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September 18, 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Abbreviated Bulletin—For Full Copy
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Rectory Office

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Faith Formation Center

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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 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 or via parish website above.

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.



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
***"You cannot serve both God
and mammon."***

Luke 16: 1-13

Dear Parishioners:

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones."

Character counts. We hear this a lot growing up, but what it really means is what Jesus is talking about here. When we are asked to do things, we should not weigh them on a scale of what benefits us and what we can "get away with," but what is correct, as if all of our dealings were made public. In fact, they are public, in the eyes of the Lord.

Today's gospel from Luke, Jesus tells us that we cannot serve both God and the world. What good is it if we make a show of devotion and prayer, while designing a life of ensured financial comfort? Where is the line between appropriate care for one's well-being and family, and exaggerated need based on secular expectations? Or the line between respect from one's neighbors and awe because of boasted accomplishment? These are age-old questions, and the struggle to serve our true Master, and no one else, is a struggle in which we all participate.

As we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, let us pray for all those in our parish who share their faith with the children, young adults, and adults of the parish. We need your help! There are many opportunities for ministry here at St. Ephrem such as, Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Catechist, Choir (Adult & Children) Member, and Minister of Hospitality (Usher). The worship of God, especially at Mass relies on the many Liturgical Ministers. Please help our parish continue to Praise God so beautifully and join a ministry. See details on page 3 of this bulletin.

Last weekend, I announced that Bishop Brennan, has appointed me Temporary Administrator of St. Anselm Parish, Bay Ridge. Msgr. Moloney has retired and until the new pastor is named at St. Anselm Parish, I will be serving in this ministry. Once again, I will be sharing myself with both parishes. Please pray for the people of St. Anselm Parish during this time of transition and for me. I thank you in advance for your support and prayers! Please be assured of my prayers in return.

In the Good Shepherd,



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Appeal 2022**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

St. Ephrem Parish Goal is \$100,198.00

Received as of September 12, 2022

Donors 138

Pledged \$90,795.00

Paid \$78,231.71

Thank you to all who have already contributed. Today I humbly ask you to consider giving to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal.

We are just \$9,403.00 from Goal!



"This is my body given for you"

Luke 22:19

This week we celebrate Catechetical Sunday in thanksgiving for all of the catechists in our lives, those who walk with us on our faith journey. Dr. F. Javier Orozco, OFS offers this reflection: *"Truly, our walk together is never far from Christ's presence in his holy ones, moving us to holiness. 'When we look at the lives of those who have faithfully followed Christ, we are inspired with a new reason for seeking the City that is to come and at the same time we are shown a most safe path by which among the vicissitudes of this world, in keeping with the state in life and condition proper to each of us, we will be able to arrive at perfect union with Christ, that is, perfect holiness' (Lumen Gentium, 50).*

As members of the pilgrim Church, then, we seek to keep our eyes fixed on the things from above (Colossians 3:1-4) by learning to walk closely with Christ and the holy ones, who inspire us to keep on walking, and assist us as we, too, give witness to the truth of the Gospel."



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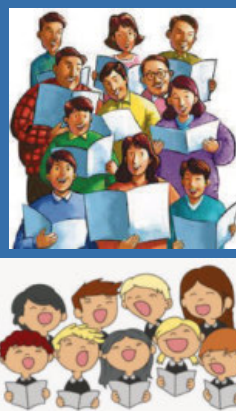
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*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
 Break forth into joyous song and sing praises. -*
 Psalm 98

Our Choir Rehearsal Monday, September 19th at 7:15 p.m. in the Choir Loft

(Please enter the church by the Bay Ridge Parkway door nearest the downstairs organ.)

You are invited and are most welcome to join our wonderful St. Ephrem Choir as we prepare for our 100th Anniversary Mass on October 23. We encourage you to be part of this celebration in a special way as we give joyous thanks to God with our music. Every voice is important and adds resonance and beauty to the totality of the sound. You do not need to audition and you do not need to know how to read music to take part. If you cannot attend this rehearsal but want to be part of our choir, please let us know of your interest by emailing us - Music@stephremparish-brooklyn.org.



St. Ephrem Parish Faith Formation News!

Classes Continue Wednesday, September 21st
 4:00 p.m. gather in the School Yard on 74th St.

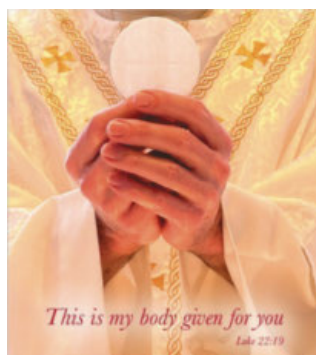
Need to Register? Go to:

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

*"God's world is a world where everyone
 feels responsible for the other,
 for the good of the other."*

Pope Francis

PARISH HAPPENINGS



Catechetical Sunday September 18th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Join us as we commission those who share the faith with our children, both in our Academy and Faith Formation Program.

