January 26, 2020
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Spirituality Center

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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

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.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

“Jesus went to Capernaum, so that what had been said through Isaiah might be fulfilled.”

Today’s gospel begins with Jesus hearing the news of John the Baptist’s arrest and responded by leaving the region of Judea where John’s ministry was located to return to Galilee. In John the Baptist’s life, Jesus would have seen the risks and dangers of his mission lived out. As the forerunner of the Lord, John preaches repentance and suffers his own martyrdom at the hand of a corrupt person fearful of what this preaching demanded of him in his own life. While it might seem like Jesus is retreating this is not the case and in Capernaum his words, *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,”* echo the exact refrain of John when he began preaching in the desert of Judea.

Jesus called the disciples near the beginning of his ministry. And he called them two by two, the brothers Simon and Andrew, and James and John. These were fishermen, in some ways the ancient equivalent of today’s highly skilled blue collar workers. They worked with their hands, as even the *“mending their nets”* indicates. At the invitation of Jesus, they all leave behind their way of life to follow him. Modern calls to discipleship are scarcely so dramatic. But the imagery presented in Matthew speaks to us when we imagine putting away prior commitments that tend to disintegrate in the face of an invitation from Jesus. We many hear the same call to put aside the tedious, monotonous, everyday activities that mark our lives and enter into a new relationship with him. This relationship will ultimately lead to putting away of our entire selves, a dying to ourselves, so that we might rise with him. And that is the paschal mystery, Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection. At this, the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, we hear the call to follow him to the point of forsaking our very selves. In so doing, we will be raised to new life with him.

As we hear Jesus’ call to serve in today’s gospel, I want to share with you that Bishop Di Marzio, has appointed me as Dean of Brooklyn 9, effective June 30, 2020, while still serving as pastor of St. Ephrem. Msgr. Noone, pastor of Our Lady of Angel’s parish has been serving as Dean and will be retiring as pastor on June 30, 2020.. Please pray for me and the Deanery as we try to serve the people of God in Dyker Heights and Bay Ridge.

Today, we welcome Bishop Witold Mroziewski, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, for the opening of Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:00 AM. Please join us immediately following Mass in our Academy for light refreshments and to see the wonderful programs that our Academy offers.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



January 19, 2020	208 Envelopes	\$6,566.00
Heat Assistance	129 Envelopes	\$2,021.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 574

740 Families Registered and Receive Envelopes

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!

St. Ephrem Centennial Campaign Our Church, Our Prayers, Our Legacy

As of January 21, 2020

Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	196
Amount Pledged	\$1,269,210.00
Percent of Goal	101%

Thank You for your Generosity!

Saint Ephrem, pray for us!



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	221
Amount Pledged	\$114,345.00
Paid to Date	\$110,835.00

Faith & Good Works



Mass Intentions for the week

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

Sunday, January 26th
8:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
10:00 AM For the Intentions of Mark Costanza
12 Noon Benny Natoli
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, January 27th to Friday, January 31st
Mass will be celebrated at St. Ephrem Convent
935 Bay Ridge Parkway

Enter through the main entrance

Monday, January 27th
7:00 AM Mary Driscoll (1st Anniversary)
8:45 AM Dolores, Frank & James Carr

Tuesday, January 28th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Caibbi Cologera

Wednesday, January 29th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Frank Fischetti (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, January 30th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Gerard Molloy (1st Anniversary)

Friday, January 31st
7:00 AM Freddy Lomengino
8:45 AM In Thanksgiving of St. Giovanni Bosco

Saturday, February 1st
8:45 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
5:00 PM Eugene Sylvester (96th Birthday)
Anna Striano
Louis Tuorto
James Bradley

Sunday, February 2nd
8:00 AM Edward Gabriel
10:00 AM Alma Ceravolo
12 Noon Salvatore & Carmela Messina &
Maria Emmanuele
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



You can honor or remember a loved one by requesting a Mass intention, Bread & Wine, Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp and Flowers for The Tabernacle Altar, Blessed Mother Altar and Holy Family Altar.

