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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 & 12:00
Daily: 7:00 & 8:30 AM - Saturday - 8:30 AM only
Holy Days: Schedule Varies, please check website prior to Holy Day

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 PM
Confessions on Wednesdays after the 8:30 AM Mass.

PARISH REGISTRATION: A new parishioner may register in the parish by speaking with one of the priests in the lobby of the church after one of the Sunday Masses or by calling a priest for an appointment. (215-245-1698)

PARISH STAFF

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Saint Ephrem Church

Bensalem, Pennsylvania

February 18, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 18~ 1st Sunday of Lent
7:30 For the St. Ephrem Parish Family
9:00 Barbara Feener
req. by The Augunas Family
10:30 Samantha Huggard
req. by Her Family
12:00 Walter Wojcik
req. by Leonard & Barbara Dutkiewicz

Monday, February 19
7:00 Robert Reilly
req. by Marguerite & Charles Satterfield
8:30 Barbara Dutkiewicz
req. by Dolores Czaplicki

Tuesday, February 20
7:00 Olivia Jones
req. by Shannon & Badilla Family
8:30 Dorothy Dragon
req. by Maryann Gibbons

Wednesday, February 21
7:00 Ronald Moyer
req. by Pat Petricelli and Tricia & Bob Loehrig
8:30 Barbara Dutkiewicz
req. by Rita Avington

Thursday, February 22
7:00 Violet Harley
req. by Jeanne Dewbray
8:30 Hilary Czaplicki
req. by Rita Avington

Friday, February 23
7:00 Marianne Matthews
req. by Aunt Helen DiGirolamo
8:30 Monica Gray, 15th Anniversary
req. by The Gray Family
7:00pm Joseph Mezei
req. by Maria Tormesi

Saturday, February 17
8:30am Carolynn Jedlinski
req. by Grandmom & Grandpop
5:00pm Joseph Nowicki
req. by His Family

Sunday, February 25~ 2nd Sunday of Lent
7:30 Mary Lawn
req. by Wayne & Pat Goodwin
9:00 For the St. Ephrem Parish Family
10:30 Louise & Andrew Harasym
req. by Pat & Guy Connor
12:00 Stella and John Ochmanski
req. by Their Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Norine Pastore	Pat Powell	Jay Shipton
Robert Wilson	Julia Furey– Bastian	Trudy Gryniewicz
Terry Downs	Shirley Mockler	Robert Liberatore
Jack Donnelly	Joseph Otto	Dawn Marie Rogers
Baby Bridget Murphy	Marcia McCullough	A.J. Mattia
Genevieve Rynkiewick	John Roley	Justin Hennessy
Donna McCarthy	Ed and Hannah Baranoski	Patrick Collins
John Henry	Casey Lang	Bill Richmond
Bill Bustard	E.J. Connell, Jr.	Bill Storms
Anne Junod	Baby Nicholas	Mr. Provenzano
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Mary Jane Finley	Mike Souders	Elizabeth Bourne
Elizabeth DiPasquale	Kevin Jaibur	Tony Canu
Barbara Stretch	Andrew & Nancy Blaney	Dolores Reithmeier
Norman Urian	Jim Sinclair	Joanne DeLeo
Bill Butz	Helen Allred	Mary DiGirolamo
John O'Donnell	Ruth Donnelly	Diane Zilinski
Paula Pietrofotta	Anna Simon	Carol Anderson
Baby Beatrice Finegan	Margaret Grone	James Moore

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:30pm.
Please see a priest to make the arrangements.

Texts for Sunday, February 25

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 116:10, 15-19
2nd Reading: Romans 8:31b-34
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

The 02/11/18 collection was $17,500.78.

The 02/12/17 collection was $20,048.24.

Thank you for your goodness and generosity to St. Ephrem Parish.

Bingo this Sunday and Monday at 7pm.

