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January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### Rectory Office

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### Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon and 5:00 PM

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.

### 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.



**Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**January 16, 2022**

*“Jesus did this as the beginning  
of his signs at Cana in Galilee.”*

**John 2:1-11**

Dear Parishioners:

At Cana we meet Mary for the first time in John’s gospel, and we hear the first and last words that she speaks in this gospel. Already there is a sense of separation between the mother and the son. They are at the same wedding but come independently. Jesus being described as also invited with his disciples. John never refers to Jesus’ mother by her personal name, nor does he do this when speaking of “the beloved disciple.” Both the ideal woman disciple and the ideal man are described only by their relationship to Jesus. The mother of the Lord is the discerning one who notices that the wine has run out. She stands before Jesus in the privileged role of mother and presents him with the problem. Jesus’ reply to her words has a note of rebuke as he calls her “Woman,” not the expected response to one’s own mother.

This week we see that even Jesus fulfills the fourth commandment to honor his mother. One of the many questions we can ask this week is, why would Mary make such a big deal about wine? In order to understand this, we have to look at the context. Mary and Jesus are at a wedding, which is a celebration for the entire community. Mary notices they have run out of wine. Could the bride or groom not afford more? Did they make a miscalculation when purchasing? Whatever the situation, Mary anticipates their embarrassment, realizes this community celebration will be impacted, and makes a very big ask of her son.

The purificatory jars at Cana numbered six, a symbolic number of incompleteness. At Jesus’ “hour,” there will be a seventh jar, when from the clay of his passion-fired humanity there will flow the wine of his blood, not only for purification but for exultant transformation.

The wine-become blood redeems and purifies his bride, the church, sanctifying and deifying her. It allows her to participate in the Lord’s own death and transformation and nourishes her with the life of the

resurrection.

Accordingly, the wine of “the wedding of the Lamb” is mystical image for the entire paschal feast of the Lord, the feast of the new and eternal covenant-making in the loving blood of the Lamb. It is this

mystery of word and wine, this paschal celebration, which we celebrate at every Eucharist. We are now the wedding guests waiting to be filled with the sacramental wine.

Today marks the beginning of the Week for Christian Unity. Let us join with Pope Francis in prayer as we seek to know and live what unites rather than divides.

In the Good Shepherd,



## DEANERY NEWS!



**Brooklyn Deanery B9 Mass with  
Bishop Robert J. Brennan**

**Tuesday, January 25, 2022  
7:30 p.m.**

**St. Patrick’s Church  
9511 4th Avenue  
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*Join with Parishioners of  
Our Lady of Angels, Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
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St. Ephrem and St. Patrick*

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**SYNODAL LISTENING  
SESSION WITH  
BISHOP BRENNAN**

**Immediately  
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*Two parishioners (2)  
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your family, classmates, and friends to make  
sure everyone's voice is heard during this Synod.  
**The Church is listening...it's your time to talk**



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## Mass Intentions for the week of January 16, 2022

Due to the Omicron Variant, New York City is asking ALL TO WEAR a masks in indoor settings regardless of your vaccination status. Thank you for your cooperation and care for others. For the purpose of Contact Tracing, please continue to use the Reservation Form through our parish website or by calling the Rectory Office.

8:45 AM Mass, the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass and the Sunday, 10:00 AM Mass are being live streamed through our parish website. Please share and join us!

### Saturday, January 15th

8:45 AM Joseph & Mary Patterson  
5:00 PM Scott Squires  
Lauretta Cannariato  
June Hagggar  
John Hagggar  
Millicent Patterson

### Sunday, January 16th

8:00 AM Millicent Patterson  
10:00 AM Salvatore, Antonia & Giuseppe Baio  
12 Noon Anne Petrino  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

