

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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May 24 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter



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St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

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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.



Seventh Sunday of Easter

“Father, glorify your Son.”

John 17: 1-11

Dear Parishioner,

As we continue to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the dead and His ascension into heaven, I think about what the life of the Apostles must have been like—a time of being in between, of confusion, loss, change and transition. They were trying to hold on to what they had known while at the same time realizing how drastically things had changed. Does this sound familiar? There’s a certain comfort in knowing that we have similar feelings.

In today’s gospel Jesus prays, *“I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.”* In this time of the global pandemic crisis, we’ve felt many things—overwhelmed, distance, abandoned, desire to return to our “new normal.” Will we be ready and prepared for our ascent back to our lives?

In this time between the ascension of the Lord and the second coming, one of our tasks is to recognize Christ all around us. As we do so, remember Jesus is far from gone! He is among us, and in us, always-until the end of time. May we ascend in our lives with the sound of trumpets, making known to the world Christ’s presence and that his promise continues to the end of time!

We live in the world but are not of the world. Such is Christian identity, as it is rooted in Jesus’ identity. God so loved the world that he gave His only Son. But he called those who were his own in the world. The Son came for us, we have been chosen.

The night before Jesus died, He prayed for us and for all those who were chosen by God. Rather than make us self-righteous, this knowledge should humble us and cause us to emulate Him who came to serve rather than be served.

For Jesus, in the Gospel of John, the crucifixion is the lifting up, the exaltation of the Son of God. With eyes of faith, let us see anew and focus on serving others.

In the Good Shepherd,



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May 21, 2020
Ascension Thursday

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great joy that I announce that Bishop Di Marzio has given the Pastors/Administrators permission, in the Diocese of Brooklyn, to re-open our churches. He has done so with the assistance of a special task force, that he assembled, which is led by Former Director of Emergency Management for New York City, Mr. Joseph Esposito, while abiding by governmental directives.

While this is very exciting for all of us, please know we have to implement safety precautions. Please know that this is solely for your protection, your neighbors and your clergy! Therefore, here are the directives given by Bishop Di Marzio:

The re-opening of St. Ephrem Church:

1. Begins on Tuesday, May 26, 2020
2. The Church will be open every day from 11:00 AM to 2:00 P.M.

The Church will be opened for the following

(Mass will not be celebrated publicly and Holy Communion will not be distributed):

1. Personal and Private Prayer;
2. Funeral Services (Funeral Liturgy outside of Mass);
3. Baptisms;
4. Weddings.

While the Church is opened for Funeral Services, Baptisms, and Weddings, there are limitations and this will be discussed with the family, by me, on a case to case basis and consultation with the Office of the Chancellor. Please remember, government and diocesan directives will be honored.

The following directives are to be observed:

1. The elderly and all who are health-compromised you **MUST** stay home.
2. If you are not feeling well or sick in any way, you **MUST** stay home;
3. If you could, please take you temperature at home and anything above 100 degrees please stay home;
4. Please **ONLY** use entrances the Bay Ridge Parkway Door to enter.
5. A face covering must be worn at all times while in Church;
6. Please clean your hands thoroughly either by water and soap or hand sanitizer;
7. Please maintain social distancing (6 Feet apart)
8. Please sit in designated areas which are marked for your convenience, (families and households are permitted to sit together);
9. Please refrain from touching any statues and devotional objects;
10. And, please adhere to all directives by ushers/volunteers/staff.

Confessions:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Saturday's at 1:00 PM., by the Divine Mercy Chapel. The priest will be in the confessional and we ask that the penitent sit in the pew that is indicated. You **MUST** wear a face covering or mask and practice social distancing (6 Feet apart).

Thank you so much for your attention to these matters and it is with great JOY that I welcome you home!

In the Good Shepherd,

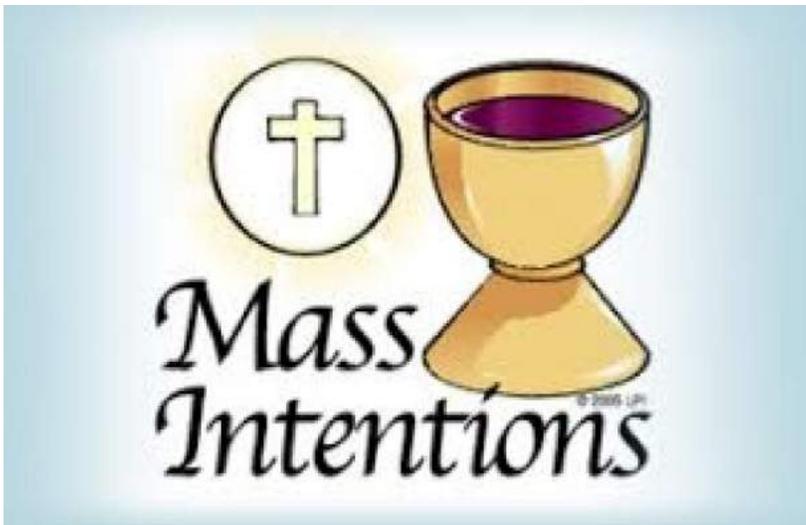
The Holy Rosary

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!



*Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of Your faithful,
and kindle in us the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth.
Amen.*



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

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



Mass Intentions for the weeks of May 24, 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 24, 2020

10:00 AM Mass

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

Monday, May 25, 2020

For the People of St. Ephrem Parish

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

For the People of St. Ephrem Parish

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Pasquale Sestito

Thursday, May 28, 2020

For the People of St. Ephrem Parish

Friday, May 29, 2020

Vincent & Frank Iannizzi

Saturday, May 30, 2020

For the People of St. Ephrem Parish

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 AM Mass

Domenick Bergamini
The Deceased Members of the
Tozzi & Bergamini Families



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.**

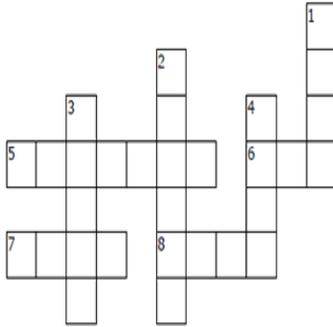
About the author: Archdiocese of New York

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17:9 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 17:6-11 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 5. To keep from being injured or harmed
- 6. To be a single unit, object, or living being
- 7. A combination of letters that represents a thought or idea
- 8. To speak to God

DOWN

- 1. To place in the hands of someone
- 2. To receive something
- 3. That which belongs to you
- 4. Deserving special respect or reverence; worthy of worship

PRAY	GIVE	HOLY	PROTECT
ACCEPT	YOURS	WORD	ONE

“Father, glorify your Son.”

John 17: 1-11



May 17, 2020	45 Envelopes	\$1,706.00
School Collection	34 Envelopes	\$1,326.00
May 10, 2020	17 Envelopes	\$563.00

We Share (Online Giving) 42 Families \$1,900.00

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 18, 2020
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	236
Amount Pledged	\$1,352,857.00
Paid to Date	\$512,730.64
Percent of Goal	108%

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	120
Amount Pledged	\$71,205.00
Paid to Date	\$48,842.00

You!