

# Saint Ephrem Church

Bensalem, Pennsylvania  
August 28, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE



**Sunday, August 28~22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 For the St. Ephrem Parish Family  
 req. by Hugh "Reds" Boyle  
 req. by Marguerite & Charles Satterfield  
 10:30 Margaret Mullin, 2nd Anniversary  
 req. by The Mullin Family  
 12:00 Ingeborg Griffith  
 req. by Matthew, Kelly & Alice Takita  
 4:00 pm Walter Wojcik, 5th Anniversary  
 req. by The Wojcik Family

**Monday, August 29**

7:00 Carmen Finizio  
 req. by Joe & Joyce Smith  
 8:30 Margaret O'Sullivan  
 req. by Bob & Rita Borton

**Tuesday, August 30**

7:00 Dolores L. Mulloy  
 req. by Maryann Gibbons  
 8:30 Barbara Striet  
 req. by Deacon & Mrs. James DeBow

**Wednesday, August 31**

7:00 Margaret O'Sullivan  
 req. by Lori & Neil Boyle  
 8:30 Barbara A. Striet  
 req. by Denny & Pat Ziembra

**Thursday, September 1**

7:00 Gerald Jaibur  
 req. by Kevin Jaibur  
 8:30 Alfred J. Persia  
 req. by The Priole Family

**Friday, September 2**

7:00 Margaret O'Sullivan  
 req. by Maryann Gibbons  
 8:30 Anne M. Organ  
 req. by Deacon & Mrs. James DeBow

**Saturday, September 3**

8:30 am Rev. Anthony Orth, 2nd Anniversary  
 req. by The Swenson Family  
 5:00 pm Anthony J. Cianfarini  
 req. by The Cianfarini Family

**Sunday, September 4~23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 Arthur & Maximina Domingo  
 req. by Myrna Viermes  
 9:00 For the St. Ephrem Parish Family  
 10:30 John Herbert, Jr.  
 req. by The Alfano Family  
 12:00 Martin Dizon, Jr., 7th Anniversary  
 req. by His Family  
 4:00 pm John J. Roley, Sr.  
 req. by Lucyann Roley

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,  
FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Bruce Kniffin	Katie Griffiths	Michael McGovern
Baby Asher Geiss	Bill Storms	Charlie Takita
Carol Higgins	Herb McCollick	Joe Waters
Larry Shea	Brian Bourne	Thomas McDonald
Cole Canning	Andrew Blaney	Carol Mundell
Jacob & Anna Simon	Genevieve Rynkiewicz	Paula & Patrick Collins
Addie Branton	Mary Biehn	Connie Wernery
James Doherty	Edward Biasi	E.J. Richmond
Mary Jane Finley	Stephen Pagano	Baby Cameron
Jacki Brady	Grace Lewin	Tom Collins
Jackie Gresko	Margaret Grone	Linda Lorenzo
Baby Sophia Pierce	Mike Souders	Marcia McCullough
Fred Cattani	Mary Ellen Seifert	Vincent Chalela
Phillip White	Aimee Cattie	Andrew Zamora
Baby Steven Infante	Catherine, Samuel P. & Samuel Gabriele	The Birney Family
Isabelle Camporeale	Patricia McGovern	Mary O'Keefe
Charles Sanford	Ann Golden	Baby Brooke
John O'Donnell	Kimberly Pastor	Joseph Grailey
Bridget Bianco	Baby Harper Corrigan	Edward Ingle

**Baptisms**

Baptisms are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:30 PM. Please contact one of the parish priests to make arrangements. Both parents must attend a Pre-Jordan class prior to their child's Baptism. Pre-Jordan is held the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in Church.

**Pre-registration for Pre-Jordan is required**, and can be done by calling the rectory at 215-245-1698.

**Texts for Sunday, September 4th**

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b  
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 90:3-6, 12-17  
 2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
 Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

## What's Going on This Week at St. Ephrem!

<b>Sunday August 28</b>	<b>Bingo – Cafeteria 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday August 29</b>	<b>Flame of Love Rosary 12 noon – MPC</b>
<b>Tuesday August 30</b>	<b>One Day At A Time 7:00 pm – MPC Pickleball 6:30-8:30 pm – Gym</b>
<b>Wednesday August 31</b>	<b>First Day of School Grades 5-8 Kindergarten Meet and Greet 10:00 am Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:30 pm Adult Open Gym – 8:00 pm-10:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday September 1</b>	<b>First Day of School Grades 1-4 Pre-K Meet and Greet 10:00 am Pre-K Parent Meeting 6:30 pm  The Calix Society - 7:00 pm **1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays @ Queen of the Universe Parish Center (2nd floor)**</b>
<b>Saturday September 3</b>	<b>Men's Faith Sharing Group– MPC 7:00 am</b>

### **Bingo is Back at St. Ephrem!**



**Bingo is played every Sunday at  
7:00pm in the cafeteria!**

**Doors open at 5:00pm!**

**Admission is \$10.**

**Adults 18+ only.**

**Time to get back to socialize and enjoy good  
people, food, and fun!**

### **Instructions in the Catholic Faith Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

The 2022-23 RCIA class is now being assembled at St. Ephrem. These instructions are for adults who:

- Maybe considering becoming a Catholic whether unbaptized or baptized in another church
- Have been baptized Catholic but who have not made the sacraments of Eucharist, Penance and Confirmation

Some may be waiting to be invited by you, their spouse, friend or relative. So please do not hesitate to ask them about the RCIA and even tell them you will accompany them to the classes.

