

Church of St. Ephrem

929 Bay Ridge Parkway ♦ Brooklyn, New York 11228

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St. Ephrem Catholic Church Dyker Heights

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May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Abbreviated Bulletin—For Full Copy
<https://stephremparish-brooklyn.org/bulletins>



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Rectory Office

929 Bay Ridge Parkway
718-833-1010
Fax 718-921-5232

Faith Formation Center

Side Entrance of St. Ephrem Convent (off Bay Ridge Parkway)
718-745-7486
FaithFormation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

924 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228 ♦ 718-833-1440 ♦ www.stephremcatholicacademy.org

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, and 11:00 AM
Weekdays Monday through Friday 7:00 AM & 8:45 AM
Saturday 8:45 AM

Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 AM—12 Noon
1:00 PM—5:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM—12 Noon
1:00 PM—4:00 PM
Saturday **No Office Hours**
Sunday **No Office Hours**

Parish Registration

All are welcomed and invited to register at the Parish Office and participate in our parish or via parish website above. Please let us know you are here so that we may serve you better. If you are not registered, we may not be able to provide you with letters or Sponsor Certificates.

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 12:00 Noon.

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.bqpre-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-kindle 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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

“No one has greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15: 9-7

Dear Parishioners:

How do you most often relate to Jesus? Common responses might include Jesus as Lord, Savior, leader, or brother. But what about Jesus as a friend? In today’s gospel, the Son of God invites the disciples to draw close to him through the sacred way of relating as friends. Consider how your relationship with Jesus might evolve through the framework of friendship. Friends are people with whom we can be completely ourselves. Friends encourage us to be open and honest about both the joys and the challenges of life. We can count on friends to show up in our times of success, and to listen with caring hearts. Consider spending some time in prayer this week connecting with Jesus as a friend.

God loves us. In today’s second reading, we hear God, the all-powerful, all-knowing creator of the universe, affirm the divine love showered upon all of creation. We remember especially during this season of Easter that God’s greatest showing of love was sending Jesus into the world *“so that we might have life through him.”*

Love can be a complex experience in many relationships. In moments of loneliness or doubt, let us hold fast to the truth that God loves fully. We need not prove anything to gain God’s love. God loves us unconditionally. How can we reflect the divine love to our neighbors? To Strangers? To our enemies? God’s love challenges our love to expand evermore.

Last weekend we welcomed the children from our parish to the Table of the Lord, as they received First Holy Communion. We continue to pray for them and ask God’s continued blessings on them and their families.

In the Good Shepherd,



*Congratulations
to the
Children of Our Parish
who received
First Holy Communion.
May God Bless You!*

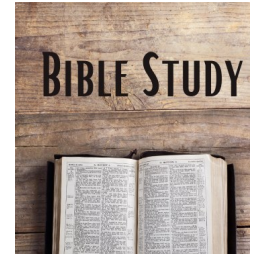
Easter Season



Stations of Joy
Tuesdays of the Easter Season
April 9th—May 14th
Following the 8:45 a.m. Mass

Easter Bible Study

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead”
(1 Cor 15:20).



Join Fr. Nick for some time of study, reflection, and prayer with the Sunday Scriptures during the Easter Season.

Sessions will meet every

Thursday morning from April 4th through May 9th. Meetings will take place right after the 8:45 AM Mass in the rectory meeting room.

On Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 pm in the Church.

If interested, please fill out the online form on our website or call the rectory: (718) 833-1010.

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF

Mary



Recitation of the Rosary

Each Morning before the 8:45 a.m. Mass

Live Stream every evening at 7:00 p.m.

May Crowning

Sunday, May 12th

Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass

All Parish First Communion Children are invited to participate in their First Communion Outfit.

Meet in Church at 10:45 a.m.

Church of St. Ephrem



Friday, May 17, 2024

7:00 PM

**St. Ephrem Catholic Academy
924 74th Street
Brooklyn, New York**

\$45.00 Per Person Includes:

**Snacks, Sandwiches, Cookies, Soda,
Water,
Coffee & Tea**



**Available for sale:
Wine, Beer**

**For Information & Reservations Contact
St. Ephrem Rectory (718) 833-1010
You can arrange for tables of 8 or 10 people.**

**Please make reservations by May 13th
No Tickets will be sold at the door**

Prizes

**50/50 Raffle
Basket Raffles**



**Want to help us?
You can purchase an item
from our wish list.
Thank You!
St. Ephrem Radio Bingo 2024**



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**Remember or Honor a loved one with a
American Flag**
which will be placed on St. Ephrem's Lawn
(May 27th to September 16th)
Your loved one's name
will be placed on the flag

\$50.00 per Flag
One Individual Name or Family Name.

