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March 13, 2022
Second Sunday of Lent



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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 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.



FROM THE PASTOR

Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

"While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white."

Luke 9: 28b-36

Dear Parishioners:

Today's gospel from Luke describes Jesus' transfiguration as happening "while he was praying," emphasizing the power of prayer to mediate the presence of God and the consequent transformation of the one who prays. Jesus is joined by two of his ancestors, Moses and Elijah. The first of these Moses, had to cope with his people who frequently grumbled about their exodus out of Egyptian slavery and into freedom. After spending forty days on Mount Sinai where God had called him to receive the divine teaching, Moses was transformed by his encounter and his face had become so radiant that when he came down from the mountain to his people, he needed to veil himself lest his brightness blind them. Elijah had encountered God in the silence outside the cave on Mount Horeb/Sinai after his forty-day flight from Jezebel, his too vicious slaughter of the false prophets she favored, and his arrogant ignoring of the other hundred true and hidden prophets of God.

This was probably an awesome and terrifying scene for Peter, John, and James. ***"Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."*** They wake up and their friend Jesus is talking with long-dead heroes, in a cloud of glory. It's almost as if they stumbled into a private meeting of the divine. Peter's reaction is rash but not illogical; he suggests building tents (what we would call altars) to honor the three superheroes standing in front of him. What else could he do? We get another encounter with Peter's humanity when Luke tells us, ***"But he did not know what he was saying."***

Have you ever been this excited? We call life-changing experience "mountaintop" experiences because of this gospel passage. Whether it's a retreat or a vacation, it's the mountaintop experiences that give us the inspiration and courage to carry on with regular life.

This week we celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph. I hope you can join us as we celebrate these great Saints

and our heritage. After each Mass, there will light refreshments for you to take home and continue celebrating. In addition, the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday, March 27th at 12 noon beginning at Marine Avenue and 3rd Avenue. The parish of St. Ephrem and St. Ephrem Catholic Academy will be marching, I hope you can join us or cheer us along the route.

In the Good Shepherd,



Annual Catholic Appeal 2022
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

St. Ephrem Parish Goal is \$100,198.00

You might notice our goal is \$4,000.00 less than the previous two years. I wrote to Bishop Brennan explaining that 2020 and 2021 proved to be difficult for St. Ephrem Parish to meet our assigned goal. Outlining that several faithful donors to the Annual Catholic Appeal have either died, moved or in these trying times lost their jobs, he graciously reduced our goal.

These funds support ministries and programs in our diocese. These include: Retired Priests, Seminarians, Catholic Charities, Catholic Migration, Youth Ministry, Hospital Chaplaincy, School Chaplaincy, Respect Life and Faith Formation, Catholic Schools and Scholarships.

No funds from the Annual Catholic Appeal are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

All funds received over our assigned goal will be returned to our parish.

Ordinarily, we average 175-180 donors each year. We have 835 parish families receiving envelopes. Imagine if each family contributed something to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Will you be counted in that number?

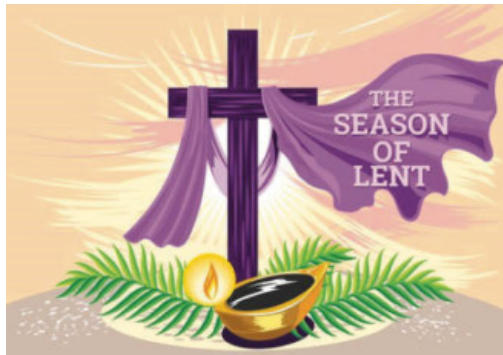
Received as of March 8, 2022

Donors 9
Pledged \$3,935.00
Paid \$2,145.00

I am forever grateful to all who gave in last year's Appeal. Today I humbly ask you to consider giving to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal.

To see Bishop Brennan's Message go to:

<https://catholicfoundationbq.org/ACAVideo/>



**The Parish Family of St. Ephrem
Invites You to Join Us
on the Sacred Lenten Journey.**

*For details of all opportunities
for prayer and reflection visit:
www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org/lent*



Fridays of Lent
*Following the 8:45 am Mass
7:00 p.m. (livestream)*



Wednesday, March 16th
at 6:00 pm
(Free Will Offering)

**Please call the Rectory
or complete the RSVP Form at:**
www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org/lent



Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00 pm
**Please call the Rectory or complete the RSVP
Form at:**
www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org/lent

TAKE A CHANCE!

2022 Lucky March Calendar Raffle

**Drawings to be held
March 15th & 31st**

31 Chances to win!

2 @ \$200

4 @ \$100

4 @ \$75

20 @ \$50

1 Grand Prize—\$1,000

**Calendars available in
Church and Rectory!**

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT



**San Alfonso Retreat House
Long Branch, New Jersey**

**Friday, May 20th -
Sunday, May 22nd**

**New Date due to lack of
participation in March**
\$260.00 per person



All women of the parish are invited to join in this weekend of prayer and reflection. The cost is \$260 which includes all meals (Friday Supper through Sunday Lunch).

**A non-refundable deposit of
\$50 made out to San Alfonso
is due as soon as possible.**

The balance of \$210.00 is due the day of the retreat in San Alfonso.

For more details, contact:

Carol Ann Pallonetti: ca.pallonetti@yahoo.com
as soon as possible or with any questions.

