

Church of St. Ephrem

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May 10, 2020
Fifth 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.

I am the way, the truth, and the life:
no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

JOHN 14:6



Fifth Sunday of Easter

*“I am the way and
the truth and the life.”*

John 14: 1-12

Dear Parishioner,

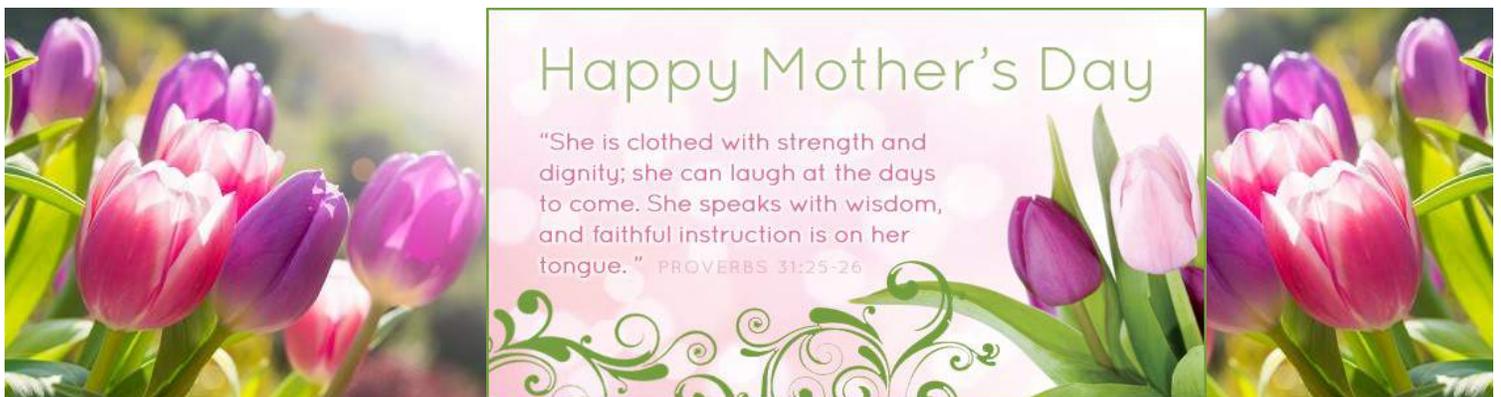
The opening words of today’s gospel are addressed to the disciples, and we can imagine they are addressed to us as well: **“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”** How appropriate that these words are spoken to us today, in this time of coronavirus. Like the disciples we are frightened, anxious, and don’t know what will be next. However, Jesus reminds us to place our faith in God and in Him.

Jesus responds to Thomas’s comment, **“Master, we do not know where you are going: how can we know the way?”** Jesus says: **“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”** This discussion took place at the Last Supper, after the washing of the feet and before Jesus and the disciples go to the garden to pray. Both this week and next we will hear gospels from Jesus’ discourse at the Last Supper. Jesus’ words are difficult for the disciples to understand. As the disciples look back at these words from the point of view of the resurrection and ascension of the Lord, they come into focus. The kingdom of God, it seems, is not so much a place as a relationship with the dynamic in-dwelling trinity of God. The question is not “where?” but “who?” and the answer is Jesus.

Christianity is about service in the name of Jesus, rather than knowledge in the name of Jesus. Therefore, we have faith in Jesus, as we have faith in God. We strive to “die to ourselves” in our own limited understanding so that we might live to serve in his name. Such is the paschal mystery.

I cannot help but think of the first responders, grocery workers, sanitation, and the medical staffs, who truly are our “heroes.” They truly put aside themselves, sacrificing their health and families, to the service of others. Each evening at 7:00 PM, people are showing their appreciation with the applause, and our parish church bells play “God Bless America.” This week we celebrate National Nurses Week, what an appropriate time to say thank you!

In the Good Shepherd,



Nurses Day

National Nurses Week begins on May 6 with National Nurses Day and culminates with international Nurses Day on May 12th.



We can't think of a more appropriate time to say thank you to nurses—and all medical professionals and support teams—for their tireless efforts to keep all of us safe and healthy.

Thank You!



Mass Intentions for the weeks of May 3, 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, May 10, 2020

10:00 AM Mass

Michael & Winifred McNamara
Ray Losardo
Rocco & Marie Paciello
Anna Striano
Theodore M. Caridi
Tom Dalton (Living)
Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
Dan Marchesiello
Michele Lepore
For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, May 11, 2020

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
Virginia Ingenito

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
Tom Dalton (Living)

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
Paul Monticciolo

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
Carol Lemon

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance

Sunday, May 10, 2020—Mother's Day

10:00 AM Mass

Thomas Costanza
Julia Costanza
Jane & Natale Genzale (Living)
Donna Torres (Living)
Jennifer Genzale (Living)
Mary Bonfiglio
Rosario, Pietro & Maria Carluzzo
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

May Crowning

May 10th

Mother's Day

**Immediately follow the
10:00 AM Live-Streamed
Mass**

**We will have our
May Crowning**



The Holy Rosary

**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!



Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life

The Response is: Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of all Life,
Help us to respect human life from the
Moment of conception
To the moment of natural death. R.

Mary, Mother of Compassion,
You showed us how valuable a single life can be;
I help us to guard and protect the lives of all
People entrusted to our care. R.

Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus,
With St. Joseph you formed the Holy Family.
Guard and protect all families in this earthly life; R.

Mary, Mother Most Holy,
You sanctified the vocation of motherhood;
Pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and
Help them to be holy. R.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows,
Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of
Suffering would pierce your heart;
Bring comfort and hope to all mothers who
Suffer over their children. R.



The Response is: Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Full of Grace,
You had a choice in responding to God's call;
Help us always to say "Yes" to the will of God
In our lives,
And strive always to do whatever he tells us. R.

Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted,
Pour forth your, heavenly grace on all who are in need
of God's healing,
Especially those involved in abortion;
Help them to experience the love and mercy of
Christ, your Son. R.

Mary, Intercessor and Advocate,
We lift up the poor, the displaced, the
Marginalized and vulnerable members of society;
Help them to never abandon hope, but to place
Their trust in the God who gave them life. R.

Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, you bore
In your womb him whom the heavens cannot contain;
Help us to bear witness to Christ by the
Example of our lives.
And show the world the extravagant love of God. R.

**Remember, o most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or
sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confi-
dence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we
come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the
Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear
and answer them. Amen.**

"I Am the Way"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Based on John 14:1-14



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HOUSE	PLACE	FATHER	HEARTS
TRUTH	ROOMS	TROUBLED	TRUST
WAY	MANY	PREPARE	LIFE

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

3, 2020 **32 Envelopes** **\$1,650.00**
April 26, 2020 **15 Envelopes** **\$480.00**
Catholic Home Missions **10 Envelopes** **\$255.00**

We Share (Online Giving) **36 Families** **\$1,775.00**

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	May 7, 2020
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	231
Amount Pledged	\$1,331,922.00
Paid to Date	\$481,109.64
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	99
Amount Pledged	\$62,065.00
Paid to Date	\$39,455.00

You!