Sunday February 18	**10K Giveaway Ticket Sale** after all Masses **Girl Scout Cookie Sale** after all Masses **Bingo** 7:00pm
Monday February 19	**Bible Study** 12:00-1:30pm **Adoration** 2:30 to 7:00pm **Flame of Love Rosary** said in church at 2:30pm **Bingo** 7:00pm
Tuesday February 20	**Prayer Meeting** 12:00pm **Accompanying Mary** 1:30pm **Scouts** **Adult Enrichment** 7-8:30pm
Wednesday February 21	**Bereavement Group** 1:00pm or 7:00pm **Brownies** 6:00-8:00pm **Bible Study** 7:00-8:30pm
Thursday February 22	**Adult Enrichment** 1-2:30pm **RCIA** 7:00pm
Friday February 23	**Mass** 7:00pm **Stations of the Cross** 7:30pm
Saturday February 24	**$10,000 Giveaway** 6:30pm

Altar Server Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (February 19,20,21)
7:00am Maxi Ellison, Maya Krieger
8:30am Daniel Kleinfelder, Matthew Kleinfelder

Thursday, Friday, Saturday (February 22,23,24)
There is NO 7am Mass on Saturday
7:00am Aidan Hamill, Evan Manna
8:30am Giuliana Gausz, Laura Jeffers
7:00pm Fri. Teresa Nguyen, William Nguyen

Saturday (February 24)
5:00pm Alexa DiGirolamo, Kellyanne Castanga, Katie Rose Stella

Sunday (February 25)
7:30am Maxi Ellison, Maya Krieger, Dylan McManus
9:00am PREP SERVERS TO SERVE THIS MASS
10:30am Rebecca Ottinger, Sophia Peacock, Ella Plunkett
12 Noon Erin Keeley, Regan Keeley, Seaon Keeley

ST. EPHREM SCHOOL NEWS

School Calendar

February 19, 2018
- NO SCHOOL

March 2, 2018
- First Friday Mass 9:45am

March 8, 2018
- Report Card Day

March 14, 2018
- First Penance, 7pm. All are welcome.

St. Ephrem School Open Enrollment 2018-2019

Come visit Saint Ephrem School!
See our state-of-the-art Science Lab, Computer Lab, Automated Library, SmartBoards in every classroom and so much more.

Tours held daily by appointment. Contact Mrs. Kochanski at 215-639-4958 or gksaintephrem@gmail.com.

Upcoming Home & School Events!!!

TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday, February 23, 2018 - get your teams together now. Space is limited. Flyer in back of church & on school website.

ICE SKATING at Flyers Skate Zone
Saturday, March 10th - 7-8:30pm. $10 per skater, includes skates. Flyer on school website & at the back of church.

CHANCE & AUCTION
Saturday, April 7, 2018 - "A Night of Superheroes" Preview Night, April 6th. Tickets on sale NOW!!

RCIA

The RCIA (Catechumenate) is a process by which adults and young adults are initiated into the Roman Catholic community, i.e. St. Ephrem Parish Family. The letters R C I A refer to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

THE UPCOMING FEBRUARY TOPICS ARE:

02/22/18 The Lord your God, shall you worship…
03/01/18 The is my beloved Son; listen…
03/07/18 Lenten Penance Service at St. Ephrem 7:00pm
03/08/18 I will give you water...eternal life

All are most welcome. Instructions are on Thursday nights at 7pm in the Marian Parish Center.

For information contact:
Gerry Donnelly (215-638-7184) or
Msgr. McAteer (215-245-1698).

Be Part of the 10th Annual GREAT $10,000 Give-A-Way!

~ GET YOUR TICKET, BEFORE THEY SELL OUT! ~

Saturday ~ February 24, 2018
6:30pm ~ 10:30pm

Each ticket purchased entitles 2 people to the "Drawing Celebration Party" complete with food and drink. During the evening, all four hundred tickets will be drawn, one by one. Prizes will be awarded during the drawing for the 1st, 200th and last tickets drawn, in addition to every 25th ticket drawn. After all tickets are pulled, they will all be placed back into the drum and one ticket is drawn for $10,000!

Winners do not need to be present to win!
Only 400 tickets will be sold for this sweepstakes!!
Tickets are $100.00 each.

FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS, CALL:
DENISE CYHAN ~ 267-312-6960
KATHY MACELROY ~ 215-638-0453
TERESA MILLER ~ 267-934-3059
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ROSEMARIE PORRAZZA ~ 215-245-6168
EILEEN SWENSON ~ 215-245-4471
PATRICE TRUSDELL ~ 215-633-9149
JUDY ZDUNKIEWICZ ~ 215-605-7282
A limited amount of tickets are also available at St. Ephrem Rectory.

Proceeds from this event will assist members of the St. Ephrem Teen Group to participate in The Stuebenville Youth Conference and a Pilgrimage to Rome, Italy ~ Summer 2019.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2018

The Catholic Charities Appeal is the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's single most important annual fundraising initiative. This year, the Catholic Charities Appeal will be a channel of hope for tens of thousands of people through countless organizations & ministries in the Archdiocese. We ask you to look deep in your heart and be as generous as you can to help us reach our $12.5 million goal. So many people are counting on us, and we're counting on you .

Villa Joseph Marie Practice Test

Villa Joseph Marie High School will be hosting its 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, February 24th 2018 from 9am to 12pm. To sign up, please visit our website at vjmhs.org/admissions

Nazareth Academy Practice Test

Nazareth Academy High School will be hosting its 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, March 10th from 7:45am to 12:00pm. To register, please visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/7thTest.

Holy Ghost Prep Practice Test

Holy Ghost Prep 6th & 7th Grade Practice Entrance Exam will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

Please register online at holyghostprep.org/admissions.

The Mount Practice Exam

The Mount invites all interested 7th grade girls to The Pre-HSPT to be given on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Registration is available online only. Register at: www.msjacad.org/practicetest

Plug into Individual Sessions of *Catholicism*

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This Week: February 20th at 7:00pm
February 22nd at 1:00pm

Lesson Six: A BODY BOTH SUFFERING & GLORIOUS THE MYSTICAL UNION OF CHRIST & THE CHURCH

Clearly answering the question, What is the Church? Bishop Barron presents the reality of the Church as one, holy, catholic and apostolic. The Body of Christ can be seen on earth, while still escaping total understanding as the mystical union between Christ and his Church.

ST. EPHREM SENIOR GROUP TRIPS FOR 2018 - 2019

"The Hills Are Alive" in Vermont -- Sept. 9-12, 2018

New England / Canada Cruise -- May 18-25, 2019

For pricing, flyers, additional information, please contact Ray at 215-757-3473.

All ages Welcome. You do not have to be a member of the Senior Group to participate in our trips.

Come pray in the presence of more than 100 Sacred Relics

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 from 8:30 am (Mass) until 6:30 pm at Holy Martyrs Catholic Church, 120 Allison Rd Oreland, PA. Included is the True Cross of our Lord, relics from Mount Calvary and the Birthplace of the Lord, the Cloak of St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. John Neumann, St. Katharine Drexel, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. John Paul II, & many others. For more info. call 215-884-8575 or email: holyrelics@outlook.com. Coffee and light snacks will be served in the Father Szal Conference Room *If you would like to bring a church or school group we can arrange for a presentation/ question and answer time.* www.holymartyrschurch.org

Saints and Legends of Ireland

Join Fr. David Fernandes and Helen Holroyd from St. Thomas Aquinas in Ireland from September 5-15, 2018. Different cities daily including Galway, Knock, Adare, Dublin, Glendalough, Kilkenny, Cork, Killarney, Ennis, Connemara, Burren and Cashel. Cost is $3845, which includes all tours, round trip airfare from Phila. or Newark to Dublin (w/ bus transport), airline surcharges and airport taxes, accommodations in centrally located, first class (4 star) hotels daily breakfast, six hotel dinners, a Medieval Banquet and an Irish evening with dinner & a show. For more info. contact Helen Holroyd at 610-213-4141 or Helenshorizons@gmail.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

We have an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart & soul.

Join us March 9th, 10th, 11th, 2018 in Malvern-Frazer, PA

For information call: Lauren at 215-720-5828 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337.

