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Rectory Office Hours

Mondays - Thursdays
9:00AM—5:00PM
Closed from 12:00PM—1:00PM
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
5:00PM—8:00PM
Saturdays and Sundays
9:00AM—1:00PM
By Appointment to Speak with Clergy

Devotions

Miraculous Medal (Tuesdays at 9:30 AM)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday Evening 7:00PM in Church
First Fridays at 7:00PM in Church
Last Sunday of the month in Church, or otherwise noted,
12:00—1:00 PM

Catholic Cemeteries

For Information and available options, please call
718.894.4888.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 PM
Sunday - 9:00AM and 11:00AM
Weekday - 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month at 12:30 PM (except during the Season of Lent), or when otherwise noted. Please call the rectory for an appointment at least one month in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Marriage arrangements must be made at least six (6) months prior to the proposed wedding date. Please call the rectory to make an appointment. Also, log onto www.pre-cana.org for complete information about required marriage preparation in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Christian community striving to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Nourished by the Eucharist and enlightened by the Word of God, our Pastor, Parish Staff and Parishioners welcome all. With faith in His Gospel, we are called to love as Jesus loves and, therefore, serve our community through the sharing of time, talents and treasure to support programs of evangelization and social justice. Our commitment encompasses serving the youth through education, sports and formation. We seek to develop services for the elderly and homebound. Finally, we wish to challenge and sustain all parishioners through spiritual and educational activities.

From the Pastor's Office

Dear Parishioners,

This week we begin the great season of Advent. It is a time of preparation for meeting the Lord at Christmas. The readings and liturgies remind us that we need to make ourselves ready to greet him when he comes. The first part of the season of Advent gives us images of the end times that motivate us not to be lazy in our Christian responsibility to be a people filled with Faith, Hope, and Love. The middle of the Season reminds us that Christ has already come as a little child, Emanuel, on that first Christmas, now over two thousand years ago. This fact stands as a reminder that Christ came to save us by becoming like us in all things except for sin. As we contemplate the serenity of the manger and the light that Jesus brings into our lives, we also recognize the shadow of the cross that Jesus was born to carry and suffer for our sins. The last way we are invited into the mystery of Advent is to recognize that Jesus once again makes himself present to us today, in the midst of our daily lives. When we allow him, Jesus walks with us in all the situations we find ourselves in. The season of Advent is a reminder to us that he is here in this moment. Let us not delay sharing with him our prayers and receive him in the Sacraments, especially in the worthy reception of the Eucharist. During the season of Advent there are many opportunities to prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas. I encourage you to participate in the special offerings of prayer, praise, and adoration here at St. Kevin Church. Please see the many events listed in the bulletin and mark your calendars to join with us as together we prepare to make the season Merry!

Blessings,

Fr. Marc



From the Music Director

We Need Stocking Stuffers and Concert Audiences!

For decades, carolers went from house to house offering Christmas carols in exchange for gifts and treats. And though hardly anyone does this anymore, SKCA students do! But this year, instead of seeking gifts or treats, we're flipping the tradition and surprising each house we sing at with a Christmas stocking! So, if you can, please find it in your heart to donate some stocking stuffers to us; gift cards, ornaments, Christmas candy, or anything else you can think of! You can drop them off at the rectory or SKCA school office any time before December 18! And thank you in advance for your generosity!

We also want to see you at any of all of three upcoming musical concerts: the St. Kevin Parish Choir & SKCA students present a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 4:00 PM immediately followed by the 7th Annual Lighting of Trees & Angels! The Diocesan Choir will present Lessons & Carols (& Cookies, oh my!) on Friday, Dec. 15th at 7:30 PM here; a concert followed by a delicious reception! Then on Monday, Dec. 18th at 6:30 PM, students present the SKCA Christmas Spectacular, and it will be! So, see you at these concerts!