In Memory of:

In Honor of

Please indicate what branch of service

- Army Marines Navy Air Force
- Coast Guard Space Force

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email

Please return by May 15th

Check enclosed payable to: St. Ephrem Church

In the amount of \$ _____.

*Please return in the Sunday Collection
or to the Rectory Office.*



St. Ephrem Parish Faith Formation News!
Classes Continue Each Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Need to Register? Go to:

<https://stephremparish-brooklyn.org/faith-formation-news/>



Proximate Preparation for Confirmation

All gatherings take place in
Saint Ephrem Catholic Academy Cafeteria
Sundays 9:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.

Sunday, May 19th Session III
September 15th Session IV
October 6th Session V

All should be attending mass every weekend

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025
APRIL 21ST through JUNE 23RD



Before June 23rd:
One Child: \$130
Two + Children: \$180

Before June 23rd:
One Child: \$160
Two + Children: \$210

Registration is On-Line! Go to:
<https://stephremparish-brooklyn.org/faith-formation-news/>

Then click on: Faith Formation Registration (Side Bar)

You must complete Registration Form and submit it at the end.

Payment can be made online by clicking on "Giving" then Faith Formation Registration Fees then One Time Payment and enter amount to pay and complete the form.

Children's Faith Formation Classes are Grades 1 through 8. As per Diocesan Policy, it is the expectation that children attend every year. You wouldn't skip Math Class for a year, please don't skip growing in faith.

Registering early helps us plan and purchase material for the New Year!

PARISH AND ACADEMY HAPPENINGS



The O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Adults needing both Eucharist (Communion) and Confirmation or if interested in becoming Catholic can also reach out to S. Mary Ann at
Faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org



Adult Confirmation Pentecost 2024

Any adult having been baptized Roman Catholic and received First Holy Communion who is need of the Sacrament of Confirmation is invited to register for our Adult Confirmation Classes.

Please contact the Faith Formation Office:
faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org

Gatherings for Adult Confirmation
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
April 17th, 24th, May 1st, 8th, & 15th

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love .
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit
We may be truly wise and ever enjoy
His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

Mass Intentions for the week of May 5, 2024

8:45 AM Mass, the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass and the Sunday, 11:00 AM Mass are being live streamed through our parish website. Please share and join us!

Saturday, May 4th

8:45 AM Douglas P.F. & Anne R. Riggs
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
Catherine Collogan O'Connell
Guglielmetti & Maruffi Families
Jeanette Dugan
Andrew Nestico
Angelina Carrano
John Danese
Helen Connolly

Sunday, May 5th

8:00 AM Robert Offitto
11:00 AM Pietro, Maria & Rosario Carluzzo

Monday, May 6th

7:00 AM For the People of St. Ephrem
8:45 AM Patricia Giugliano

Tuesday, May 7th

7:00 AM Bridget Hillert
8:45 AM Maria Lamberto

Wednesday, May 8th

7:00 AM Concetta Mongiardo
8:45 AM Msgr. Theo
7:00 PM **Ascension Thursday Vigil** Leonard J. Dimino

Thursday, May 9th Ascension Thursday

7:00 AM Michael & Winifred McNamara
8:45 AM McGuirk & Delehanty Families

Friday, May 10th

7:00 AM Brigid O'Kane
8:45 AM Agatha Lombardo

Saturday, May 11th

8:45 AM Clara Calabrese
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem
Leonard J. Dimino
John Thomas Cushing
Florence & Benjamin Nigro
Paul A. Vallone
Jean D'arc Childraoui
Angelina Carrano
Al Lurker
Dolores Whelan

