

# Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

[www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org](http://www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org)



## 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*  
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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 9, 2020  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 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

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## 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.



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*“You are the light of the world.”*

In today’s gospel Jesus instructs the disciples, *“Your light must shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”* Jesus’ words are curious here. In this same Sermon on the Mount, Jesus will tell us, *“Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them.”* We will read these words in a few weeks’ time on Ash Wednesday. How do we reconcile these seemingly contradictory message? Perhaps the key in the motivation for the deeds that make up a Christian life. They are not to be done for one’s own glory or benefit, but instead to give all glory and honor to God through a life of loving service to others.

About light, this, too, is expressed in the ancient imagery of bushel baskets and lampstands. Of course, in antiquity a lamp would have meant burning oil, thus *“light a lamp.”* Still the meaning of the metaphor is clear. Disciples are the light of the world. Their good deeds that is, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, and giving drink to the thirsty should be seen by others. We disciples are not to do these good deeds for the sole purpose of being seen, but the deeds are to be done before others.

Even now, we consider an example of this gospel passage to be someone like St. Mother Teresa, whose good deeds were seen by others who in turn gave glory to God. Mother Teresa was not doing this for her own benefit. She was motivated by love she was a *“light of the world.”* We, too are called to be salt for the earth, the light of the world, performing deeds of justice and mercy, for we are disciples of Jesus. His words to the disciples are addressed to us.

As disciples of the Lord, we are called to service. At this time we are in need our Liturgical Ministers, Altar Servers, Choir members, Lectors, Ushers ( Ministers of Hospitality) and Ministers of Holy Communion. If you feel God is calling you to ministry please call the Rectory office.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras celebration will take place on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 5:00 PM Mass. Please support the parish by attending this fun evening with food, dancing and raffles. It is a great night! I hope to see you there.

In the Good Shepherd,

*Fr. Robert*



February 2, 2020      274 Envelopes      \$8,306.00  
Catholic Schools Week      140 Envelopes      \$2,880.00  
We Share (Online Giving)      40 Families      \$220.00

Mass Attendance 684

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 3, 2020
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	209
Amount Pledged	\$1,299,802.64
Paid to Date	\$366,857.64
Percent of Goal	103%

**Thank You for your Generosity!**

*Saint Ephrem, pray for us!*



**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	222
Amount Pledged	\$114,905.00
Paid to Date	\$111,395.00

**Faith & Good Works**



## Mass Intentions for the week

**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

**Monday, February 10th to Friday, February 14th**  
 Mass will be celebrated at St. Ephrem Convent  
 935 Bay Ridge Parkway  
*Enter through the main entrance*

**Monday, February 10th**  
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
 8:45 AM Eileen Fitzpatrick

**Tuesday, February 11th**  
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
 8:45 AM John (20 years) & Catherine Ondreicka

**Wednesday, February 12th**  
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
 8:45 AM Carol Ann Thomas

**Thursday, February 13th**  
 7:00 AM Nicoletta DiFilippo  
 8:45 AM Guiseppina LoBruto

**Friday, February 14th**  
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem  
 8:45 AM Little Thomas Valva

**Saturday, February 15th**  
 8:45 AM Mary Nicosia  
 5:00 PM Anna Striano  
 Annie O'Connell  
 Jack Van Impre  
 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



**St. Ephrem  
 Grandparents Association**  
 February 9th at 1:00 PM  
 Marian Room  
 (Rectory basement)  
 All grandparents are  
 invited!



**Annual Contribution Statement for 2019**  
 For your 2019 statement of contribution to  
 St. Ephrem Parish,  
 Please contact the rectory office.



**Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar**  
 In Memory of:  
*Victoria Balsamo*  
 Requested by  
*Her Loving Family*



**Bread and Wine**  
 In Loving Memory of:  
**Bill Hyland**  
 Requested by Ruby Hyland & Family

## 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..*

1921 + 2021



100th ANNIVERSARY

*Our Parish*

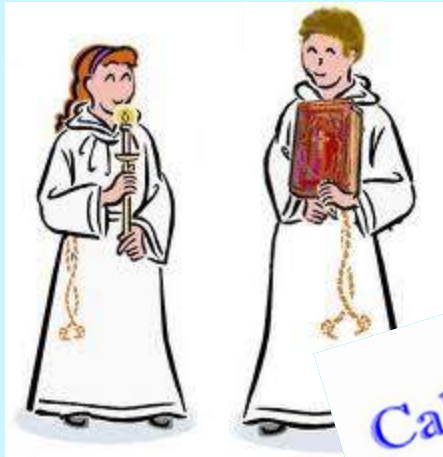
*Our Prayer*

*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*

## 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!**

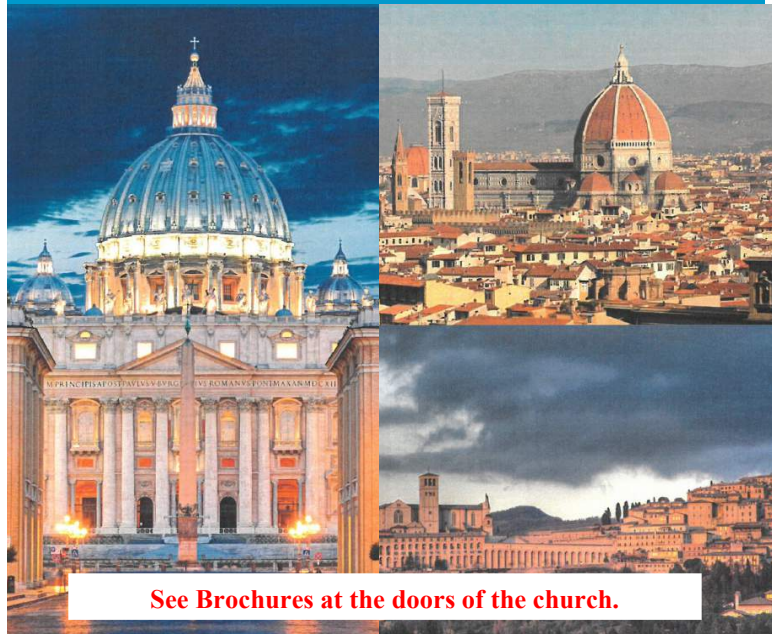
You are invited to join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy!

## 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



**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.

**Bereavement Support Group** meets  
Monday, February 10th at 7:00 pm.

**The Book Discussion Group**

**Thursday, February 13th at 4:00 PM.**  
The book discussed is *"The Girl Who Wrote in Silk"*  
by Kelli Estes. New members are welcome.

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

**Spiritual Direction**

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



**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**



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

For more information email:  
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

 @stephremyouth

**St. Ephrem Family Mardi Gras**

**Monday, February 24th 2020, 5 to 8 PM (Msgr. Kain Hall)**

**\$8.00 per person/\$30.00 per family of 4+**

Prayer, traditional "Fat Tuesday" food, crafts, crowning of prince/princess, and  
games of chance. (additional 5 chances for \$1.00)

For information please contact the Office of Faith Formation:  
(718) 745-7486 or stephremreligious@gmail.com

Deadline for tickets: Thursday, February 13th  
**All are welcome! Lots of Fun!**