Steven Vaughan, Director of Music Ministry
SacredMusic@StKevinFlushing.org
(718) 357-8888, x12

REHEARSALS:

Choir:	Tuesday 12/5	7:30 &
	Saturday 12/9	2:00
Children's Choir :	Saturday 12/9	4:00
Living Nativity :	Sunday 12/10	Noon



ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2nd

5:00PM: **People of St. Kevin Parish**
Thomas Sintong Lim

Tia McLoughan *By The Pornpitaksuk Family*
Italo Maruca *By Father Marc*
By Daniele & Rose Maruca

Sunday, December 3rd

9:00AM: **The St. Kevin Purgatorial Society**
1100AM: **The St. Kevin Rosary Society**

Monday, December 4th

9:00AM: **Vicky Nolan** *By The Lavelle Family*

Tuesday, December 5th

9:00AM: **Stanley Wysocki, Jr.** *By Arlene Wysocki*

Wednesday, December 6th

9:00AM: **The St. Kevin Prayer Group**
By Annie & Gerard Picardi

Thursday, December 7th

9:00AM: **Salvatore Sica** *By Giuseppina Avallone*
7:00PM: **The People of St. Kevin Parish**

Friday, December 8th

9:00AM: **Ralph Congema** *By The Congema Family*

Saturday, December 9th

9:00AM: **Gloria Diminich**
By Luciano Diminich & Family

Saturday, December 9th

5:00PM: **People of St. Kevin Parish**
Joseph Ferrigno *By Mary Meehan*
Ersilia Sica *By Rocco Sica*
Gaetano Sica *By Rocco Sica*
Mary Dunkak *By Alice Dunkak Quinn*

Sunday, December 10th

9:00AM: **Giuseppe & Rina Beacco** *By Laura Beacco*
1100AM: **Angelo Beacco** *By Laura Beacco*

Memorial Gifts Week of December 3, 2023



The Paschal Candle that will burn in the Church throughout the year has been donated by Dr. & Mrs. Hugh McGowan **for God's Blessings on all those living with Alzheimer's and Dementia.**



The Sanctuary Lamps are being offered this week for
The People of St. Kevin.



The Bread & Wine are being offered this week by Giulia Ieraci for
Morris Cagliuso

There are weekly Memorials available of:

Bread and Wine (\$25)

Altar Candles (\$25)

The St. Kevin Shrine Lamp (\$25)

The Sanctuary Lamps (\$50)

Altar Flowers (\$150)



Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish Family

Eugene Fortunato, Anna Mottolo,
Carole Graves, Mary Ann Dotzler,
James Doyle, Richard J. Hurlman,
Jean Messina Weber, Thomas Hurlman, Tina
Tonorezos, Eileen Debuckey, Eileen Cantwell, Tylie
Tierney, John Nogueira, Joseph Mosca, Olga
Cartaino, Sister Margaret, Marcia Calisi, Steve Carr,
Theresa Tenaglia, Eileen Donahue, Joanne Balek,
John Donahue, Shane O'Sullivan, Jan Delorme,
Roberta Kirkwood, Mirbella Kirby, Maria Morales,
Anthony LaGatutta, Patricia Margarone, Edith
Terrie Pouymari, Andrew Leonard, Phyllis Limmer
Suzanne Kastner, & Maria Biundo



Please Pray for the Faithful Departed

Clara Maselli,
Jean Arnold Samedì &
Patrick McGirr

May they Rest in Eternal Peace!



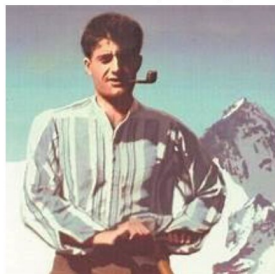
"I would like for us to pledge a pact that knows no earthly boundaries or temporal limits: union in prayer"

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

There will be a meeting for young adults in their 20's and 30's who would like to participate in a Frassati Fellowship here at St. Kevin Church. A Frassati Fellowship is named after Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, who was a young devout Catholic and leader to his peers. His legacy is built on the daily acts of Charity he did in honor of God and in service to his neighbor. During his short and vibrant life he inspired many to live a saintly life, and today his witness and intercession calls young people to a life of holiness. The Frassati Fellowship aims at serving young adults, single and married, interested in growing in Faith, fellowship, and friendship, by engaging in a variety of activities—spiritual, service, catechetical, and social.

