

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

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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.



First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

“Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights”

In today’s gospel we learn that Jesus himself faces

temptation and not only once but three times. The early church fathers recognized that these temptations were metaphorical for (1) the needs of the body, (2) one’s relationship with the divine, and (3) one’s own desire for power and glory. In each instance, of course, Jesus overcomes the temptation. He recognizes that one does not live on bread alone, that one does not put the Lord to the test, and that power and glory are not to be had by worshipping anything other than God.

If these temptations seem beyond us, we need only look more carefully at our own lives. Bodily needs, desires, and wants can easily overtake us. We are reminded that there is much more to life than food, clothes, shelter, a car, or any other physical thing. When we become captivated by sophisticated marketing and believe we must have the next best thing, we can take comfort in knowing that we do not live by bread alone. In other words, there is more to life than creature comforts or satisfying the needs of the body.

In the end, temptation does not approach us as the devil incarnate. Christians have known this for centuries. The story in Matthew’s gospel was meant to be understood broadly, addressing fundamental temptations of humankind for the self. In those circumstances, we rest in our baptism, knowing that our relationship with God is secure. As disciples of Christ, we are confident sons and daughters of God.

Today’s gospel invites us to consider the human condition from the viewpoint of Christ who overcame temptation. Turning away bread is not so much about fasting as it is about recognizing that there is more to life than food. Our God is not the belly. When we come to the end of our lives, what will we have? With the power of Christ, let us overcome the temptation to set the value of our lives only in terms of the world. Instead may we see with the eyes of faith that human relationships are good in and of themselves. Bonds formed in this way last through life eternal.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



Sharing our time, treasure and talent with others

February 23, 2020 247 Envelopes \$7,880.00
Music Ministry 144 Envelopes \$2,675.00
We Share (Online Giving) 40 Families \$220.00

Mass Attendance 706

740 Families Registered and Receive Envelopes

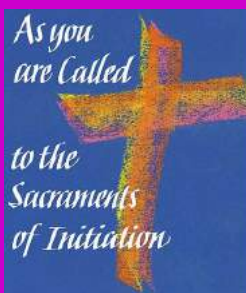
Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!

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

As of	February 25, 2020
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	219
Amount Pledged	\$1,307,165.64
Paid to Date	\$380,487.64
Percent of Goal	104%

Thank You for your Generosity!

Saint Ephrem, pray for us!



Rite of Election

Today we send forth our Catechumens, Wendi Lei and Shanee A. Hansler, who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The Rite of Election is the ritual that marks their entry into the final phase of their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, Following the Rite of Election, they are called “the elect,” since they have been elected by Bishop DiMarzio to become a member of the Catholic Church.

Lenten Daily Meditations



At the doors of our church there are the Lenten, “The Word Among Us”.

Please take one for your Lenten Daily Meditations. We hope that this will be an opportunity to enhance your prayer and strengthen your relationship with God.



Next weekend Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour.



Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday, February 29th
8:45 AM O'Kane Family
5:00 PM Anna Striano
Rita M. Lento
Jesus Betances

Sunday, March 1st
8:00 AM James Smith
10:00 AM Salvatore Bonfiglio
12 Noon Michael Iannelli
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, March 2nd
7:00 AM George Vaz
8:45 AM John Carr

Tuesday, March 3rd
7:00 AM Fran DeStefano
8:45 AM Madelyn Mega

Wednesday, March 4th
7:00 AM For Fiona's Successful Surgery
8:45 AM Pauline Multari

Thursday, March 5th
7:00 AM Carol Woods
8:45 AM Charles & Alice Amass

Friday, March 6th
7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Lucy & Edwin McGuirk

Saturday, March 7th
8:45 AM Francis Joseph Ryan
5:00 PM Marie Cogan Bernstein
Anna Striano
John Riordan
Joseph Nardo
Joseph Garrone

Sunday, March 8th
8:00 AM Frances L. Marciano
10:00 AM Croce Carluzzo
12 Noon Michele Lepore
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem



Bread and Wine
In Loving Memory of:
Rosellen Callahan
Requested by Her Friend



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of
Pauline Multari
Requested by Palmina Mazzone & Family

1921 + 2021



Our Parish

Our Prayer

Our Legacy

100th ANNIVERSARY

100th Anniversary Gala
Sunday, October 25, 2020
2:00 PM
El Caribe Country Club
5945 Strickland Ave, Brooklyn, New York 11234

Save the Date

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



*Come and stay with me.
Come and pray with me.*

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
Benediction**

Friday, March 6th
Immediately following
the 8:45 AM Mass
*(If there is a Funeral Mass,
then following.)*