#### **Information Night**

When: Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Marian Parish Center

Classes continue on Thursday nights until April.

### **Collection Corner**

2021-2022 Sunday Collection Budget Goal: **\$750,000.00**

Weekly Sunday Collection Budget Goal: **\$14,500.00**

Week #7: 8/13 & 8/14/22 Sunday Collection Total: **\$12,069.51**

Excess or (deficit): **(\$2,430.49)**

Week #8: 8/20 & 8/21/22 Sunday Collection Total: **\$12,555.71**

Excess or (deficit): **(\$1,944.29)**

### **Altar Server Schedule**

Saturday Evening (September 3)

5:00 pm Owen Elkins, Robert Pawlowski

Sunday (September 4)

7:30 am Madelyn Holmes, Jo Anna Stanger

10:30am Michael Burns, Matthew Hartman

12 Noon Orla Jacoby, Stella Jacoby

### **Priest Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Weekend of September 3 – September 4**

Saturday, September 3

5:00 pm – Fr. Mike

Sunday, September 4

7:30 am – Fr. Katziner

9:00 am – Fr. O'Sullivan

10:30 am – Fr. Rauch

12 Noon – Fr. Katziner

4:00 pm – Fr. Mike

Every Tuesday in August, we will host an open air conditioned gym for pickleball in the gym from 6:30pm-8:30pm. We will have 3 pickleball courts to play at a time. (12 people total can play at 1 time). Once a game ends, we will rotate new teams in to play the next game. Paddles, balls, & nets will be provided unless you want to bring your own. Any questions, please e-mail coordinator, Paul Laich at [paullaich@gmail.com](mailto:paullaich@gmail.com) or call the rectory at 215-245-1698 for more info.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Court St. Ephrem #2230

will hold their next meeting on  
Sunday, September 11th at 1:30 p.m.  
in the School Cafeteria

All Catholic Women, age 18+,  
are invited to join us  
In Unity and Charity

## A Message from Fr. Mike: "New Things Coming to St. Ephrem"

Friends,

Excited to share that we are starting up 4 new things for different needs in our parish to build greater community & the bonds of a true, spiritual family! They are all strategic; working on all different levels from our youth to engaged couples to the women of our parish, etc.:

1. **Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Every Sunday starting September 25 in the Marian Center during 10:30am Mass. Children will be invited to come up and leave during the readings & homily at Mass for a more age appropriate Gospel teaching through crafts, coloring, etc.

2. **Walking With Purpose** - Wednesday, September 28th from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the convent meeting room - **women's prayer group for ages 23-65**. Will meet monthly to start, invite a friend! Something new!

3. **Parish Pre-Cana** (engaged couples preparing to get married) returns Saturday, November 12th. It will be in our Marian Center from 10:30am - after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. Chick Fil A lunch will be provided. We have 10 married couples presenting different themes; very interactive with lots of wisdom. \$125 to register per couple which includes lunch & gifts. Engaged couple doesn't have to be from or getting married at St. Ephrem; they can be from anywhere!

To reserve a seat, please call the rectory at 215-245-1698.

4. **Free Catholic Podcast of the Month - "More Goodness Now"** -

host, Shannon Donnelly (local young adult & parishioner)

Available on Apple, iTunes, Android, & Spotify.

Grow in your faith life on your car ride or just relaxing at home!

God bless & try something new! Share and get the word out!

Fr. Mike

## Fr. Mike's Pastor Installation Dinner RSVP

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Immediately following 5:00 p.m. Installation Mass

The \_\_\_\_\_ family **will be** attending Fr. Mike's reception.

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this completed form by Wednesday, September 14th!**

### St. Ephrem Parish invites you to their Fall Bereavement Support Group.

It is a support group for those whose lives have been touched by the loss of a family member or friend.

Support Groups can give you:

- a place to provide and receive emotional support
- a place to share your story with others who are on the same journey through grief
- a place to ask nagging questions such as:  
"Is this normal?"  
"How long will this hurt last?"
- a safe and confidential place to face your feelings about loss.

Meetings are held on eight consecutive Wednesdays beginning  
Sept. 21 at 1:00 to 2:30 PM **OR**  
Sept. 21 at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
in the Marian Parish Center Meeting Room.

Registration is required.

Please contact Sr. Mary Jane at 215-638-4332 or [mjbihm3@gmail.com](mailto:mjbihm3@gmail.com) to register and tell which time you wish to register, afternoon or evening.

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### Are You Being Called?