Struggling with a Problem or Burden?

You are invited to the Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference on Saturday, February 24, 2018, 9am-4:45pm at SS Simon & Jude Parish in West Chester. Unbound is a ministry of healing and deliverance that helps you find freedom in areas of your life where you feel bound. Unbound can help with relationship problems, inability to forgive, anger, fear, sadness, & other spiritual obstacles. $50 per person; $20 for priests/religious/ college students. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for the New Evangelization.

To learn more and register, visit: phillyevang.org/unbound.

10th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference

On Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Neumann University in Aston, PA , men are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 10th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference.

To celebrate our 10th anniversary our keynote speaker will be Seth Joyner, former Philadelphia Eagle and Pro Bowler. We welcome back Jim Towey, President of Ave Marie University & personal attorney to St. Teresa of Calcutta, Don Saleski, Stanley Cup Champion w/ the Philadelphia Flyers, and Brian Gale, author of the trilogy Fatherless, Motherless, and Childless.

Acclaimed Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration. Marty Rotella, singer & evangelist will provide musical accompaniment for the conference. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Charles Chaput.

Lunch is included. Flyers in church lobby.

For more info. visit manupphilly.com.

Important Event with trauma expert, Dr. Theresa Burke

Come learn about a local initiative which helps survivors of trauma to open their histories to a profound experience of healing in our fully integrated spiritual & psychological process. The Living Scripture Institute provides training for: Rachel's Vineyard for recovery after abortion; Grief to Grace for healing the wounds of abuse; and Duty to Heal finding peace for a soldier's heart. We welcome you to come meet local resident and founder Dr. Theresa Burke; and Fr. Dominic Allain, from London, int'l pastoral director for Grief to Grace.

Please join us on Saturday, February 24, for a light reception and presentation immediately following the 5 pm Mass at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, 50 West Walker Rd., Wayne, PA. If you or someone you love have suffered traumatic experiences and you would like to help in our efforts, please join us for an inspiring evening!

RSVP LivingScriptureInst@gmail.com or 610-354-0555

The Cross and the Light Passion Play

Encounter Christ anew through The Cross and the Light Passion Play in Lent 2018. The Cross and the Light is an international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience of the greatest love story of all time. "The Cross and the Light opens the floodgates of God's mercy and love...You can't deliver the Good News of Jesus in a more dynamic and sensational way in our present time! All ages will be drawn to Jesus and His unconditional love for each and every person." Don't miss this opportunity to experience the joy of the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

To watch videos and/or purchase tickets online go to www.crossandlight.org/stjohnbosco or call 267-803-9930.

MISSION STATEMENT: HELPING TO UNLEASH THE POTENTIAL OF THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Danaher Lynch Family Foundation believes in the value of Catholic education. The DLFF Scholarship Program has granted over 50 high school scholarships to incoming CEC freshman as well as over 35 elementary school scholarships to Lower Bucks County Catholic school students. We feel that through supporting a values-based education, we can help to unleash the potential of our children and help to positively impact the surrounding community.

If your student has a passion for the visual arts, chorus or instrumental music, we encourage you to apply for the DLFF/ CEC Fine Arts Scholarship. Those students that wish to apply for our traditional DLFF High School scholarship may also do so via the same application.

For more information on the DLFF/CEC High School Scholarship program, please use the following link:

https://dlff.org/scholarships

The deadline for CEC Scholarships is 2/28/18.

L.A.C.E. Casino Bus Trip

The Ladies Association of Conwell Egan will be hosting a Casino Bus trip to Tropicana on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

The bus leaves at 11:00 am and returns at 8:45.

Cost is $35.00. The casino gives $25 Slot Play voucher with Government issued ID.

Call Sharon for more info. at 215-791-2942.

Local Area Catholic Young Adult Group Information

Regular Monday meetings are held at 7:30pm at Olde St. Andrew's Church 135 S. Sycamore St. in Newtown.

The schedule for upcoming meetings is as follows:

02/19/18 The Crusades
02/22/18 Theology and Sanity Chapter 29
03/05/18 March Meeting

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