

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org



Parish Staff

February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rectory Office

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Spirituality Center

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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

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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020

***“So it was said to your ancestors;
but I say this to you.”***

The first reading today from Sirach highlights the complete freedom of human beings in their relationship with God. Though God desires the good for us and all others, he does not compel us to do that what is right. Instead we are given the choice of whether to follow the commandments that lead to life or to reject them. In the gospel this choice is broken down even further. Are we interested in the bare minimum required from the law laid forth in the Ten Commandments? If, therefore, we get through life without committing murder, entering adulterous relationships, or telling outright lies, have we lived up to our full potential?

So when we want to ask, “What’s the least I have to do?” we may need to reconsider the question. When we desire a relationship with Christ for its own sake, and not simply because we’ve been somehow pressured, a life of faith flows naturally. We no longer count the minimum but instead live in a relationship of trust, fidelity, and love.

Living our lives as disciples of Jesus means that we follow a standard different from the world’s standard. Jesus’ restriction not to look on another with lust, or with anger, is a prime indication of that. In the ancient world, and even in the modern, it can seem easier to cover up a temptation so as not to deal with it. If looking on another causes lust, let’s cover up the other or remove the other! But Jesus’ response goes to the heart of a person. His response is not to cover up the temptation, but to challenge the person not to look on another with lust. Jesus places the responsibility on the individual, not on the object of temptation or anger. In this world there are things that will cause us anger. As disciples, we are not to harbor anger; we are not to harbor lust. Simply acting on these Christian precepts to eschew anger and lust will mark us as disciples, for we will be following a standard not of the world.

This Tuesday, is the last day to purchase Mardi Gras tickets. Please help support our parish and have a most enjoyable time. Looking forward to seeing you that evening.

In the Good Shepherd

Fr. Robert



February 9, 2020	249 Envelopes	\$7,340.00
Elizabeth Seton	146 Envelopes	\$2,132.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 672

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	February 11, 2020
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	212
Amount Pledged	\$1,303,052.64
Paid to Date	\$373,682.64
Percent of Goal	104%

Thank You for your Generosity!

Saint Ephrem, pray for us!



Thank you to the 222 parishioners who have paid \$111,395.00. Since our goal was \$99,236.00, the parish will receive \$12,159.00 over goal.

Thank you very much for your generosity!



Wednesday, February 26th

Ashes will be distributed

7:00 AM Mass

8:45 AM Mass

with children from our Academy

3:45 PM Prayer Service

with children from Faith Formation Program

7:00 PM Prayer Service



We will pray in the Church

Stations of the Cross

***Thursday, February 27th
at 1:30 PM***

With the Children of Our Academy

**&
Friday's of Lent
**Following the 8:45 AM Mass
And at
7:00 PM****



Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday, February 15th
 8:45 AM Mary Nicosia
 5:00 PM Anna Striano
 Annie O'Connell
 Jack Van Impe
 Bruce Purdy
 Irene Liberth

Sunday, February 16th
 8:00 AM James Cowman
 10:00 AM Mollie & Bill Calviello
 12 Noon For the Intentions of Harry W. Genzale
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, February 17th to Friday, February 21st
 Mass will be celebrated at St. Ephrem Convent
 935 Bay Ridge Parkway
Enter through the main entrance

Monday, February 17th
 No 7:00 AM Mass
 8:45 AM Dorothy Wall

Tuesday, February 18th
 7:00 AM Liam Foy
 8:45 AM Pauline Multari

Wednesday, February 19th
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Vincent Ingenito

Thursday, February 20th
 7:00 AM Health Intention for Patrick Coyle
 8:45 AM All Souls

Friday, February 21st
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
 8:45 AM Cecilia & Cosimo Cavallaro

Saturday, February 22nd
 8:45 AM Vincenzo Cammilleri
 5:00 PM Anna Striano
 Rita Pagone
 Darryl Kimble
 Primo & Anthony Massaia
 For the Intentions of Carolyn Vella

Sunday, February 23rd
 8:00 AM John Chin
 10:00 AM For the Intentions of Steven Torres
 12 Noon For the Intentions of Carmela D'Alessio
 5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:

John Carr

Requested by His Loving Wife



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

For the Intentions of

Anna Allen

Requested by Joann Ryan



Altar Flowers
In Loving Memory
Of

John Carr
Requested by
His Loving Wife



Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar

In Memory of:

