

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org



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March 8, 2020
Second 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—11:30 AM

1:00 PM—6:30 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

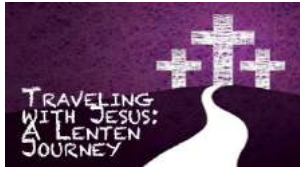
To make arrangements for communion to be brought to any parishioner who is seriously ill or confined to the house, or if they wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. To see a particular Staff Member, please call for an appointment.

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.



Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

"Jesus' face shone like the sun."

On this Second Sunday of Lent, Matthew's gospel gives us the story of the transfiguration. Peter, James and John are given a glimpse of what is to come in the resurrection. Jesus appears before them with face shining like the sun and clothes "as white as light." At first they are delighted by the sight, but when a voice speaks to them from the cloud, they fall prostrate in fear and again we find these words on the lips of Jesus: "Do not be afraid." Soon they will follow Jesus to Jerusalem where he will undergo suffering and persecution that will lead to death on a cross. And yet, this is not the end. What he spoke on the mountain of transfiguration remains true; do not be afraid, even when confronted with death, for life is stronger.

The gospel today reminds us of our ultimate end, which is to be with Jesus in the heavenly realm. With such knowledge, cares of the world may wash away. Even a desire to commemorate such an event, as Peter desired to build three tents, are as nothing when compared to the experience itself. We have a foreshadowing of eternal glory. Let us continue to follow Jesus down the mountain, learning from him the entire way, knowing that the ultimate resurrection requires undergoing death itself.

Jesus fulfills the Law of the Prophets. This statement of faith is represented by the vision in today's gospel where Jesus is present with Moses (Law) and Elijah (Prophets). Matthew clearly refers to this as a "vision". This vision shows Jesus in his heavenly, divine glory. This is why Peter offers to make three tents, a term that recalls the abode of the divine.

The disciples are warned not to say anything of this vision "until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." For the Gospel of Matthew like later theologians, there is a link between understanding and believing and conversely between believing and understanding. The vision was a foretaste of the heavenly kingdom, where Jesus will reign with God forever and ever. But before that point is reached, Jesus must be raised from the dead, a statement which presupposes his death. There can be no eternal life with God without death. Such is the paschal mystery.

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert



March 1, 2020	264 Envelopes	\$7,694.00
Black & Indian Missions	145 Envelopes	\$2,114.00
We Share (Online Giving)	40 Families	\$220.00

Mass Attendance 784

740 Families Registered and Receive Envelopes

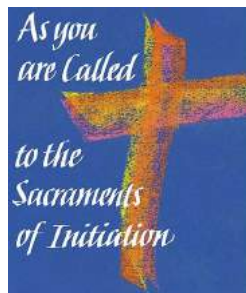
**Thank you for your generosity
to St. Ephrem Parish!**

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

As of	March 3, 2020
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	220
Amount Pledged	\$1,310,372.64
Paid to Date	\$404,792.64
Percent of Goal	104%

Thank You for your Generosity!

Saint Ephrem, pray for us!



The Scrutinies

These Rituals are celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. As Easter draws near our elect and candidates of our parish, are asked to scrutinize or examine their lives so that they may successfully complete their preparation and find Christ through the Sacraments.

Next weekend March 14th at the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass, the First Scrutiny will be celebrated. We will pray that God gives our elect a true spirit of repentance, a fuller sense of sin and the true freedom that comes with being a child of God.

Please keep in your prayers our elect.

*Wendi Lei
Shanee A. Hansler*



Mass Intentions for the week

8:45 AM	Saturday, March 7th Francis Joseph Ryan
5:00 PM	Marie Cogan Bernstein Anna Striano John Riordan Joseph Nardo Joseph Garrone
8:00 AM	Sunday, March 8th Frances L. Marciano
10:00 AM	Croce Carluzzo
12 Noon	Michele Lepore
5:00 PM	For the People of St. Ephrem
7:00 AM	Monday, March 9th Albert Auer
8:45 AM	John Carr
7:00 AM	Tuesday, March 10th Margaret & George Quackenbush
8:45 AM	Alan & Betty Chalkley
7:00 AM	Wednesday, March 11th Donna A. Ketelsen
8:45 AM	Lester Burgess
7:00 AM	Thursday, March 12th Anthony Schwarz
8:45 AM	Elliot Rampula
7:00 AM	Friday, March 13th For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM	Kathleen Mary Ryan
8:45 AM	Saturday, March 14th Gabriel Fernandez
5:00 PM	Frank Valenza Anna Striano Concetta Barrafato Anne Cardaci Giulia Peragine
8:00 AM	Sunday, March 15th Peter Poggioli
10:00 AM	Jerry Mignone
12 Noon	For the Intentions of Nicolette and Antonia Genzale
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
Please come to the rectory if interested.



Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of
For all the Souls in Purgatory

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.*



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.



We will pray in the Church

Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 12th
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

ACADEMY NEWS



Registration

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Now Open!



- Early Morning Drop Off (7:15 am)
- After school program (until 6 pm)
- Summer Camp
- Adobe Digital Art Classes
- Parish Sports program
- Parish Children's Choir and Bell Choir
- STEM Lab
- Orton-Gillingham Certified Resourced Room Teacher
- Latin & Greek Roots Program
- Theater on the Go! Drama Club
- Math 9
- Summer Remedial Program in Math and Reading



- Unified K-8 Writing Program
- Catholic Identity programs
- iPad program 1:1 Grades 3-5
- Chromebook program 1:1 Grades 6-8
- Art Show
- Study Hall periods for extra help
- Music classes and concerts
- Band Program
- Guidance Program
- Google Apps for education
- Computer Lab and Classes
- Full size gym and classes
- Italian classes
- Weekly clubs for outside interests

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 For Tours and Information call 718-833-1440 or visit our website at
www.stephremacademy.org
 Financial Aid and Scholarships Available



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



Friday, April 24th
7:00 PM

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

For Information & Reservations Contact
St. Ephrem Rectory (718) 833-1010
You can arrange for tables of 8 or 10 people
Please make reservations by April 20th
No Tickets will be sold at the door.

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!



**Feast of St. Patrick
Tuesday, March 17th**

Following the 8:45 AM Mass all are invited to join us in the Rectory Dining Room for light refreshments

**Solemnity of St. Joseph
Thursday, March 19th**

Following the 8:45 AM Mass all are invited to join us in the Rectory Dining Room for light refreshments.



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

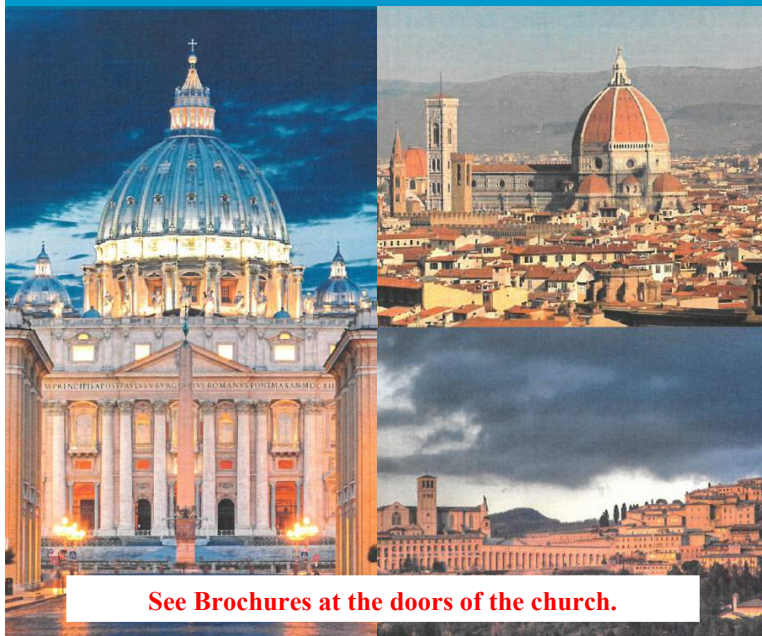
You are invited to join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy!

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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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



SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Bereavement Support Group meets
March 9th at 7:00 PM

A Lenten Retreat "Change Our Hearts"
Tuesday, March 10th at 1:00 pm. Session 3 is
Thirsting for New Life.

Spiritual Direction

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

meet me in.
RECONNECT / RE-ENGAGE

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 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 stephremreligioused@gmail.com

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.