Sunday, May 12th

8:00 AM Mother's Day
11:00 AM Costanza & Guariglia Families

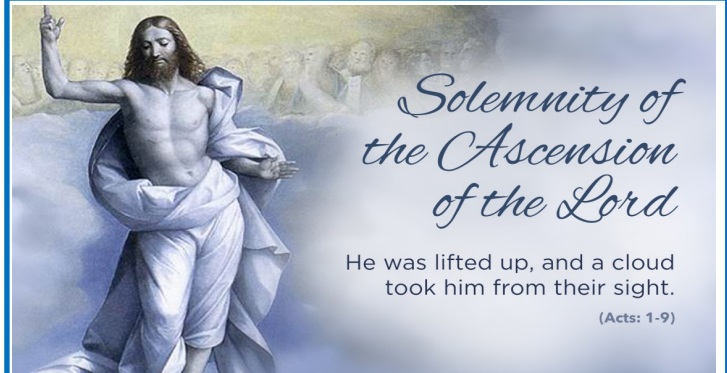
MEMORIALS



Bread and Wine
In Memory of

Douglas & Anne Riggs

Requested by Leonardo Modina & Family



Ascension Thursday
May 9, 2024

Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 8th Vigil at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 9th 7:00 a.m. & 8:45 a.m.

Are You Aware?



It has been our experience at times that some people may feel they are not able to receive Communion due to divorce or other personal issues. Often times, there may be a misunderstanding regarding Church Teaching in these matters. You are encouraged to see Fr. Robert, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Nick, Deacon Tony, or Deacon Kevin for clarity so that you do not miss the opportunity to celebrate the healing presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and in turn come to the Table of the Lord.



Care for Creation--Every Day Should Be Earth Day

Two quotes from biologist E. O. Wilson (1929-2021):

"Each species is a masterpiece, a creation assembled with extreme care and genius." "Destroying a tropical rainforest for profit is like burning all the paintings of the Louvre to cook dinner."



April 28, 2024 171 Envelopes \$6,098.00

We Share 14 Donors \$ 487.57

Attendance 1,060

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 350 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 150
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 560

903 Families Registered and Receive Envelopes
If you are able to send in your weekly donation, enroll in the secure online donation through our Parish website it would be greatly appreciated.
 To learn more about ways to give, visit our parish website at: www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org
 Click on 'Giving' and follow prompts.

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!

"Lord, grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."
 Saint Francis of Assisi

St. Ephrem Centennial Campaign Our Church, Our Prayers, Our Legacy

As of April 22, 2024

Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged*	\$1,357,309.31
Paid to Date	\$1,291,242.32
Percent of Goal	120%

Thank You for your Generosity!

**Some pledges have been cancelled due to changing life circumstances.*

Saint Ephrem, pray for us!



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 click on St. Ephrem, follow prompts

PARISH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

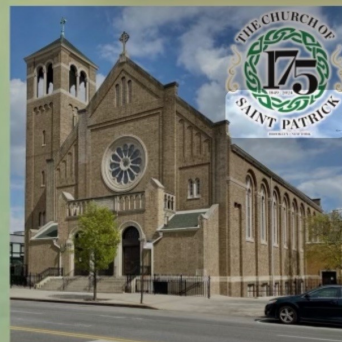
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LIVE IN CONCERT
 ONLY ON MAY 18TH 2024 @ 7:30



STANDARD TICKET
 \$35

VIP (FIRST TWO ROWS)
 \$\$\$

WINE BAR (CASH) & CHEESE
 PLATE INCLUDED FOR BOTH

CALL
 718-238-2600

AT THE AUDITORIUM AT
 ST. PATRICK'S

St. Ephrem Catholic Academy Summer Camp 2024

Ages 4-12 Campers must be 4 by the first day of camp
 Rates based on your summer schedule!



- *Air Conditioned Facility
- *Morning & Aftercare
- *Meal Plan
- *McKinley Park Trips
- *Arts & Crafts
- *Tennis Lessons
- *Special Rates for siblings
- *Trained Counselors

Serving the Dyker Heights & Bay Ridge Community!
 Online Registration: summerfun@stephremschool.org
 (718) 833-1440
www.stephremschool.org



**Annual Catholic
 Appeal 2024**
 DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



Parish Goal: \$100,198.00
 Amount Pledged: \$59,345.00
 Amount Paid: \$44,147.00
 Donors 76

Donate and contribute
 to fulfill our Parish goals

Scan the Code
 Or text DONATE to 917-336-1255
 Or visit: annualcatholicappeal.org