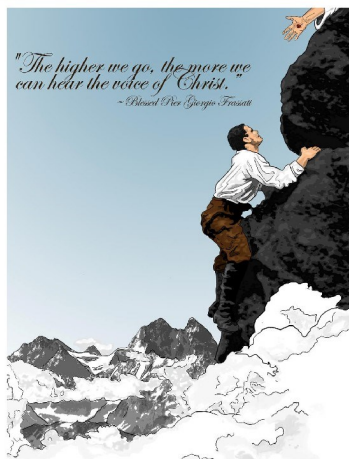
The Next meeting of the Frassati Fellowship, Flushing, will be on Tuesday December 12th at 7PM in the Msgr. Finnerty Parish Center.

Please use the entrance by the Parking Lot Elevator.



Next Meeting

St. Kevin Church's Parish Center
45-21 194th Street
Flushing, NY 11358
Tuesday, Dec 12, 2023
Meetings Start at 7PM



Stewardship Update



Stewardship Collection November 25th & 26th:

\$6,398.00

Fuel Collection:

\$1,281.00

Poor Boxes:

\$423.00

Candle Boxes:

\$422.00

Mass Count November 25th & 26th: 510



Help us reach our Goal
of \$108,738.00

Pledged: \$106,079.00

Paid: \$103,683.00

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 2nd

4:00PM: Confessions

Sunday, December 3rd

Religious Education Remote Classes

Monday, December 4th

9:30AM: Eucharistic Adoration (Convent Chapel)

1:00PM: St. Kevin Rosary Society Christmas Luncheon
(Parish Center)

7:00PM: Bible Study Class (Convent)

Tuesday, December 5th

1:00PM: St. Kevin Senior Club (Parish Center)

6:30PM: Build—a—Block Meeting (Parish Center)

7:30PM: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, December 6th

Rectory closed from 11am –3pm

3:00PM: St. Kevin Prayer Group (Sanctuary)

7:00PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

Thursday, December 7th

7:00PM: RCIA Class (Convent Chapel)

7:00PM: Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass (Church)

Friday, December 8th

9:45AM: Bible Study Class (Parish Center)

Word of Life

"The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' womb and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life
Activities**

Respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life



The St. Kevin Rosary Society will be hosting a Christmas Luncheon on Monday December 4, 2023 at 1:00 in the Monsignor Finnerty Parish Center. The cost to attend the event is \$20. Please contact Lisa in the rectory office if you are interested, (718)357-8888.



To all attending mass, a gentle remind to the following:

- Please turn off or silence your cell phones before entering church and during mass.
- Please refrain from sending and receiving text messages and emails while in church.
- Please be considerate and mindful to those sitting in a wheelchair.
- Please reserve the extended pew in front of the altar for the disabled or those with a walker.
- Please refrain from bringing food & drink into the church.

Thank you so much for your consideration and kindness.

Queens Deanery #5

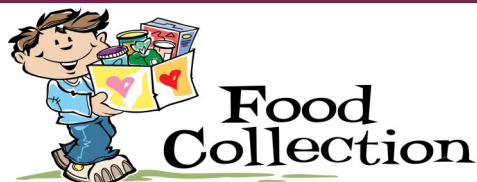
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American Martyrs	St. Anastasia
St. Gregory the Great	Sacred Heart
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	St. Kevin
Our Lady of the Snows	Holy Family
St. Robert Bellamine	St. Josephat



If you are new to St. Kevin's Church please introduce yourself to one of our Parish Priests or Deacon after mass. We invite you to stop at the rectory office to meet the staff and register as a parishioner of St. Kevin and to visit our website:

