

Church of St. Ephrem

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April 26, 2020
Third Sunday of Easter



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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.



Third Sunday of Easter

“They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread..”

Luke 24: 13-35

Dear Parishioner,

The Easter journey continues as Luke in today’s gospel puts its setting on Easter Sunday. Emmaus was a small village not far from Jerusalem. Two disciples, one named Cleopas, were walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem when the risen Christ himself appears to them and accompanies them on their way.

In the gospel story of the road to Emmaus, we find an image of our liturgy. On the road Jesus, the Word of God, interprets the Scriptures for the unknowing disciples. Then, when they arrive at their destination, he becomes the high priest who takes bread, blessed, breaks, and shares it with his companions. The disciples, nourished and empowered by the Word they have heard and the bread they have shared, they recognize him and rush out to share the good news of Jesus’ resurrection with the rest of their community.

How could they not have known it was him? This wasn't the first time Jesus had walked with them, shared a story with them, ate with them. Why couldn't they recognize him? They hoped in him, followed him around Galilee, knew his story. How lucky they were to have Jesus in their midst, to hear his word, to eat the meal he provides!

But, maybe they're not to blame. Sometimes, we can't recognize Jesus walking with us either.

In these days when not only socializing is distant, but the Eucharist is too, we need to practice more than ever listening in new ways for God's voice, to recognize that heart-burning within us, when God tries to console us, to dwell deeply in the joy of being always in God's presence. On the road to Emmaus we are told that Jesus ***“drew near and walked”*** with the disciples. Jesus is walking with us on this road, especially in this time of virus.

As we are on this journey during this Coronavirus and no public mass, we are walking with you virtually as well as spiritually. I am happy to share with you that our Live-Streaming has reached 8 countries and 33 states, for a total of 5,192 viewers. Many are on the road with Jesus, even virtually. This is amazing that so many are being touched and walking with Jesus on the road.

In the Good Shepherd,

P.S. Sunday and Weekday Mass Readings and other resources can be found on our website in the Parish News Tab.

Lockdown

Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.
But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
Keeping their windows open
So that those who are alone
Many hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know
Is busy spreading fliers with her number
Through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
Are preparing to welcome
And shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing.
Spring is coming.
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
To touch across the empty square,
Sing.

Brother Richard Hendrick, O.F.M., Cap.



Mass Intentions for the weeks of April 12, 2020

As of March 16th there are no public celebrated masses throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn.
The priests' of St. Ephrem will be
celebrating private mass and fulfilling these Mass Intentions.

**All Masses are being live streamed through our parish website.
Please share and join us!**

Sunday, April 26, 2020

10:00 AM Mass

Doreen Delaney
Angelo Tesoriero
Joseph Mondiello (Birthday)
Millie & Paul Mormando
For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, April 27, 2020

Cassie Loughran

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Roberta Montalto

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Antonio Alaimo

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Genevieve Hong

Friday, May 1, 2020

Domenico Mazzone

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Carmela Daevies

Sunday, May 3, 2020

10:00 AM Mass

Joseph Edmund Ryan
John Milea
Maria Esposito
For the People of St. Ephrem



It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion.

The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to
receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.**

About the author: Archdiocese of New York

United States Consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The bishops of Canada and the U.S. will consecrate their nations to the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 1 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. ... Archbishop Gomez said in a letter sent to all American bishops April 22 that the Marian re-consecration would be done under the title of “Mary, Mother of the Church.”

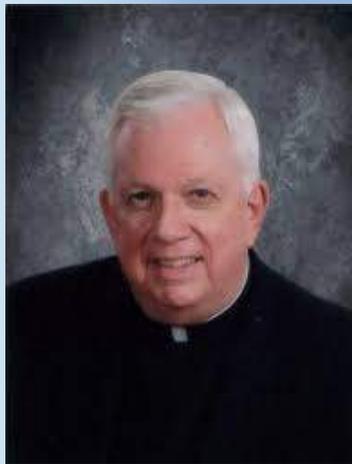
During the month of May, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will live stream the praying of the Holy Rosary each evening at 7:00 PM.

Please share and join us!



Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



We pray for
Msgr. Peter V. Kain

On his

80th Birthday

April 28, 2020

The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you!
The Lord let His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you!
The Lord look upon you kindly
and give you peace!
Amen

Numbers 6:24-36

On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
 Luke 24:31a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV).



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WALKED	JESUS	SUFFER	CRUCIFIED
MOSES	BREAD	BELIEVE	VISITOR
THANKS	FOOLISH	PROPHET	EYES
CLEOPAS	OPENED	VILLAGE	EMMAUS

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April 12, 2020 10 Envelopes \$445.00
 April 19, 2020 37 Envelopes \$1,110.00

We Share (Online Giving) 39 Families \$2,720.00

740 Families Registered and Receive Envelopes

If you are able to send in your weekly donation or enroll on the secure online donation through our website it would be greatly appreciated.

**Thank you for those who mailed in your donation or sign up for online giving!
 Thank You!**

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!

St. Ephrem Centennial Campaign

Our Church, Our Prayers, Our Legacy

As of	April 8, 2020
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	231
Amount Pledged	\$1,331,922.00
Paid to Date	\$481,009.64
Percent of Goal	106%

Thank You for your Generosity!

Saint Ephrem, pray for us!



How will our Parish Benefit?

St. Ephrem Parish Goal is: \$109,682.00

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 \$12,159.00 **Thank**

St. Ephrem Parish Goal	\$109,682.00
Number of Donors	79
Amount Pledged	\$40,885.00
Paid to Date	\$20,743.00

You!