On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



St. Ephrem Youth Choir Come Sing With Us!

Do you like to sing?
Do you enjoy meeting and interacting with other students?
Do you want to learn more about music?
Do you want to inspire and encourage others by beautiful and prayerful singing?

Every student in Grades 2 through 8 is invited to join our St. Ephrem Youth Choir. We will rehearse on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:00 p.m. in the church and we will sing for special events, concerts, and selected Sunday Masses.

First rehearsal: Wednesday, September 21 at 3:15.
Please enter the church by the church's back door
next to the school and near school door #3.

For Parents: Singing is important because it builds self-confidence, promotes self-esteem, always engages the emotions, promotes social inclusion, supports social skill development, and enables young people of different ages and abilities to come together successfully to create something special in the arts.

St. Ephrem Youth Choir

Please return this form to the St. Ephrem School Office, or to the St. Ephrem Church Office, or email it to Ms. Adele at Music@stephremparish-brooklyn.org.

Student's name _____ Grade _____

Parent email _____

Parent Phone Number _____

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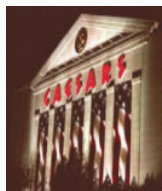


We will be collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items on

**Saturday and Sunday
September 24th and 25th**

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ephrem Friendship Club Sponsors a Trip to Caesars Atlantic City



Wednesday, October 19, 2022
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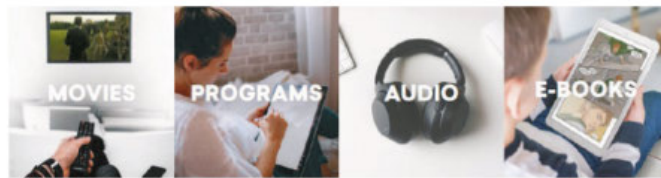
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Mass Intentions for the week of September 18, 2022

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, September 17th

8:45 AM Joseph & Mary Patterson

5:00 PM Michael Liberth
Antonio Rinaldi
Felix & Mary Woskoska
Valerie F. Patterson
Joseph & Mary Patterson
Millicent Patterson

Sunday, September 18th

8:00 AM Linda Milea Piccolomini
10:00 AM Mary Bonfiglio
12 Noon Joseph Bongiorno
5:00 PM For the People of St. Ephrem

Monday, September 19th

7:00 AM Cassie Loughran
8:45 AM Erasto Fernandes

Tuesday, September 20th

7:00 AM Warren Pavlik
8:45 AM Maria Gorizia & Nicola Ierace

Wednesday, September 21st

7:00 AM Clara Calabrese
8:45 AM Danielle Catherine Tricamo

Thursday, September 22nd

7:00 AM Nancy D'Amato
8:45 AM Jean Kotrosits

Friday, September 23rd

7:00 AM Lorenza Maggiore
8:45 AM Michael A. Iannizzi

Saturday, September 24th

8:45 AM Victoria Balsamo
5:00 PM Elvira D'Amura
Stella Majesky
Myrna, Manuel & Roberto Sandoval
Gregoria & Ophelia Rutti
Jerome Curda
John Kalish

Sunday, September 25th

8:00 AM Lynn Farrell-Jabara
10:00 AM Florence & Ben Nigro
12 Noon Tracy Reilly Nelson
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 is Open for
July 2, 2022—December 31, 2022**

Requests may be made by email or
by dropping off your requests
in the Rectory, calling 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



Pray for Ukraine!

**SIGN-UP AND BE PART OF THE GROUP AT
www.stephremparish-brooklyn.org**

Even if you are already registered parishioners, "Sign-Up" and be in the loop!

How do you sign-up?

Go to the site above! In the right hand corner, click on the blue box that says, "**Sign-Up.**" Follow the prompts and complete the entire form. Be sure to click on what you are already involved in and what you might like to get involved in—then look for mail from us.





September 11, 2022 190 Envelopes \$6,546.00
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 Attendance 494

907 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!

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

As of	September 12, 2022
Parish Goal	\$1.25 Million
Number of Donors	249
Amount Pledged	\$1,372,612.64
Paid to Date	\$1,057,909.31
Percent of Goal	109%

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




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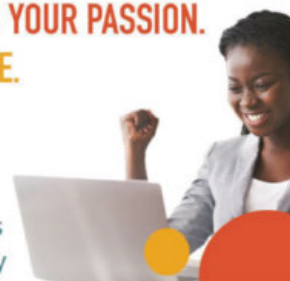


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