

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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June 14 2020

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi



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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

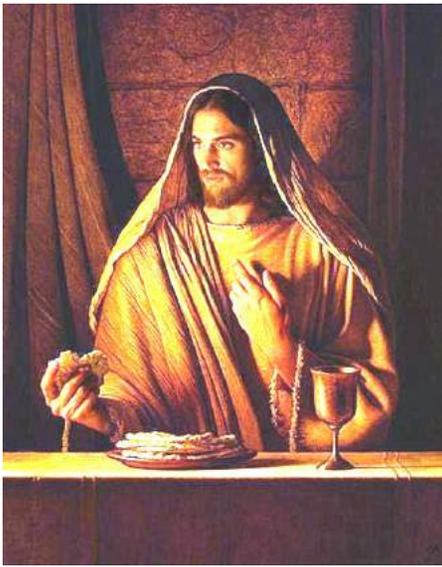
To make arrangements for communion to be brought to any parishioner who is seriously ill or confined to the house, or if they wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. To see a particular Staff Member, please call for an appointment.

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.



*“This is my Body
This is my Blood
Do this in remembrance of me.”*

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

“My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.” John 6: 51-58

Dear Parishioner,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known by its Latin name Corpus Christi for “Body of Christ.” What the church celebrates is not the corpse of Jesus on the cross, his body during his earthly ministry, or even St. Paul’s vision of the church itself as the body of Christ. Today’s gospel focuses on and celebrates the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Body and Blood of Christ we celebrate is the consecrated bread and wine that has become Christ himself.

The gospel reading today is not from the Last Supper as we might expect. Instead, the reading is from part of the “bread of life discourse” of the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims ***“I am the living bread come down from heaven.”*** And to be certain that his listeners understand, he states clearly that: ***“For my flesh is true food, and my blood true drink.”*** The imagery is so stark that many stumble over this teaching. Still Jesus maintains that ***“whoever eats this bread will live forever.”***

The bread Jesus offers is not only for the crowds that followed him in the land of Israel, or only for the disciples who heard his words at the Last Supper over the bread and wine. Its purpose is not limited to bringing the faithful into communion with him and with each other. Rather, this living bread sent down from heaven is meant for ***“the life of the world.”*** As those who are nourished at the table of the Lord, we must not hide this treasure away instead, being the Eucharistic people. Christ has called us to be, take it out into the world to bless, heal, restore, and revive.

The worldwide pandemic caused the churches to close and to worship in a new way—virtually. It also took away the opportunity to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, and receive “Spiritual Communion.” Who would have ever thought this?

To truly celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we must become another Christ in the midst of the world today, so that we are bread broken and wine poured out for the needs of humanity. This is a reality for us in the midst of this pandemic. Each time we help someone, send a kind note or text, and call someone, just to mention a few things, we are the “Body and Blood of Christ” for them. We may not be able to receive Jesus’ Body and Blood, but we can make Him present to others in the way we live out our Christian life.

I would like to congratulate the Class of 2020, most especially the students from St. Ephrem Catholic Academy. Congratulations to the Kindergarten Class and the Pre K 3 and Pre K 4 classes who “Step-Up.” Best wishes to all!

In the Good Shepherd,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. James J. Polansky".

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



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I regret to inform you the Archdiocese of Newark has notified me that a second allegation has been leveled by an individual claiming misconduct dating back 40 years. The attorney in both of these matters is Mitchell Garabedian. He is seeking a total of \$40 million in these two unsubstantiated allegations.

There is absolutely no truth to either of these allegations. I deny this outrageous and libelous claim. I am contemplating filing a lawsuit against those responsible for these statements, which have no basis in fact. I am ready, willing, and able to go to trial to defend myself.

I have hired Joseph Hayden, an experienced trial lawyer from New Jersey, who has been investigating these claims and has uncovered conclusive evidence of my innocence. We plan to challenge these allegations in court or in any other proceeding. I will never agree to a settlement of these claims.

These false allegations are troubling. They will not deter me from our continued ministry and our Gospel mission. The last 50 years of my life have been spent in service to the Church, ministering to the poor and marginalized. That work must continue, along with my commitment to protecting children and continued advocacy for the healing of, and justice for, all victim-survivors of sexual abuse.

These have been difficult days for all of us. Our Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens remains at the epicenter of the Coronavirus pandemic and the center of civil unrest in our country. These untrue claims cannot distract from our efforts to continue bringing faith, hope, and charity into our parish communities during these unprecedented times.

I understand this is a grave matter. A Church investigation, called Vos Estis, is being conducted. The Archdiocese of New York has hired an outside law firm to oversee the process and they in turn hired the investigative agency run by the retired former director of the FBI, Louis Freeh, to conduct the investigation. I pledge my full cooperation to this independent investigation. As we go forward, I will keep you informed.

