

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH



5400 Hulmeville Road Bensalem, PA 19020

Rectory: 215-245-1698 **School:** 215-639-9488

School Website: saintephremschool.com **Parish Website:** www.stephrem.com

Parish Email: stephrem19020@gmail.com

Office Hours: 9:00AM-4:00PM

Mass Schedule

Vigil: Saturday 5:00PM (available on our YouTube feed after 7:00pm Saturday evening.)

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon, 4:00PM

Tuesday through Friday: 7:00AM & 8:30AM **Mondays & Saturdays:** 8:30AM

(Special daily Mass schedule on certain national holidays; please check the bulletin as the holiday approaches.)

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month after 12 Noon Mass. Call rectory to confirm.

Weddings: Call the rectory to reserve your wedding & rehearsal at least 6 months prior to your desired date to begin the Marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick & Homebound: Call Sr. Mary Jane or the Rectory to arrange communion to the sick & homebound as well as the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Confessions: Saturday afternoon: 4:00PM to 4:45PM; Wednesday after the 8:30AM Mass or by appointment with a priest at the rectory.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays beginning at 9:00AM & concluding with Night Prayer at 7:45PM.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 10:30AM

Parish Registration: A new parishioner may register in the parish by visiting our parish website & clicking the I'm New tab or by calling a priest at the rectory.

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael G. Speziale, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Kenneth P. McAteer, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Timothy F. O'Sullivan, Parochial Vicar
Deacon James P. DeBow, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Edward J. Dymek,
Retired Permanent Deacon

Sister Shaun Thomas Callahan, I.H.M., Principal
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Pastoral Minister to the Sick & Elderly
Ms. Shannon Donnelly, 215-639-4895, C.R.E., P.R.E.P.
Mr. Keith Tomson, 215-245-1698, Business Manager
Mr. Ronald Chanler, 267-679-6638
Liturgy and Music Coordinator

St. Ephrem Catholic

Bensalem, PA

March 23, 2025

Weekly Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 23rd 3rd Sunday of Lent	7:30	Jackie Williams
	9:00	Lorrain McLain
	10:30	Angela Bruno
	12 noon	Samuel J. Augustine
	4:00	John Roley
Monday, March 24th	8:30	Edward Tertel
Tuesday, March 25th	7:00	Souls of the Faithful Departed
	8:30	Rose & Lenny Solenski
Wednesday, March 26th	7:00	Philip LaCorte
	8:30	Ethel Matsko
Thursday, March 27th	7:00	William H. Hughes, Jr.
	8:30	Dolores & George Feeley
Friday, March 28th	7:00	Lyle & Elise Wilt
	8:30	Jose Montenegro
Saturday, March 29th	8:30	Amelia & Arthur deMarco
	5:00	Joseph Gabrieli
Sunday, March 30th 4th Sunday of Lent	7:30	St. Ephrem Parish Family
	9:00	Betty Guild
	10:30	Anna Arrison
	12 noon	Margaret E. Francano
	4:00	Barry Ferris

Please pray for our Sick Parishioners, Family Members & Friends

E.J. RICHMOND JOHN BEECHER BARBARA UMEK JOE MCGOWAN HARPER CORRIGAN QUERUBIN BUELLA JOHN MACK RITA MELANEY KATE SOTTILE KIMBERLY PASTOR T.J. COLLINS GAYLE KING ROSE ANCHARSKI VINCENT CHALELA GENEVIEVE RYNKIEWICZ SR. MARY K. DUTKO, SSJ SYAIR BUMPESS PATRICIA & MICHAEL MCGOVERN SAMUEL GABRIELE JOE TRUCKS CHARLES SANFORD ANN GOLDEN GEORGE & TED RAKOWSKI NOLAN ROZZELLE JAMES MOORE JULIE FATE AUBREY HUSTER ROSE GAMILS AUBREE SMITH CAROLINE CATTANI ROBERT KANG ANN KRAJEWSKI TOM CAMPBELL TOM ZMIGRODSKI KARREN, MADISON & WARREN LANTZ	MARGO BODI DIANE VAN HISE ROSE WRIGHT MICHAEL MCGOUGH CAROL HIGGINS MSGR. JOSEPH GARVIN JOE WATERS AARON SHORT STEVEN INFANTE COLE CANNING AVA CHAZIN VIRGINIA WHALEN AMY LAWSON MARIE GREWAY ANN GAVAGHAN BOB CUMMONS ROSEMARIE WALDRON BEN STOLTENBERG FRAN TOZZI BARBARA JENE URSO JOHN CUNNINGHAM BARBARA KRAVNICK CATHERINE GABRIEL SEAN MCLEAD ANGIE GIANPIETRO PHILLIP STRYBUC SHERLENE AYALA AMANDA BILLUPS DENISE ROTH MELISSA O'MARA ANTHONY MARTINO, JR. MAUREEN SCHOFIELD RICHARD KRASOWSKI MARIE & JOE LERRO BABY EZEKIEL MITCHELL KAHLIL DISESUS
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WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS!