Please come to the rectory if interested.



*Flowers at the Holy Family Altar
In Memory of:
Frank Cama
Requested by
St. Ephrem Home Academy Association*

Colds and Common Sense



As we begin to pass through the winter months and flu season, please remember to refrain from receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice, and even exchanging the sign of peace if you are not feeling well. Your neighbor will understand and thank you..

1921 + 2021



100th ANNIVERSARY

Our Parish

Our Prayer

Our Legacy

Save the Date

100th Anniversary Gala

Sunday, October 25, 2020

2:00 PM

El Caribe Country Club

5945 Strickland Ave, Brooklyn, New York 11234

If you are interested in being part of one of the 100th Anniversary Committees please call the Rectory Office.



SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Bereavement Support Group meets
Monday, January 27th at 7:00pm.

Save the Dates

A Lenten Retreat "Change Our Hearts" will begin
Tuesday, February 25th at 1:00 pm. The remaining
dates are March 3, 10, 16, 24 and 31.
More information to follow.

Spiritual Direction

Please call Sr. Ann at (718) 921-9518



ACADEMY NEWS



**Celebrate Catholic
Schools Week 2020**

January 26 - February 1

#CSW1920

**ST. EPHREM
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

**St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
Celebrates Catholic Schools Week
January 26th - February 1**

Sunday - 10am Mass Open House 11am - 2pm

- Registration Begins for the 2020-2021 school year.

Monday - Career and vocation day

- Students learn about what opportunities await them in their future.

Tuesday - Student appreciation and Ring Day

- 8th Grade receives their graduation rings

Wednesday - Culture Day

- Students go on a trip to a cultural institution.

Thursday - Community Day

- Students go out into the community to help our neighbors.

Friday - Faculty appreciation Day

- Student vs. Faculty Hockey Game

Registration for St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

For the 2020-2021 School Year

Begins Sunday, January 26th

**Please join us for our Open House and see the wonderful opportunities available
for a quality Catholic Education.**

(718) 833-1440 or www.stephremcatholicacademy.org

**St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
*Presents***

**Designer Bag
Bingo**



**Come & Have Some Fun,
All Are Welcome!**

February 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM

\$40.00 Per Person

which includes:

1 Bingo Card

(Extra Bingo Cards will be for sale)

Sandwiches

Refreshments

BYOB

RSVP by February 1st

For a Table or Individual Ticket

For information please call:

Tammy Fecci (917) 692-9378

TLCFecci@aol.com

Melisa LoFaso (917) 270-4842

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**St. Ephrem 5th Annual
Mardi Gras Celebration
Saturday, February 22nd**
Following the 5:00 PM Mass

**The Msgr. Kain Hall
St. Ephrem Catholic Academy**
924 74th Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11228

DJ, Hot Food, Chips, Soda,
Dessert, Coffee
50/50 Raffles & Much More
B.Y.O.B.

Casual Attire,
Mardi Gras Attire Optional
\$25.00 Per Person
(Adults Only)