Visit: www.sanalfonsoretreats.org



Mass Intentions for the week of March 13, 2022

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, March 12th

8:45 AM Ralph Fortunato
5:00 PM Nancy & Michael Bagnato
Anthony Bagnato
Vincent Bagnato
Michael Bagnato (Grandson)
Raymond Duffy, Sr.
William Stamatis

Sunday, March 13th

8:00 AM Concetta Altieri
10:00 AM John A. Capotorto, III
12 Noon Jose Flores
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, March 14th

7:00 AM Joseph & Mary Patterson
8:45 AM Joyce Kiernan

Tuesday, March 15th

7:00 AM Dorothy Wall
8:45 AM Florence & Benjamin Nigro

Wednesday, March 16th

7:00 AM Ben & Florence Nigro
8:45 AM Jessie C. Doolan

Thursday, March 17th

7:00 AM Joseph Iannaci, Sr.
8:45 AM James Francis Ryan

Friday, March 18th

7:00 AM For the Intentions of
Msgr. Peter V. Kain
8:45 AM Giuseppe Dominijanni

Saturday, March 19th

8:45 AM Giuseppina & Vincenzo Spaniolo

5:00 PM John Riordan
Maryann Ruggiero
Frank Gasparino
Vincenzo Bova
Anthony Fortunato
Natalino Guglielmetti

Sunday, March 20th

8:00 AM Millicent Patterson
10:00 AM Bruno Carchidi
12 Noon Joseph A. Graffagnino
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.

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

Thank You!



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

and our faithful departed loved ones



**CHECK OUT THE ON-LINE BULLETIN
FOR THE FULL VERSION FOR THE WEEK!**

<https://stephremparish-brooklyn.org/bulletins>

For Lenten Resources visit:

<https://stephremparish-brooklyn.org/Lent>

COVID-19 UPDATE FEBRUARY 28, 2022

The Mask Mandate regarding gatherings indoors has been lifted by the Governor.

We ask you to keep in mind those in our parish family who may be more vulnerable. Consider the dear neighbor.

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



Stewardship

Sharing our time, treasure and talent with others

March 6, 2022	185 Envelopes	\$6,749.00
Second Collection	Black & Indian Missions	
	89 Envelopes	\$1,952.00
Snow Removal	58 Envelopes	\$956.00
We Share	63 Donors	\$2,299.08
Black & Indian Mission	1 Donor	\$41.56
Attendance	472	

835 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.

Thank you for those who mailed in your donation or signed up for online giving!

To learn more about ways to give, visit our parish website at: www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org
Click on 'Giving' then scroll to 'Donation.'

St. Ephrem Centennial Campaign

Our Church, Our Prayers, Our Legacy

As of	March 7, 2022
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged	\$1,372,612.64
Paid to Date	\$946,404.31
Percent of Goal	109%

Thank You for your Generosity!
Saint Ephrem, pray for us!



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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

CONNECT with us on **FACEBOOK** by searching and 'liking':

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SUSTAIN our parish offertory: Enroll in electronic giving by scanning the QR Code.
(Scroll down to Recurring Donation and click then follow directions to complete form)



Include St. Ephrem in your ESTATE PLANNING

Consider a **REASONABLE INCREASE** to your generous level of offertory support.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Eucharistic Adoration will not take place in March and April. Stations of the Cross will take place immediately after 8:45 am Mass.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items on

Saturday and Sunday
March 26th & 27th

Thank you for your generosity!



Mark Your Calendar!

May 13, 2022
Radio Bingo

Watch the Bulletin for details.



Virtual Synod Listening Session!

Scan the Code to access the survey on-line or visit:

<https://bit.ly/3HFAcTs>

The diocese hopes to hear from you



ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS!

2022 SPRING GALA VIRTUAL AUCTION FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH

**Help to make this event a huge success
by donating items for the Auction.**

Ways to donate:

Amazon Wish List at:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/27IYWN8OV5I41>

Donate Amazon Gift Cards any denomination

**Gift Certificate or Service
for Neighborhood Business**

Donations accepted through March 18th

Questions—contact: haa@stephremschool.org



Children's Faith Formation Classes

**Class on March 13, 2022 in Church
Gather in the School Yard at 4:00 p.m..**



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.

March 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.

Confirmation Fall 2022

Virtual Parent Meetings

Choose One (1)

**A link for each meeting sent to all families
with an eligible candidate.**

Sunday, March 6th at 1:00 p.m.

or

Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m.



Saints Patrick & Joseph

This week we celebrate two great saints – St. Patrick on March 17 and St. Joseph on March 19. Both of these men teach us about our faith. What do you know about them?

To Joseph Our Protector

Father,

You entrusted our Savior to the care of St. Joseph.

By the help of his prayers may your Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for every and ever. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

*“You too, dear young people,
can be joyful witnesses of his love, courageous witnesses
of his Gospel, carrying to
this world a ray of light.”*

Pope Francis—World Youth Day 2013

ST. EPHREM'S BASEBALL/SOFTBALL 2022 SEASON REGISTRATION & 2021 SEASON Award Ceremony in St Ephrem Gym

**Friday, March 25th
6:00 – 10:00 PM**

**Registration is open to boys and girls
ages 5 – 14**

Registration Fee
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