Mr. & Mrs. William & Ashley Armstrong Family
Mrs. Mary Pastman
Ms. Kimberly MacDonald Family
Mr. Dean Yannessa
Mr. & Mrs. Scott & Taryn Robinson
Mr. Kenneth Siegfried, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Dana Hall Family
Mr. & Mrs. Steven & Barbara Haffner
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Maureen Jackson Family

New parishioners can register by seeing one of our priests after Sunday Mass, by visiting our parish website and clicking the I'm New tab, or by calling the rectory at 215-245-1698 to speak to a priest.



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WEEKLY UPDATES

Collection Corner

IN ADDITION TO THE SUNDAY ENVELOPE COLLECTION, ONLINE GIVING HAS BEEN GROWING AS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF CHURCH SUPPORT.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ONLINE GIVING, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [HTTP://WWW.STEPHREM.COM](http://www.stephrem.com) AND SELECT THE GIVE TAB, OR SCAN THIS QR CODE:



2024-2025 SUNDAY ENVELOPE & ONLINE GIVING BUDGET GOAL: \$1,050,000

SUNDAY ENVELOPE & ONLINE BUDGET GOAL: \$20,200.00

WEEKEND OF 3/8 & 3/9 ENVELOPE & ONLINE ACTUAL: \$21,220.00

SURPLUS OR (SHORTFALL): +\$1,020.00

Holy Mass

WEEKLY PRIEST SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

5:00 pm | Fr. Mike

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 am | Fr. O'Sullivan

9:00 am | Fr. Mike

10:30 am | Fr. Rauch

12:00 pm | Fr. Citino

4:00 pm | Fr. O'Sullivan

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. EPHREM THIS WEEK!

Sunday 3/23/25

- Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:30 AM
- Chance & Auction Chance Sales in vestibule
- Bingo 7 PM

Monday 3/24/25

- Crochet Circle- 1 PM Convent
- Pickleball 6 PM- Gym
- Boy Scouts 7 PM- Cafeteria
- Chance & Auction Meeting 7 PM

Tuesday 3/25/25

- Adoration 9 AM to 8 PM in Church
- Flame of Love 12 noon
- Stations of the Cross 7 PM- Church
- Cub Scouts 7 PM Cafeteria
- One Day at a Time 7 PM MPC
- Men's Faith Sharing 7:30 PM

Wednesday 3/26/25

- Walking with Purpose 7 PM in the Convent
- Bereavement Support Group 1 PM or 7 PM- Marian Center
- Golf Outing Meeting 7 PM in the Cafeteria

Thursday 3/27/25

- OCIA 7 PM

Friday 3/28/25



Saturday 3/29/25

- Men's Faith Sharing 7:00 AM
- Chance & Auction Doors Open at 5:30



School Spotlight



All the lads and lasses at SEC wish our parishioners a Happy St. Patrick's Day! Our students enjoyed special math activities, writing prompts, art projects, and games. May the luck of the Irish be with you always!



FR. MIKE'S MESSAGE

"26TH ANNUAL CHANCE & AUCTION WEEK!"

FRIENDS,

OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR, OUR LONGEST FUN-RAISER GOING AT SEC! THE THEME IS CARNIVAL!
THERE ARE STILL ABOUT 100 TICKETS LEFT TO GO; BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE AT

EXCITING CARNIVAL EXTRAVAGANZA!

IF YOU NEED HELP BUYING TICKETS, CALL COLLEEN FROM THE SCRIP OFFICE AT 215-447-0020

THE CARNIVAL THEME INVOLVES THE ENTERTAINMENT OF A MAGICIAN & A SINGING QUARTET!

WE WILL ALSO HAVE ADULT CARNIVAL GAMES THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT!

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH THRU THE MARIAN CENTER ENTRANCE!

TICKETS ARE \$45 - INCLUDES DINNER, BEER, WINE, SODA, AND DESSERT! 21 & OVER!

DINNER IS FROM SWEET LUCY'S BBQ ON STATE RD IN NE PHILLY!

YOU CAN ALSO BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS FOR YOU & YOUR GUESTS!

WHAT IS CHANCE & AUCTION?