Individual Ticket
or
Table Reservations Available

**No Tickets will be sold after
February 18, 2020**
No Tickets will be sold at the door

**Tickets are available for
purchase at the Rectory
(718) 833-1010**
Hope to see you there!

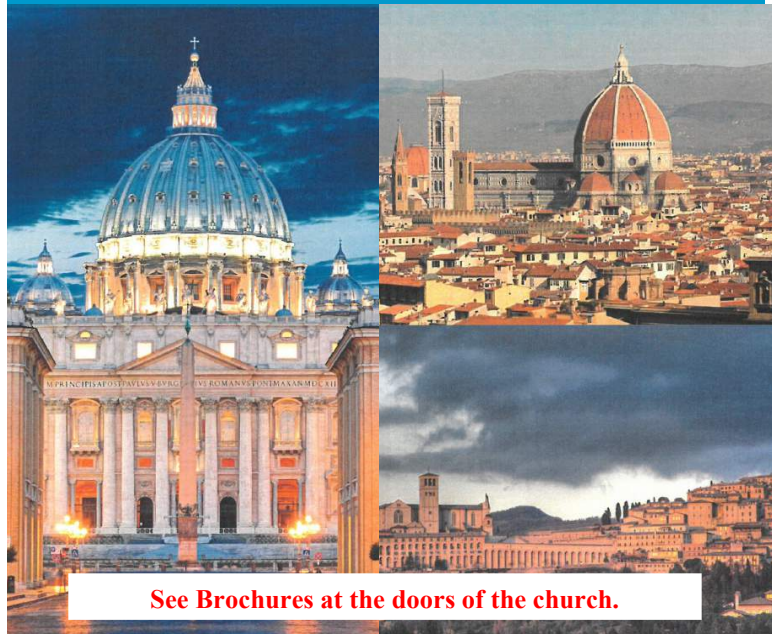
You are invited to join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy!

St. Ephrem Parish

Fr. Robert B. Adamo, Pastor & Spiritual Director

March 14-23, 2021

Rome & Vatican City & Orvieto &
& Florence & San Gimignano & Assisi



See Brochures at the doors of the church.

Estimated All-Inclusive Package
\$3,695.00 Per Person Double Occupancy
Estimated Land Only Package
\$2,795.00 Per Person Double Occupancy
Single Occupancy Available for additional cost.

Travel Package Inclusions

- Round-trip economy class airfare from New York.
- U.S. departure tax; Customs user fee; security tax and all airport taxes.
- Meeting and assistance upon departure from New York JFK Intercontinental Airport.
- Deluxe motor-coach transportation upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- Eight (8) nights' accommodations in twin rooms at first-class hotels throughout.
- Buffet breakfast daily plus a wine tasting with cold snacks and six (6) dinners, including a farewell dinner with wine and entertainment.
- Full-time tour manager throughout the entire tour, including arrival and departure transfers.
- Sightseeing with licensed, professional, English-speaking guides as outlined in the itinerary.
- Entrance fees to all sights as noted in the itinerary.
- Portage of one piece of luggage, per person, at hotels.
- Coordination of daily liturgies.
- Travel documents, travel wallet, luggage tags, name badge, and travel bag.

Please refer to Terms & Conditions for items or additional costs not included in the package price.

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PARISH NEWS



Christian Awareness Program (CAP)

Our next meeting is on
January 28th at 9:30 AM
in the Marian Room
(Rectory Meeting Room)



Annual Contribution Statement for 2019

For your 2019 statement of
contribution to St. Ephrem Parish,
Please contact the rectory office.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry



*We will be collecting non-perishable
and non-expired food items
the weekend of
February 9, 2020*

Thank you again!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



The R.C.I.A. process is designed for adults who have never been baptized, perhaps been baptized in another faith, or baptized Catholic but never received Eucharist and Confirmation. This is an opportunity to explore life in the Catholic Community, have a companion on your faith journey, and prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, and/or Eucharist, and Confirmation). What can you do to help someone who seeks to be a part of the Catholic Church? Accompany them to Mass; encourage them on the journey; introduce them to other parishioners. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about RCIA, contact

Eileen Maguire at (718)745-7486 or
stephremreligious@gmail.com

Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr



On Monday, February 3rd the Church
celebrates the Feast of St. Blaise. The
tradition of blessing throats will take
place at the 7:00 AM & 8:45 AM Masses.

San Alfonso Retreat House



A group of women from
St. Ephrem will be attending the
Women's Retreat.

March 20 to 22

\$240 per person

*A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is
necessary by February 24th*

Space is limited.

If you would like to car pool please call
Carol Ann Pallonetti (347) 484-9958

**To make your reservations please contact
San Alfonso Retreat House
(732) 222-2731**

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!



Youth Ministry Meeting
February 9th
6:00 to 8:00 PM

For more information email:
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

@stephremyouth

Friendship Club

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!!!