Asking you to keep the Diocese of Brooklyn in your prayers, and assuring you of my prayers for you, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio
Bishop of Brooklyn

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*Bishop DiMarzio is recognized as a leader in the fight against sexual abuse. Since arriving at the Diocese of Brooklyn in 2003, Bishop DiMarzio instituted changes to protect children that surpassed the mandates of the 2002 Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. They include an independent reporting line, where reports are automatically sent to the district attorney in Brooklyn or Queens. He meets with victim-survivors of clergy sexual abuse and started the annual Mass of Hope and Healing to pray for them.*

*Even before the mandates of the Dallas Charter, Bishop DiMarzio created protocols when he was the Bishop in the Diocese of Camden from 1999-2003 to ensure that children were protected and that victims received the care they need. Under his leadership, the Diocese of Camden was the first diocese in the country to offer victims a toll-free reporting line.*

*As a result of his exemplary record fighting sexual abuse, Pope Francis recently selected Bishop DiMarzio to conduct the investigation into the Diocese of Buffalo.*

**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
**Feast Day—June 19, 2020**  
**Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**  
Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

God our Father in heaven  
**have mercy on us**  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world  
**have mercy on us**  
God the Holy Spirit  
**have mercy on us**  
Holy Trinity, one God  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the  
womb of the Virgin Mother  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, one with the eternal Word  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, infinite in majesty  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of  
heaven  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, source of justice and love  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, well-spring of all virtue  
**have mercy on us**

Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, victim of our sins  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, salvation of all who trust in you  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, hope of all who die in you  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints  
**have mercy on us**

Let us pray.

Father, we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received from the heart of Jesus your Son. Open our hearts to share his life and continue to bless us with his love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

—from *Manual of Indulgences*



Heart of Jesus, worthy of all praise  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, treasure-house of wisdom  
and knowledge  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, in whom there dwells the  
fullness of God  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is  
Well pleased  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, from whose fullness we have  
all received  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, desire of the eternal hills  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, patient and full of mercy  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, generous to all who turn to you  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with insults  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, obedient even to death  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, pierced by a lance  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation  
**have mercy on us**  
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection  
**have mercy on us**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world  
**have mercy on us**  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world  
**have mercy on us**  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world  
**have mercy on us**  
Jesus, gentle and humble of heart.  
**Touch our hearts and make  
them like your own.**

## United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Prayer to Address the Sin of Racism

We pray for healing to address  
The persistent sin of racism  
Which rejects the full humanity  
Of some of your children,  
And the talents and potential You have given.

We pray for the grace to recognize  
The systems that do not support  
The dignity of every person,  
That do not promote respect  
For those who are seen as other,  
Who bear the legacy of centuries  
Of discrimination, fear, and violence.

We pray for graced structures  
So children of color in Flint, and all children,  
Have access to clean water and health care.

We pray for graced structures  
So children of color in Mississippi, and all children,  
Have quality education that will allow them to develop their gifts.

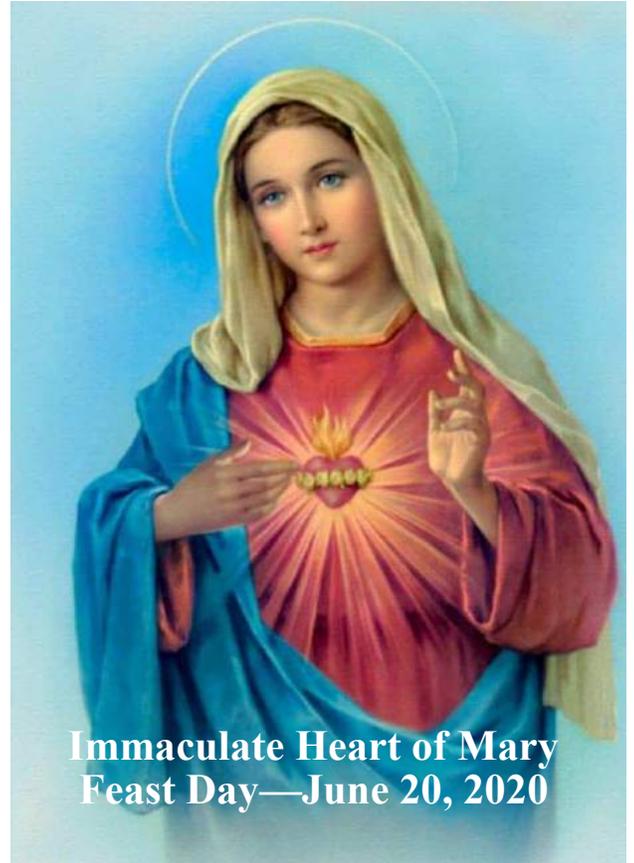
We pray for graced structures  
So children of color in Camden, and all children,  
Have homes where families can live in dignity and security.

We pray for graced structures  
So children of color in Chicago, and all children,  
Can grow up without fear, without the sound of gunshots.  
Lord of all, we ask you to hear and answer our prayers.