- OVER 100 BASKETS WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF BY THE END OF THE NIGHT. ALL THE BASKETS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE GYM. MOST OF THE BASKETS ARE DONATIONS. THE VALUE OF EACH BASKET IS APPROXIMATELY \$75 AND ABOVE! (ONLY THOSE GOING TO THE EVENT CAN WIN THE BASKETS!)
 - TICKETS FOR BASKETS ARE \$25 FOR 10 SHEETS OF TICKETS BEFORE THE EVENT ITSELF. IF YOU HAVE PURCHASED A TICKET FOR THE EVENT, YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO COME TO THE PREVIEW NIGHT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH FROM 5:30PM-8:00PM IN THE GYM. THE PREVIEW NIGHT ALLOWS YOU TO CHECK OUT THE BASKETS IN ADVANCE THE NIGHT BEFORE.
- LIVE AUCTION HAPPENS FOR 6 SPECIAL ITEMS LIKE: NAMING OF ENTRANCE/EXIT SIGN, SPECIAL PARKING SPOT, SEA ISLE HOUSE, CHRISTMAS EVE MASS & FOOD W/ FR. MIKE AT HOME, SPECIAL DINNER WITH PRIESTS AT RESTAURANT OF YOUR CHOICE - PRIESTS PAY* (ONLY THOSE GOING TO THE EVENT CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE LIVE AUCTION)
- SILENT/ONLINE AUCTION OF OVER 200 ITEMS & EXPERIENCES:
 - THE ONLINE AUCTION WILL GO LIVE FOR BIDDING STARTING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH AT 2:00PM & CLOSE FOR BIDDING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH AT 11:00PM.
 - YOU CAN WIN THE ONLINE AUCTION ITEM FROM HOME OR IN PERSON AT THE EVENT!
 - GO TO THE SAME WEBSITE ABOVE TO BID ON AUCTION ITEMS: EXCITING CARNIVAL EXTRAVAGANZA!

*THE FOLLOWING WILL BE SOLD AFTER MASSES AND AT THE CHANCE & AUCTION EVENT ITSELF:

****YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR THE CHANCE & AUCTION EVENT TO WIN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES:**
50/50 RAFFLE, BEARFOOT COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL (2 VIP TICKETS), 2 PHILLIES TICKETS LOWER LEVEL & \$50 FOR FOOD & TOUR OF CITIZENS BANK PARK, 2 TICKETS TO PENN & TELLER AT ACADEMY OF MUSIC, & TUITION RAFFLE (\$1000 OFF ST. EPHREM TUITION)

A LOT OF WORK HAS GONE INTO THIS CHANCE & AUCTION! SPECIAL THANKS NEXT WEEK SPECIFICALLY TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS WHO MADE THIS ALL HAPPEN! SO MANY MEETINGS, TIME TO DECORATE, TIME TO WRAP BASKETS, TIME TO CALL FOR SPONSORS & DONATIONS, TIME FOR SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP, TIME TO CREATE THE ONLINE AUCTION SITE, ETC.

GOD BLESS!

FR. MIKE

Mass Book Update

Our 2025 Mass Book is full.
We are currently able to offer unannounced Masses until the 2026 Mass Book opens, which will be in June.
Thank you for your understanding!

CHANCE & AUCTION VOLUNTEER MEETING

For those who signed up to volunteer, our final mandatory meeting will be March 24th at 7 PM in the Marian Center



PARISH HAPPENINGS

JOIN US FOR THE ULTIMATE CAR SHOW *Extravaganza*



Rev up your engines and cruise on over to the most anticipated car show of the year! Our Car Show Extravaganza will feature a stunning array of cars, Raffle Baskets, 50/50, and Door Prizes. All proceeds benefit faculty support & supplies.

\$25 Registration (First 100 cars receive gift)
Top 25 awards Judged by St Ephrem's Staff

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Tickets on sale NOW!

For more information and to
purchase tickets go to

<http://bidpal.net/stephremcarnival>



or scan the QRCode



To **Volunteer** for this event
please contact
Jo-Ann Falls 215-378-5416

Any questions please email
StEphremChance@gmail.com

Easter Schedule 2025

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 P.M.

(There will be visiting priests available)

CONFESSIONS

Every Wednesday at 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, April 16th 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Saturday Confessions 4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.

(except Easter Vigil)

Saturday, April 12th, 2025 3:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.

Confessions anytime by appointment

call 215-245-1698

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17, 2025

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 P.M.

Night Prayer 10:45 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18, 2025

Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19, 2025

Blessing of Easter Food 12:00 Noon

Easter Vigil 8:00 P.M.

