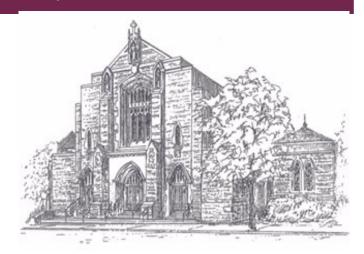
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Mondays - Thursdays
9:00AM—5:00PM
Closed from 12:00PM—1:00PM
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
5:00PM—8:00PM
Saturdays and Sundays
9:00AM—1:00PM
By Appointment to Speak with Clergy

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

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,

As we move into the last part of the Advent season we, start today with the Novena of Christmas. On the 17th of every December the readings and prayers of the liturgy get us ready to welcome Jesus, the Christ Child, into our midst. This proximate preparation draws our attention to the great prophecies that foretell the Messiah. It is also a time when we are given other titles by which he can be referred. These are called the O Antiphons that are used in the Liturgy of the Hours and as part of the Alleluia verse during the daily Mass leading up to Christmas. The list of them are as follows:

December 17th O Sapientia: O wisdom, ...

December 18th O Adonai: O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, ...

December 19th O Radix Jesse: O Flower of Jesse's stem,...

December 20th O Clavis of David: O Key of David and scepter of Israel,...

December 21st O Oriens: O Rising Sun,...

December 22nd O Rex Gentium: O King whom all the peoples desire, ...

December 23rd O Emmanuel: O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, ...

On December 24th we celebrate the Vigil of Christmas with a 4pm Mass in St. Kevin's Church

On the 25th we celebrate Christmas Day with a Midnight Mass, 9am Mass and an 11am Mass.

During this time we are invited to reflect on how God saves us by sending his Son to redeem us from sin and death. As we prepare for this most solemn of time O Christ's Incarnation, I invite you to consider approaching the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday the 18th, 2023. Confessions will be available in the afternoon in Church from 2pm to 4pm and in the convent chapel from 6pm to 9pm. I also, invite you and your families to join us for one of our Christmas celebrations, here at St. Kevin Church.

With Many Blessings,

Fr. Marc

From the Music Director

SKCA Concert & Caroling!

On Monday, Dec. 18th at 6:30 pm, students present the SKCA Christmas Spectacular, and it will be! Our 3K & Pre-K will sing songs about snow and a few 6th graders will lead them in "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town!" You'll hear a new "stop-time" rendition of "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" our younger students have learned. We're singing "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," which just hit #1 on the charts this season! (If you haven't seen Brenda Lee's brand-new music video of it, watch it! She looks great for a 79-year-old entertainer!) Our oldest students perform the Pentatonix arrangement of "Up on the Housetop" complete with tap-dancing! Then the ENTIRE school sings "Silent Night" and concludes with our own arrangement of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" that includes drums, flutes, more tap-dancing, celestes, triangles, boomwhackers and handchimes! See you at this concert!

And 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! If you want to join us, we carol during school hours between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on Tuesday, December 19th and Thursday, December 21st! (Wednesday, December 20th is our rain date.) Come sing with us!

Steven Vaughan, Director of Music Ministry SacredMusic@StKevinFlushing.org (718) 357-8888, x 12 Rehearsals this week: Choir Tuesday 12/19 7:30pm Living Nativity Sunday 12/24 3:00pm



ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16th

5:00PM: People of St. Kevin Parish

Philomena Ciacci By Jean Merolla Edward Cirolia By Ina Cirolia

Sunday, December 17th

9:00AM: Ellen DiRe
By The DiRe Family
1100AM: Terezina Bilus
By Donna Johansmeyer

Monday, December 18th

9:00AM: **Devassy Payyappilly** By Sister Shiji

Tuesday, December 19th 9:00AM: Frank W. Spacek

By Rev. Marc Swartvagher

Wednesday, December 20th

9:00AM: The Personal Intentions of the Donor

Thursday, December 21st

9:00AM: Sister Mary Bertillia Saglimbene

By Tina Lenzo

Friday, December 22nd

9:00AM: Joaquina Morales By Ramiro Morales

Saturday, December 23rd 9:00AM: Candida Pagliaro

By The Children of the Pagliaro Family

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00PM: People of St. Kevin Parish

The Deceased Members of the LaManna & Laura Families

By Nina & James LaManna Joan Alexander By Gini Fitzgerald & George Wenk

Sunday, December 24th

9:00AM: The Parishioners of St. Kevin Church 1100AM: The Parishioners of St. Kevin Church

Memorial Gifts Week of December 17, 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 for The Intentions of the Donor

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)

<u>Please Pray for the Sick and</u> <u>Homebound of our Parish Family</u>

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 Delerme,
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

May they Rest in Eternal Peace!



