

# Church of St. Ephrem

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Robert B. Adamo, KCHS, *Pastor*  
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Ms. Eileen Maguire, *Director of Faith Formation*  
Mr. Thomas Marchesiello, *Director of Music/Liturgy*  
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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*

May 17, 2020  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



### Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway

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### Spirituality Center

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### Christian Awareness Program

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### Faith Formation Office

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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—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](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.



***“And I will aske the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.”***

**John 14: 16-17**

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

***“I will aske the Father and he will give you another Advocate.”***

**John 14: 15-21**

Dear Parishioner,

Today’s gospel continues on with Jesus’ Last Supper discourse, which we read last Sunday. When he is speaking to his disciples the night before he will die, Jesus’ mysterious words tell of the profound intimacy the disciples will share with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While they will share in the life of the Father and Son, they will also be given an ***“Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth”*** who will remain with them. As Jesus prepares his disciples for the next stage of their faith journey when he will not be physically present in the same way he was before, it almost seems as if greater connection is being offered. While they might not be able to follow him on the roads of Israel or share conversations over breakfast, Jesus promises that he will continue to reveal himself to all those who love him.

Knowing that Jesus was about to depart from them, the disciples had to have been feeling a great deal of anxiety. Christ’s words, ***“I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you,”*** must have sent waves of reassurance to their hearts and minds.

During this time of pandemic, these words of comfort from Jesus resonate in my heart even more strongly than they did before. I, along with many are feeling isolation and loneliness as our daily lives have been interrupted. Even in my own ministry, I look out into our church that seats 1,000 and see no one staring back.

It is easy to feel abandoned but we are never alone. Christ does not leave us orphaned. Filled with the Spirit, we must sing onward with Easter joy, knowing that one day we will be together again in our church, and our choirs and all of us will sing aloud the words of this Sunday’s psalm: ***“Let all the earth cry out to God with joy!”***

In the Good Shepherd,



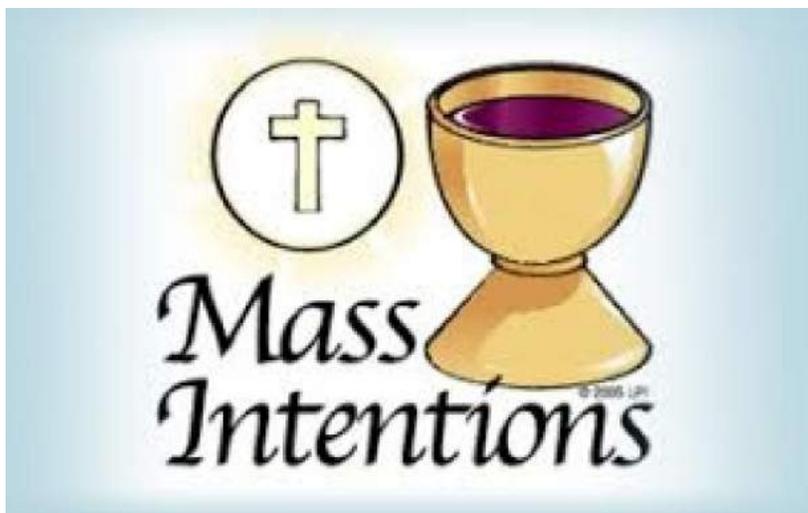
*Ascension Thursday*

*May 21, 2020*

*Live-Streamed Mass*

*At*

*10:00 AM*



**On Tuesday, May 26th**

**Mass Intentions**

**for**

**July 1, 2020**

**to**

**December 31, 2020**

**Will be available.**

**Since our staff is working remotely please email your Mass Intention request to:**

**[stephremrectory@aol.com](mailto:stephremrectory@aol.com)**

**or**

**Please call the rectory a leave a message and someone will return your call.**

**You can make your Mass Intention Offering through our website at the "Ways to Give" tab or by mail.**



## 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 17, 2020**

#### **10:00 AM Mass**

Thomas Costanza  
Julia Costanza  
Jane & Natale Genzale (Living)  
Donna Torres (Living)  
Jennifer Genzale (Living)  
Sadie Gagliano  
Mary Bonfiglio  
Rosario, Pietro & Maria Carluzzo  
For the People of St. Ephrem

### **Monday, May 18, 2020**

Irene Santise

### **Tuesday, May 19, 2020**

Bea Hayes

### **Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

Pasquale Sestito

### **Thursday, May 21, 2020**

**Ascension of the Lord**  
**Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 AM**

Carnie Bonafide  
Deceased Members of the  
Guthinger & Juckiewicz Families

### **Friday, May 22, 2020**

Patty Giuliano

### **Saturday, May 23, 2020**

Joseph & Miriam Ligammari

### **Sunday, May 24, 2020**

#### **10:00 AM Mass**

Louis Tuorto  
Angelina Femia  
Ronald A. Poggioli  
Frank Saccente  
For the People of St. Ephrem Parish

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*

# 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 confidence, 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.**

# Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)  
 The puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV).



John 14:16

B L L A D W G C L A I A X R N  
 D X S L S G N C O S A M I O O  
 Q N R H P K Y O I M H S A I K  
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 W I U K R A C C E P T A W B K  
 H F Y U I E M O B G H Z N E A  
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 R C T K I H Y N C T H O G M R  
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 F A T H E R E E P A B E R S Y  
 M U R O P S O L I E T V U E E  
 K O O B E Y V O M Z M E T L O  
 H C Q N E I P R Z B F R H F U

FATHER	WORLD	OBEY	COUNSELOR	SHOW
ASK	COMMAND	LIVE	SPIRIT	LOVE
FOREVER	ORPHANS	MYSELF	TRUTH	ACCEPT



"I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate. John 14: 15-21



May 10, 2020 42 Envelopes \$1,786.00  
 May 3, 2020 33 Envelopes \$1,732.00  
 We Share (Online Giving) 41 Families \$2,595.00  
 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!

## Thank You for your

### St. Ephrem Centennial Campaign

Our Church, Our Prayers, Our Legacy

As of	May 11, 2020
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	235
Amount Pledged	\$1,337,085.00
Paid to Date	\$481,209.64
Percent of Goal	106%

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 is 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 You!

WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER

St. Ephrem Parish Goal	\$109,682.00
Number of Donors	113
Amount Pledged	\$69,445.00
Paid to Date	\$46,542.00