

# Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Robert B. Adamo, KCHS, *Pastor*  
Rev. Msgr. Peter V. Kain, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. Anthony S. Chanan, *Parochial Vicar*  
Mr. Robert Cote, *Youth Minister*  
Mrs. Michele James, *Business Manager*  
Rev. Msgr. Theophilus Joseph, *Parochial Vicar*  
Ms. Eileen Maguire, *Director of Faith Formation*  
Mr. Thomas Marchesiello, *Director of Music/Liturgy*  
Deacon Kevin McLaughlin, *Permanent Deacon*  
Mr. Craig Mercado, *Academy Principal*  
Sr. Ann Martha Ondreicka, O.P., *Director of the Spirituality Center*  
Mrs. Lisa Pinsky, *Parish Secretary*  
Mr. Thomas J. Sbordone, *Christian Awareness Program/Pastoral Care*  
Deacon Anthony Stucchio, *Permanent Deacon*

February 2, 2020  
The Presentation of The Lord



### Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1010

Fax 718-921-5232

### Spirituality Center

935 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-921-9518

### Christian Awareness Program

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

718-833-1143

### Faith Formation Office

Third Floor of Academy

718-745-7486

[stephremreligious@gmail.com](mailto:stephremreligious@gmail.com)

## St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ [www.stephremcatholicacademy.org](http://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](http://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.



## The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

*“My eyes have seen your salvation.”*

In today’s gospel from Luke we hear the story of Joseph and Mary fulfilling the obligations of Mosaic Law, the precepts of their faith. During the presentation of the Lord in the temple, Simeon and Anna are present and each encounters the child Jesus – Simeon having been there at the prompting of the Spirit, and Anna because she never left the temple. Both are prophets, though Luke properly uses the feminine form, “prophetess,” of Anna. Not only does Anna give thanks to God, but she also speaks about the child to those in her midst.

Luke sets this story in Jerusalem, in the temple, where Zechariah, the priest and father of John the Baptist, first learned that his wife Elizabeth, would have a son. Jerusalem will also be the location where the gospel ends. Luke is geographically bookending his story as it were.

After Joseph and Mary leave the temple, having fulfilled the precepts of the law, they return to their home in Nazareth, and we never hear of Simeon and Anna again. Their respective prophecies continue themes from Luke that were sounded by Elizabeth and by Mary herself. Jesus is destined to be the rise and fall of many. The hungry will be filled and the rich will be sent away empty.

The gospel story for the presentation of the Lord is “rich” with theological significance and meaning. Luke gives us not only the perfunctory fulfillment of Mosaic Law, but also those actions accompanied by prophet and by a prophetess.

It should go without saying that women figure prominently in some of the most remembered stories about Jesus, including his birth, death, and resurrection. And here today we have the story of his presentation, accompanied by the presence of Simeon and Anna. We know that women speak the powerful words of God just as men do. In the Old and New Testament, women were prophets (prophetesses). When given the opportunity, let us showcase this too often neglected aspect of our rich faith. And in our own world, our own day and age, let’s listen attentively to the prophetesses in our midst. Luke gives equal voice to the women. We would do well to follow his example.

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



January 26, 2020	272 Envelopes	\$8,192.00
Churches in Need	135 Envelopes	\$1,792.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 904

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 27, 2020
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	203
Amount Pledged	\$1,279,315.00
Percent of Goal	102%

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	\$114,805.00
Paid to Date	\$111,295.00

**Faith & Good Works**



## Mass Intentions for the week

**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  
 Richard Parry  
 Annemarie O'Connell

**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

**Monday, February 3th to Friday, February 7th**  
 Mass will be celebrated at St. Ephrem Convent  
 935 Bay Ridge Parkway  
*Enter through the main entrance*