Permanent Diaconate Information Night Session  
Thursday, September 22, 2022  
7:00 PM

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary  
Vianney Auditorium  
100 East Wynnewood Road  
Wynnewood, PA 19096

We invite Catholic men (and wives if married) between the ages of 29 and 55 to join us for an in person panel of clergy about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program.

Interested in attending this Permanent  
Diaconate Information Night Session?  
Scan this QR code to register!



Want to learn more visit  
<https://archphila.org/deacon> or School of Diaconal  
Formation website <https://www.scs.edu/diaconal-formation>

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**ATTENTION: SAFE ENVIRONMENT~  
PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING**

St. Ephrem will be hosting a Safe Environment: Protecting God's Children (Part 1) training session on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. **\*\*If you plan on volunteering or working with our youth in any capacity, you MUST attend this class!** Registration is available online at [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0). Please select Philadelphia, PA (Archdiocese) from the drop down menu. You can complete the class at any of the scheduled sessions in our area.

**IMPORTANT NOTE** about email, Facebook, and text message scams! Just letting you all know that none of our priests, deacons, sisters, or staff would ever text, email, or message you for gift cards/cash/checks for donations to the parish through social media, texts, or emails. These are people trying to pretend to be us. Just this week, a scammer emailed one of our parishioners for gift cards with a fake e-mail pretending to be Fr. Mike. I would never do that! Just a heads up! Alert the rectory 215-245-1698 if a scammer is posing to be any of us!

**Irish Festival**

Sunday September 11th - 11am to 4pm  
Location – American Legion Post 834  
300 Yardley Avenue, Levittown, PA 19054  
*Sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians  
Newtown Division 2 and Langhorne Division 5*  
Come and join the fun and enjoy the Irish music, Irish dancing, Irish goods and great refreshments, (included)  
Tickets for Adults over 21- \$25  
and for those 11 - 20 - \$15  
and Kids 10 and under – Free  
Screening of the Eagles game and join the Cornhole and Horseshoe Tournaments  
**All proceeds go to fund the AOH Joe McGinnis Scholarship Fund and Hope 101**  
For Ticket info contact Larry Byrne at 267-229-0288  
[www.aohnewtownpa.com](http://www.aohnewtownpa.com)

**Everyone is invited to the Polish American Festival**

The 56th Annual Polish American Festival at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, located at 654 Ferry Road in Doylestown, PA, takes place during Labor Day Weekend, Saturday, September 3rd, Sunday, September 4th and Labor Day, Monday, September 5th from 12 Noon to 8 P.M. each day.

The Polish American Festival features carnival rides, live music, and stage shows, and ongoing entertainment on the main stage and in the Polish Village highlighting Polish traditions and customs, Polish Folk Dance Groups, along with a variety of Polish and American food and refreshments.

The \$12.00 admission includes all events and carnival rides. The festival will continue Saturday, September 10th, and Sunday, September 11th, 12 Noon to 8 P.M.

For more information visit:  
[PolishAmericanCenter.com](http://PolishAmericanCenter.com) or [PolishAmericanFestival.org](http://PolishAmericanFestival.org).

**St. Ephrem  
After School Irish Dance Program**



**Day : Wednesdays**  **Time : 3:00pm - 4:00pm**  
*Open to all students from Kindergarten to 8th grade*

**Classes begin September 14, 2022**

**Under the direction of Olivia Hilpl ODCRN**

*For more information & to register  
Call Olivia directly @ 215-715-8778 or email  
[admin@rincer-irishdance.com](mailto:admin@rincer-irishdance.com)*

**Conwell-Egan Catholic Girls Volleyball Car Wash**

When: Sunday, August 28, 2022

Time: 12 Noon — 3:00 p.m.

Where: Conwell-Egan Catholic High School

Cost: Donations

**Saint Peregrine Day~ Saturday, September 10th**

This is an all day event focused on encouragement and spiritual renewal for those fighting cancer and their families. This entire day will feature inspirational talks about faith and cancer, powerful moments of prayer throughout the day, demonstrations and presentations, a holistic health expo fair, and so much more. Come visit the shrine and relics of Saint Peregrine, who is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer, at Resurrection of our Lord Parish, Philadelphia.

To find out the schedule of the day please visit  
[www.resurrectphilaorg/CANCER](http://www.resurrectphilaorg/CANCER).

**Conference for Single Catholics**

Single and Catholic? September 16th-18th, 2022 - join hundreds of single Catholics coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 21st National Conference for Single Catholics at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, VA.

The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. Register with this promo code (PARISH22) to get \$50 off! Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.

Visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register. Can't find what you're looking for? call 512-766-5798.

**Bishop Egan Class of 1962 60th Year Reunion**

We invite graduates from all the Egan classes to join us as we celebrate this milestone anniversary. The event will be at Georgine's Restaurant on Saturday, October 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call or email Mary Anne Conry Roche to receive an invitation— 215-781-8113 or [maroche2100@gmail.com](mailto:maroche2100@gmail.com).