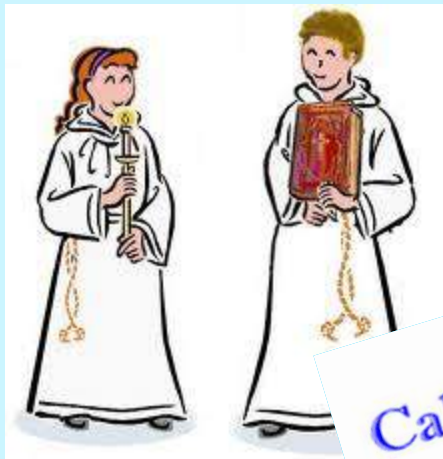
We will pray in the Church

Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, March 5th
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**



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
Minsters of Hospitality (Ushers)



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

**Altar Servers Only:
There are two training sessions left that you must attend
Sundays, March 1st & March 8th
following the 10:00 AM Mass**

**Church of St. Ephrem
Lenten Soup Supper**

Wednesday, March 4th at 6:00 PM

**St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street Brooklyn, New York**

**There will be a free will offering to benefit:
St. Dominic's Homeless Outreach
Midnight Run goes into the city with Hot Food and Clothing.**



**In order to make proper arrangements
Please R.S.V.P. by March 2nd
By calling St. Ephrem Rectory (718) 833-1010**

Lenten Dinner & Movie

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020
7:00 to 9:00 PM**

**St. Ephrem Rectory Marian Room
Free Will Offering
RSVP by Friday, March 20, 2020
Please call the Rectory Office
(718) 833-1010**



REVOLUTION OF THE HEART: The Dorothy Day Story profiles one of the most extraordinary and courageous women in American history. She was co-founder (along with Peter Maurin) of the Catholic Worker Movement that began as a newspaper to expose rampant injustices during the Great Depression. It soon expanded to become a network of houses of hospitality to welcome the poor and destitute. Over the years, Dorothy Day developed her understanding of how to follow the Biblical challenge to be "peacemakers" by resisting all forms of military intervention. She protested America's involvement in World War II and was severely

criticized. Day was arrested multiple times for protesting America's nuclear buildup and she led nationwide resistance against the war in Vietnam. Now nearly a century after they began, the number of Catholic Worker houses continues to grow and the newspaper is still speaking truth to power

57 Minutes

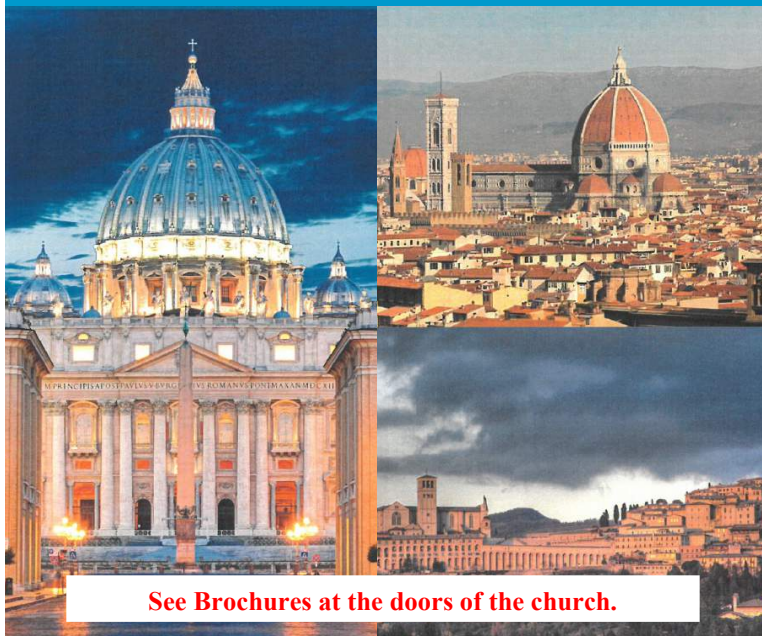
You are invited to join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy!

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 A new
group begins March 2nd at 7:00 PM

A Lenten Retreat "Change Our Hearts"
Tuesday, March 3rd at 1:00 pm. Session 2 is
God's Beloved.

Exploring the Sunday Readings
Thursday, March 5th at 10:00 AM.

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..*



**St. Ephrem
Grandparents Association**

March 8th 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.



**Youth Ministry Meeting
March 8th**

6:00 to 8:00 PM
Marian Room

For more information email:
stephremyouthministry@gmail.com

@stephremyouth



**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 stephremreligouesd@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.