**Monday, February 3rd**  
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
 8:45 AM John Carr

**Tuesday, February 4th**  
 7:00 AM Michael Zraick  
 8:45 AM Maddalena Piscioneri

**Wednesday, February 5th**  
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
 8:45 AM Bertha Cohen

**Thursday, February 6th**  
 7:00 AM Luigi Bonici  
 8:45 AM Domenico Mazzone

**Friday, February 7th**  
 7:00 AM Agnes Vaz  
 8:45 AM For the Intentions of Ralph Nicosia

**Saturday, February 8th**  
 8:45 AM Pauline Multari  
 5:00 PM Mario Gaudiuso  
 Mary Lou Lyons  
 Anna Striano  
 Bill Hyland  
 Irene Pat Liberth (Birthday in Heaven)

**Sunday, February 9th**  
 8:00 AM Victoria Balsamo  
 10:00 AM Vincent Ingenito  
 12 Noon Michele Lepore  
 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.*



### Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:  
**Pauline Multari**

*Requested by Rose Mazzone & Family*

## 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..*



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

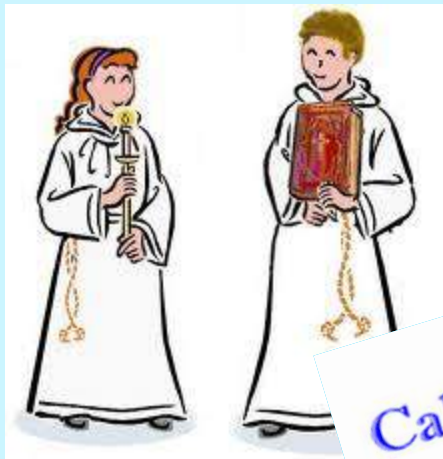
**Bereavement Support Group** meets  
 Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm.

**A Lenten Retreat "Change Our Hearts"**  
 Tuesday, February 25th at 1:00 pm.

**Exploring the Sunday Readings**  
 Thursday, February 6th at 10:00 AM.

### Spiritual Direction

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



Called to *Serve*

## 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!**

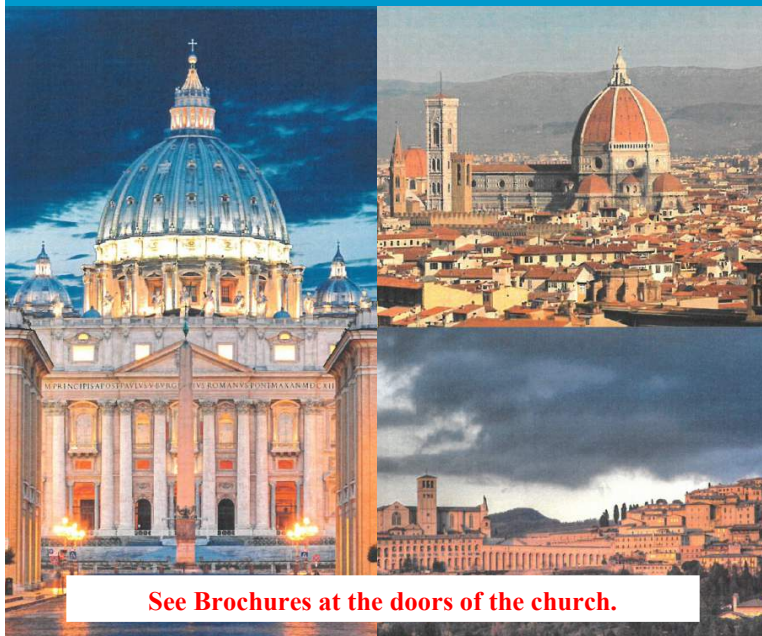
You are invited to join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy!

## 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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**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



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

For more information email:  
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

 @stephremyouth

**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!**

**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**



**World Day for Consecrated Life**

*February 2, 2020*

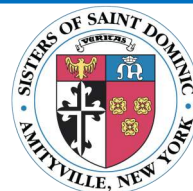
Honoring

Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sisters of St. Joseph  
Sisters of St. Dominic



Sisters of  
St. Joseph  
Uniting all in  
God's love



We recognize and give thanks for those who have  
consecrated their lives to God and the Church through vows  
of poverty, chastity and obedience.

May the light of Christ shine brightly through men and  
women who choose the consecrated life to live out their  
baptismal commitment, especially those who serve in the  
Diocese of Brooklyn now or who have been part of our  
history.