### Monday, January 17th

**No 7:00 AM Mass**

8:45 AM Bill Hyland

### Tuesday, January 18th

7:00 AM Theresa Murray  
8:45 AM Diane V. Hayes

### Wednesday, January 19th

7:00 AM Valerie F. Patterson  
8:45 AM Elizabeth Maher

### Thursday, January 20th

7:00 AM Sue Liberth  
8:45 AM Cassie Loughran

### Friday, January 21st

7:00 AM Joseph & Mary Patterson  
8:45 AM Neman Chachati

### Saturday, January 22nd

8:45 AM Peter D. Murray  
5:00 PM For the Children lost by Abortion  
Concetta Barrafuto  
Gabiella Raffa  
Millicent Patterson

### Sunday, January 23rd

8:00 AM Valerie F. Patterson  
10:00 AM Auralie Kaplan  
12 Noon John P. Doolan  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

## MEMORIALS

*You can honor or remember a loved one by requesting a Mass intention, Bread & Wine, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Flowers for The Tabernacle Altar, Blessed Mother Altar and Holy Family Altar. Please contact the rectory if interested.*



*The sick and the homebound of  
St. Ephrem Parish Family*

*and our faithful departed loved ones*



**Mass Book Opened for  
January 1, 2022—July 1, 2022**

Requests may be made by email or  
by dropping off your requests in the Rectory.  
718.833.1010 or [stephremrectory@aol.com](mailto:stephremrectory@aol.com)

**Thank You!**

*Not only God, but today's  
broken, divided world is begging  
for unity among Christians.*



Pope Francis

## COVID-19 UPDATE JANUARY 2022

### Just a Gentle Reminder:

New York State and our Diocese has reinstated all to wear a mask in indoor settings due to the omicron variant regardless of your vaccination status. Thank you for your cooperation and care for others.

**Social Distancing is still required in the Church.** While there are no ropes, every other pew is a good guide for seating.







## PARISH HAPPENINGS



### Virtual Synod Listening Session Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:00 p.m.

You must register in order to receive the link and materials for this Virtual Session. Registering for the session at: <https://stephremparish-brooklyn.org/mass-reservation>

#### The Fundamental Question:

*A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together." How is this "journeying together" happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?* (PD, 26)



**Mark Your Calendar!**  
*Of course, these events are dependent on NO COVID Restrictions in place by the Diocese, City or State!*

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**



*Watch the Bulletin for details.*

**Saturday, February 26, 2022  
Mardi Gras**  
*Following the 5:00 p.m. Mass*

**Friday, May 13, 2022  
Radio Bingo**  
*Details to Come!*



### Children's Faith Formation Classes

**All Classes for the Month of January will be REMOTE. Instructions were sent via email explaining how to sign into the Portal for your link.**

**Stay Healthy!**



### *First Penance and First Eucharist Proximate Preparation*

Both the children preparing for First Holy Communion and First Penance in spring of 2022 and their parents will gather on Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am in Msgr. Kain Hall.

★ **January 23, 2022 will be Virtual! Check email for all details regarding sign-in and time.**

**March 6, 2022    February 6, 2022    April 3, 2022**

Families of the parish whose children attend other Catholic Schools or Faith Formation Programs but choose to receive the Sacraments at St. Ephrem should call or email S. Mary Ann to register for Proximate Preparation: 718.745.7486 or [faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org](mailto:faithformation@stephremparish-brooklyn.org).



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

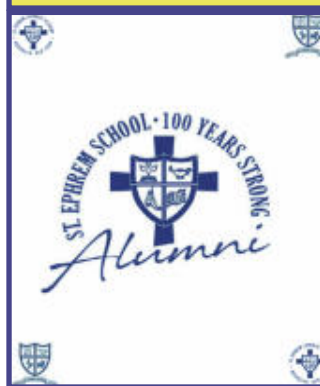
The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement offer the following prayer:

*Lord God, illumine our path by the light of Christ who moves us and leads us. Guide us to discover a small manger in our hearts where a great light still sleeps.*

*Creator of light, we thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him. Amen.*

This week let us pray for each other, pray for what divides us, and pray for unity.

### ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS!



#### CALLING ALL ALUM

St. Ephrem School's 100th anniversary is quickly approaching! We have some wonderful things planned including a reunion this spring. Scan the QR code to read all about it.





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