StKevinChurch@StKevinFlushing.org



Items Needed:

Coffee (regular or decaf, ground or instant), Tea (regular or decaf), jelly or jam, peanut butter, shelf stable milk (similar or equal to Permalat), canned salmon, canned tuna fish, black beans (canned or dry), red beans, (canned or dry), Garbanzo beans (canned or dry), rice (one or two pound bags), mac & cheese, mashed potatoes, oatmeal, dry cereal, pasta, pasta/tomato sauce, applesauce, canned fruit, soup and paper bags for distribution.

For Donation Drop Off : The Church is opened daily until 2:00PM, please utilize the large plastic containers inside the rear parking lot doors, or in the Rectory
Monday—Thursday 9-5PM

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH & PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY CLOTHING IN OUR FOOD BINS.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the rectory. And if you are interested in volunteering at “The Market,” please speak to Ms. Agnes Rus at
718-357-8888

Next Food Distribution: Wednesday December 13th



All St. Kevin Faith Formation & SKCA students in grades 2—4 may audition for the roles of Mary; Joseph; 4 angels; 3 shepherds and 3 Kings to participate in this **Christmas Eve Mass** to reenact the birth of Jesus. 45-minute rehearsals will take place after 11:00 Mass from Noon—12:45 every Sunday in Advent: Sundays 12/3; 12/10; 12/17; and 12/24. ALL REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY.

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Faith Formation ☐ SKCA ☐

I hereby give consent to St. Kevin and the Diocese of Brooklyn to use any photographs or video recording in its printed publications, websites and social media.

Parent Signature _____ Email _____

Return this form at the first rehearsal



All St. Kevin Faith Formation & SKCA students in grades 3—8 may participate. 45-minute rehearsals will take place every Saturday from 4:00—4:45 downstairs in the Msgr. D.J. Finnerty Parish Center. Then, we'll sing or ring at the 5:00 Mass, and the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass!



Advent Giving Tree 2023 4 Easy Steps...

To help make Christmas a little special for some families this season all donations are to our St. Kevin Food Pantry and Bridge to Life.

Step 1. Please visit the trees in the church;

Step 2. Choose an ornament(s);

Step 3. Please drop your donation off by December 18th and place them under the Christmas trees;

Step 4. Keep the ornament and place it on your tree.

"It is more Blessed to Give than to Receive"

Acts 20:35

Join the
St. Kevin Parish Choir & SKCA students for our

Christmas Concert

concluding with the
7th Annual
Christmas Tree & Angel
Lighting Ceremony

Sunday
December 10
4:00 PM



St. Kevin RC Church
45-21 194th Street
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*Every Monday in the
Convent Chapel 9:30-4:00
Every Wednesday Evening in the
Church 7:00 -8:00
The First Friday of Every Month
in the Church 7:00—8:00*

"Come, let us adore Him."

*Unless otherwise noted



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With Christmas approaching in just a few weeks many of our children are fortunate to be home with their families for the Christmas season but a lot of God's children will be battling and God willing surviving their fight with cancer over at St. Marys Hospital for Children.

The Knights of Columbus Council # 18180 are asking for your help in gifting our children these items that you may purchase from the Amazon wish list by clicking on the link below. The Knights will deliver your gifts to our children fighting cancer before Christmas day.

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2CUAXLK7DSSCE>



Help Us bring joy to our kids **HELP US HELP OTHERS!**



Please help us bring some joy to these innocent kids. Please drop off your gifts at the Saint Kevin Parish located at 45-21 194th Street Flushing, NY 11358. Doors are located on the 195th Street side in the parking lot entrance to Monsignor D. Joseph Finnerty Parish Center

Drop Off- Wednesday,
December.13,2023 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Maria Goretti Network
For all victims of abuse

Dec. 15th at 8pm

East Coast Chapter Meeting Online

contact nyc@mgoretti.org

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