Give us eyes to see how the past  
Has shaped the complex present,  
And to perceive how we must create  
A new way forward,  
With a new sense of community  
That embraces and celebrates  
The rich diversity of all,  
That helps us live out your call to reject  
The sin of racism, the stain of hate,  
And to seek a compassionate solidarity  
Supported by Your grace and Your love.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.  
JN 6:51



Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Feast Day—June 20, 2020



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



## Mass Intentions for the weeks of June 14, 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, June 14, 2020

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ—Corpus Christi**

**10:00 AM Mass**

**Followed by Adoration and Benediction**

Vito Gentile  
Anna Marie Walsh  
Peter A. Carlin  
Salvatore Bonfiglio  
Rosario & Gerlanda Carluzzo  
& Maria Taibi  
For the People of St. Ephrem Parish

### Monday, June 15, 2020

Freddy Lomingino  
Nony Pantia

### Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Cesare Bonici  
Ilario Piscioneri

### Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Tony Grbic

### Thursday, June 18, 2020

Josephine Mazzone

### Friday, June 19, 2020

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Frank Calabrese  
Michael & Winfred McNamara

### Saturday, June 20, 2020

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Cosimo Corsaro

### Sunday, June 21, 2020

**Father's Day**

Emily Marchesiello  
Joseph Losardo  
Deceased Members of the Lawless Family  
Maria & Frank Capodocasa  
Joseph Mondiello (10th Anniversary)  
Joseph Braganza  
Father's Day Remembrance  
Domenick Mazzone  
Vincent Ingenito  
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.**



## Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of:  
**Peter A. Carlin**

*Requested by: Margaret Carlin*

*About the author: Archdiocese of New York*

## Heavenly Bread

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:51 (NIV)

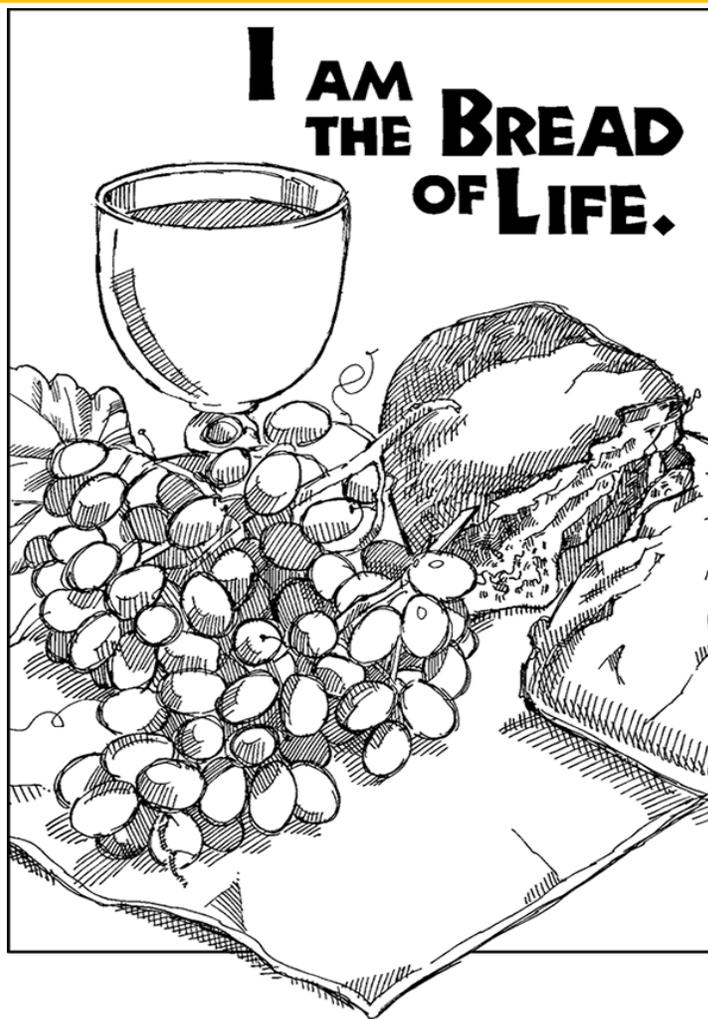
The puzzle is based on John 6:41-51



"I am the living bread."

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| FOREVER     | ATE    | WORLD  | DIED    | BREAD |
| LIFE        | FLESH  | DESERT | LIVING  | JESUS |
| EVERLASTING | HEAVEN | TRUTH  | BELIEVE | MANNA |



"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ."

John 6: 51-58



June 7, 2020 36 Envelopes \$1,720 .00  
 May 31, 2020 14 Envelopes \$490.00

We Share (Online Giving) 42 Families \$1,340.00

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            | June 13 2020   |
|------------------|----------------|
| Parish Goal      | \$1.25 Million |
| Number of Donors | 237            |
| Amount Pledged   | \$1,353,142.00 |
| Paid to Date     | \$518,190.64   |
| 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

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|------------------------|--------------|
| St. Ephrem Parish Goal | \$109,682.00 |
| Number of Donors       | 126          |
| Amount Pledged         | \$73,255.00  |
| Paid to Date           | \$54,064.00  |

You!