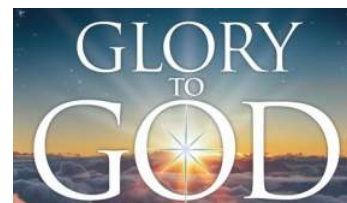
EASTER SUNDAY, April 20, 2025

7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. & 12 Noon
(no 4:00 P.M. Mass)



Got Baskets?

If you have any empty baskets
you are willing to donate to
our Chance & Auction please
drop them off
at the SCRIP Office
or the Rectory
during normal business hours.
Thank you!!!



PARISH HAPPENINGS

St Ephrem Chance & Auction 2025

Raffle chances for the following will be available in the vestibule of the church before and after masses.

Barefoot Country Music Festival

Phillies

Tuition

50/50



You do not need to attend the event to win these

We will also sell Chance Cards for the Chance Baskets for the night of.

You **do** need to be present to win this

March 2 March 9 March 16 March 23
Sundays 7:15am - 1:00pm and 3:45- 4:30pm

3RD ANNUAL SEC GOLF OUTING



SATURDAY, MAY 17TH
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SIGN UP FOR THIS GREAT EVENT
BEFORE WE REACH OUR MAX!

***NEXT VOLUNTEER MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH
AT 7 PM
IN THE CAFETERIA



Career Opportunity - Client Service Advocate
Legacy of Life Foundation is a mission-driven, faith-based non-profit working to save the lives of babies and strengthen families. We seek to break the pattern of thinking unplanned pregnancies ruin lives.

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CRUISE

St. Ephrem Senior Citizens Club Trip
Cruise to Bermuda

Thursday, May 14 to Thursday, May 21, 2026

Round Trip from Philadelphia Cruise Pier

Ports of Call: King's Wharf, Bermuda
Charleston, South Carolina

Includes: Pre-paid on-board gratuities and the beverage package

For any questions, flyers, costs, etc.,
Please contact Ray Ruczynski @ 215-757-3473

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

4th Annual Marriage Enrichment Day

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ATTENTION CIVIL WAR BUFFS!

Civil War Chaplains Talk at

St. Francis of Assisi in Norristown, PA

A free program entitled "Soldiers of Faith-The Chaplains of the Civil War", will be presented on Thursday evening, March 27th, at 7:00 pm in the AMC (at the back of the school building).

The presenter will be Mr. Walter Lafty of the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Archive of Philadelphia. The program will last 45 minutes and be followed by a Q&A session.

All are welcome to attend in person or by ZOOM.



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THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER IS DR. DANIEL DRAIN, THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE ARCHDIOCESE'S OFFICE FOR LIFE AND FAMILY. THIS CONFERENCE IS FREE AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED, BUT PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

TO REGISTER EMAIL YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TO

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OR CALL 215-885-8150

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



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The Catechetical Institute (CI) offers online non-credit courses for Catholic adults 18 years+ with a high school diploma or equivalent. The courses are for teachers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia elementary schools who are required to obtain catechetical certification; parish catechists; and those seeking to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

The following CI courses are being offered in April:

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Sacraments of Healing and Vocation

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<https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/catechetical-institute/>

Cost per course is \$60.00



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Come & See Weekends (Jn 1:39)
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Come & See Retreat Weekends offer men the opportunity to visit Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, meet with seminarians, and deepen their prayer life in order to explore the possibility of the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Post High School Discernment Dates

March 7-9, 2025

April 4-6, 2025



For more information and to register, visit: HeedtheCall.org/ComeandSee



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Rev. Sean English, Interim Vocation Director
1400 Evans Road, Ambler PA
610-667-5778; VocationDirector@archphila.org



Spring Open House, Villa Victoria Academy Saturday April 12, 2025 1:00-3:00 pm

Families interested in learning more about Villa Victoria Academy's program are invited to our Spring Open House. During the Open House families can meet Villa students, parents, alumnae and teachers. Contact Mrs. White at cwhite@villavictoria.org for more information or to register.

Registration is also available at <https://villavictoria.org/admissions/open-house/>.

Walk-in families are also welcome.

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MARCH 30TH - SPRING OPEN HOUSE

**APRIL 5TH - 7TH GRADE PRACTICE
SCHOLARSHIP EXAM**



KIDS' CORNER

Name: _____

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Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
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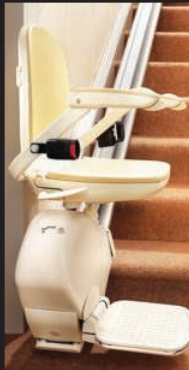
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