John Carr

Requested by
His Loving Wife

1921 + 2021



100th ANNIVERSARY

Our Parish

Our Prayer

Our Legacy

Save the Date

100th Anniversary Gala

Sunday, October 25, 2020

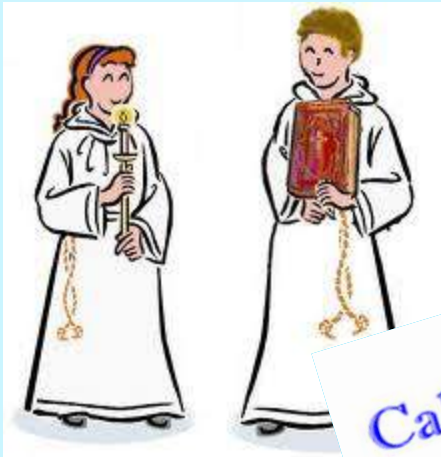
2:00 PM

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.*





Called to *Serve*

You can manage your schedule through our online App

Liturgical Ministers Needed

Altar Servers (Ages 8 to Adult)
Choir Members (Adult & Children)
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Lectors
Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)



Is God calling you to serve?
Please call the Rectory Office for more information.

Altar Servers Only:
There are three training sessions that you must attend
Sundays February 23rd, March 1st & March 8th
following the 10:00 AM Mass



**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!

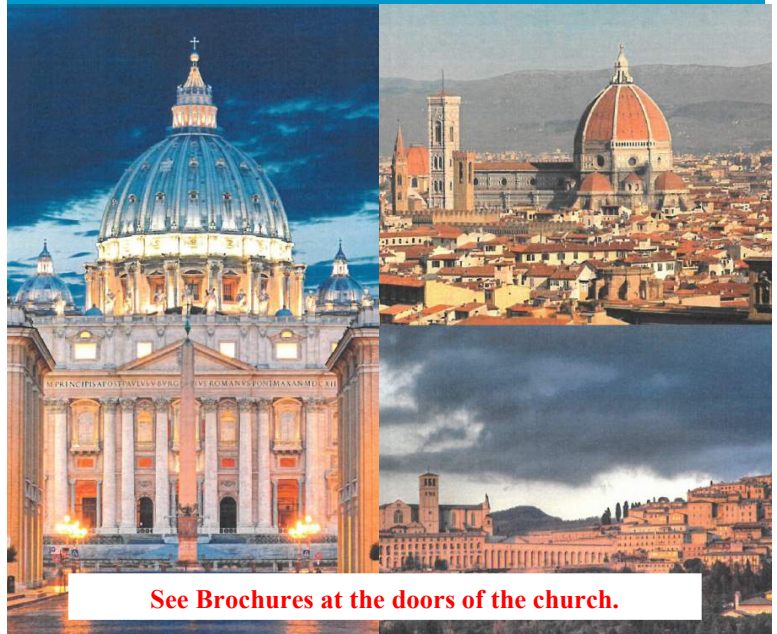
You are invited to join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy!

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

Celebrate the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade with St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Parade Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Patrick's Church,
Brooklyn, New York

Parade begins at 1:00 PM at 3rd Avenue
And Marine Avenue

*St. Ephrem Catholic Academy and Parish will be marching in
the parade. All are welcome to join us!*

The St. Patrick Celebration Continues

3:00 PM-7:00 PM

Msgr. Kain Hall, 924 74th Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11228



Live Music
Brooklyn's Own
Canny Brothers Band

\$25 Adult \$20 per child
Includes Entertainment:

Sandwiches, Irish Soda Bread,
Soda Water & BYOB

Only a limited number of tickets available.

First come, First Served.

For Tickets contact:

Mary Donnelly
917-816-3733

Brian Cassidy
917-803-8176

Annual Contribution Statement for 2019



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

SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Bereavement Support Group

Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM a new
Bereavement Support Group. Sessions run on a
6 week cycle. If you have recently lost a loved
one and would like to join the group for some
compassionate listening, honest sharing and
consoling prayer, please come to the Center.
Individual (one on one) sessions are
available on request.

Exploring the Sunday Readings

Thursday, February 20th at 10:00 AM.

A Lenten Retreat "Change Our Hearts"

Tuesday, February 25th at 1:00 pm.

Spiritual Direction

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



Colds and Common Sense



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

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

CALLED BY NAME: Exploring Lay Ministry in our Church Today

TUESDAYS MARCH 3, 10, 24* 2020

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Ephrem Rectory Meeting Room (Marian Room)

To Register: Contact Lisa at Saint Ephrem Rectory
at (718)833-1010 or stephremreligouised@gmail.com by Friday, February 28th

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

*The hours for this final session will be 6:30 pm to 9 pm -
to include a Lenten dinner and movie followed by discussion.
Five LLF credits will be given upon completion of the course.