Congratulations to the following St. Kevin Alume on their Honor Roll Status at St. Francis Prep
High School:

Aquino, Alejandra
Aquino, Olivia
Behan, Alison
Behan, McKayla
Chavannes, Giselle
Colon, Adrian
Deery, Emily
Diaz, Katelynn
Guiffre, Justin

Moloney, Aiden

Montoya. Nicole

Monsalve, Samantha

Naletilic, Andrew
Ohlenschlager, Brandon
Ordieres, Joseph
Ordieres, Luis
Pham, Stella
Picarello, Camden
Podlaski, Alison
Reyes, Jael
Rodgers, Natalie
Servidio, Sophia
Tapia, Anabelle
Vallarino, Racquel

Stewardship Update



Stewardship Collection December 9th & 10th:

\$8,181.00

Christmas Flowers & Mas s Remembrance:

\$ 2,697.00

Priests Retirement Fund

\$1,110.00 98.00

Poor Boxes:98.00Candle Boxes:432.00

Mass Count: 495



Help us reach our Goal of \$108,738.00 Pledged: \$106,779.00

Paid:\$105,311.00

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 16th

4:00PM: Confessions

Sunday, December 17th

Religious Education In Person Classes

Monday, December 18th

Reconciliation Monday

9:30AM: Eucharistic Adoration (Convent Chapel) 6:00PM: SKCA Christmas Concert (Church)

Tuesday, December 19th

1:00PM:St. Kevin Senior Club(Parish Center)7:30PM:Choir Rehearsal(Church)

Wednesday, December 20th

3:00PM: NO St. Kevin Prayer Group (Sanctuary) **7:00PM:** Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

Thursday, December 21st

7:00PM: RCIA Class (Convent Chapel)

Friday, December 22nd

Saturday December 23rd

Word of Life

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslave, let God set free"

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

Reconciliation Monday

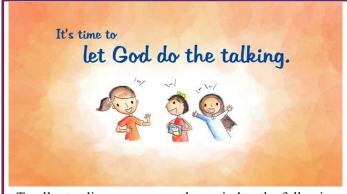
December 18, 2023

Please join us for the sacrament of Reconciliation in the Church Confessional from

2-4pm

and in the

Convent Chapel from 6-9pm



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.

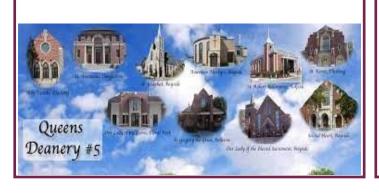
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Join Queens Deanery #5 on Facebook. There are 10 parishes in our Deanery, by joining the Facebook page this will allow you to know all upcoming spiritual events in our neighboring communities. You can also view bulletins and mass schedules. For more information visit the website, www.QueensDeanery5.org

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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 January 10th

A Prayer for the Third Sunday in Advent

Father, we celebrate with joy the coming of your Son, for He has come in our past. We celebrate with hope the coming of your Son, for he will come again. We celebrate with peace the coming of your Son for he is now in our midst. Help us to uncover and recognize his presence to men and women who touch our lives. Hatred and selfishness blind our eyes and keep us from bringing Him forth. Free us now from all that stands in His way, that with a love for each other made genuine and real we might quicken his coming in our midst. Amen



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



Christmas Season Schedule

Reconciliation Monday

2-4pm In the Church Confessional & 6-9pm in the Convent

Christmas Eve Mass

4pm

Christmas Day Mass

Midnight, 9am & 11am

The rectory will be closed Friday December 22- Monday January 1st.

Pilgrimage to Mother Angelica EWTN

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TUE. APRIL-16/2024:

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WED. APRIL-17/2024:

This morning after breakfast you are transferred to Mother Angelica masterpiece. "The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament". Upon arrival you will tour, The John Paul II Eucharistic Center. The exhibits reveal the Eucharist in sacred Scripture and in the life of the Church. Right after, you will have an introduction to the Shrine with a guided tour. After lunch you will Tour the Ave Maria Grotto & St Bernard Abbey. Providing a garden setting for 125 miniature reproductions of some of the most famous religious structures of the world. Evening Mass at St Bernard Abbey. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Pilgrimage Cost Includes:

- Nonstop Roundtrip airfare from La Guardia Airport.
- Bus Transportation.
- Breakfast, dinner and 3 catered lunches.
- * Accommodation at the "Hyatt Place Hoover, AL".
- * All Gratuities.

THU. APRIL-18/2024:

Full day excursion to "The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament". The Shrine is a peaceful place of Spiritual renewal and prayer. It offers many daily settings. Such as, Spiritual Talks, Divine Office, Rosary, Holy Mass, Confessions, Stations of the Cross, Healing Service, Divine Mercy Chaplet with the Nuns, Visit the Lourdes Grotto and free time for the Gift Shop. You could take part in all or just the ones you prefer. Or just relax, pray, and absorb the beauty of this place. Late afternoon return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

FRI. APRIL-19/2024:

Today after early morning Breakfast and Check-out from the Hotel. You will be transferred to EWTN for the daily Televised Holy Mass & Rosary. After the Rosary you will Have free time for Adoration and gift Shop. Mid morning departure from EWTN and a Panoramic bus tour of Birmingham. After lunch you will be transferred too the Airport for your non-stop flight to La Guardia Airport.



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Week of December 17, 2023



Agape/Love | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

The word "love" is one of the sloppiest words in our language, as it primarily refers to a feeling that happens to a person. In the New Testament, "love" refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response.



Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.



O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About I Brother Francis

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

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