

Church of St. Ephrem

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Parish Staff

**May 31 2020
Pentecost Sunday**

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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.



Pentecost Sunday

“As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.”

John 20: 19-23

Dear Parishioner,

Today we concluded the Easter season with the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. John’s gospel gives us an account of how the disciples first receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The second reading from St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians expounds upon this gift. Not only is the Holy Spirit given to each individual believer but it is given for the benefit of the church. The spiritual gifts and abilities that we receive from the Holy Spirit are to be used in service to God and the Body of Christ.

Pentecost is not just an arrival of the 50th day of Easter, but rather, the journey toward it and beyond. Anxiety, separation, questions about our future as a society, have consumed our days. We grieve our losses: people, jobs, ceremonies, community, and long for a familiar rhythm of life. We are part of an odd pastoral displacement from what we know good liturgy to be, our reality done for the common good—for each other. And yet, this time of incredible pause has brought with it transformative opportunities—a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist and one another, a surprising awareness of what and who is broken, time to think, learn, listen, and reconsider. That has been the Holy Spirit at work in my life.

Let us imagine what it would have been like to see the risen Jesus and to have heard him say, ***“Peace be with you”*** before handing on the Holy Spirit. Yet, for us, we experience that same Holy Spirit. When we were baptized, we were given the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then we were sealed by that same Spirit in confirmation. The Holy Spirit lives in our parish, families, friends, and relationships. Once we experience the dying and rising of Christ, we live in a newness of life accompanied and animated by the Holy Spirit. During this time of virus, we are truly living a new way of life, while the Holy Spirit is giving us what we need to get through it.

After he rose from the dead, Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to be with us. In our daily lives, especial in this unusual time, let us allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit of Christ. As disciples, Jesus also greets us with His peace, let us strive to bring Christ’s peace to ourselves and everyone we greet each day.

In the Good Shepherd,

REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH

Phase I

Bishop DiMarzio has given permission, in the Diocese of Brooklyn, to reopen 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 government directives.

The reopening 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 PM
Please ONLY use entrance on Bay Ridge Parkway to enter

NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES!
If there are 10 people, please wait outside or come back. Thank You!

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 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, 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 **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 your temperature at home and anything above 100 degrees please stay home.
4. A face covering must be worn at all times while in Church.
5. Please clean your hands thoroughly either by water and soap or hand sanitizer.
6. Please maintain social distancing (6 Feet apart).
7. Please sit in designated areas which are marked for your convenience, (families and households are permitted to sit together).
8. Please refrain from touching any statues and devotional objects.
9. 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).

Mass will continue to be Live-Streamed through our website:
www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org

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!



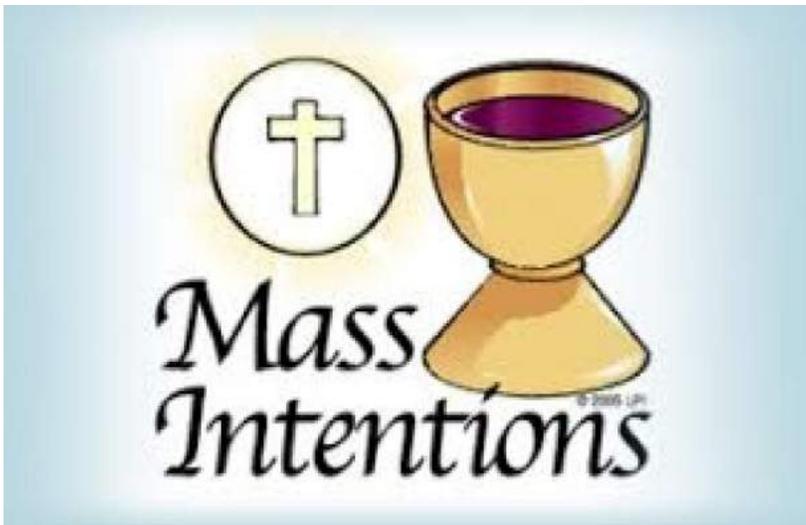
The Marian title of "Mother of the Church," was given to the Blessed Mother by B. Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council and today's memorial was decreed by Pope Francis in 2018.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (June 1)

In 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar to be observed on the Monday after Pentecost, taking precedence over an obligatory Memorial that coincides with it.



*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 31, 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 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 AM Mass

Domenick Bergamini
The Deceased Members of the
Tozzi & Bergamini Families

Monday, June 1, 2020

John Carr

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

For the People of St. Ephrem Parish

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

In Thanksgiving of 13 years of Marriage
Vincent Iannizzi

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Kevin Seibold

Friday, June 5, 2020

For the People of St. Ephrem Parish

Saturday, June 6, 2020

Maria Gorizia & Nicola Irace

Sunday, June 7, 2020

The Most Holy Trinity

10:00 AM Mass

Anna Striano
Eileen M. Maguire
Edmund Curry
Marina Tesoriero
Anthony Jabaily
Michele Lepore
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.

Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp



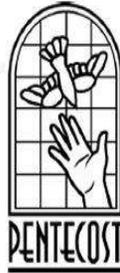
In Loving Memory of
**For Deceased Members of the
Iannizzi Family**

About the author: Archdiocese of New York

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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

SPEAK	LANGUAGE	PENTECOST	HEAVEN	BLOWING
SOUND	OTHER	HOLY	SPIRIT	HEAR
FILLED	WIND	FIRE	TONGUES	AMAZED

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May 24, 2020 42 Envelopes \$1,744.00
Catholic Communication 28 Envelopes \$601.00
Feast of the Ascension 43 Envelopes \$797.00
May 17, 2020 13 Envelopes \$383.00

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 26, 2020
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	237
Amount Pledged	\$1,353,057.00
Paid to Date	\$512,930.64
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	122
Amount Pledged	\$72,255.00
Paid to Date	\$49,907.00

You!