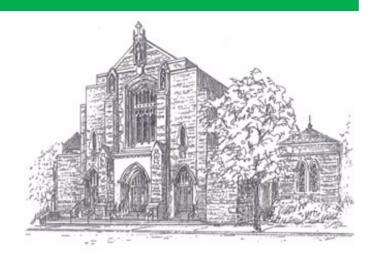
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Tuesdays and Wednesdays
5:00PM—8:00PM
Saturdays and Sundays
9:00AM—1:00PM
By Appointment to Speak with Clergy

Devotions

Miraculous Medal (Tuesdays at 9:30 AM)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Monday at 9:30AM in the Convent Chapel
Every Wednesday at 7:00PM in Church
First Fridays at 7:00PM in Church

Catholic Cemeteries

For Information and available options, please call

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

Dear Parishioners,

On Wednesday February 14th, the Church once again embarks on the Great Season of Lent. It is a time of spiritual renewal that calls each one of us to a deeper relationship with the Lord. As we prepare to celebrate the central mysteries of Faith, the dying and rising of Jesus, we are invited to reengage in the important aspects of our spiritual live.

In every spiritual journey there are moments of great progress and ones where there seems to be little advancement. Sometime sin and the circumstances of our lives also can get in the way of growing and maturing in our Faith. Lent is given to us as a time of renewal. It is time to get back to basics. It is for this reason we are all encouraged to go through these forty days with a spirit of penance and fasting.

Here at St. Kevin Church, there are a number of spiritual offerings which, when used, can be a great help in preparing us for the celebration of Easter. I encourage you especially to the following three: attendance at Sunday Eucharist, the Wednesday Holy Hour offered each week at 7pm, and Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7pm. When we make

time for the Lord in a prayerful way, it is amazing how the Lord blesses us. Lent affords us an opportunity to connect spiritually with God, the community, and our family. Know that also, on Monday March 25th, the Church celebrates Reconciliation Monday and is a sacramental moment of God's great mercy and love.

Sincerely, Fr. Marc



From the Music Director

Immaculate Mary

The first appearance of the Blessed Virgin to Bernadette Soubirous, her sister and their friend was on February 11, 1858, at a cave in the Massabielle cliffs of the Pyrenees. Seventeen other apparitions followed. For the fourth one, Soubirous carried a lit candle, so others who accompanied her started doing the same, originating this custom. During the 13th apparition, the lady commanded Soubirous: "Go, tell the priests to come here in procession and to build a chapel here." Three years later, they started building the first of the churches, which is now known as the "Crypt". By 1873, official national pilgrimages had begun to this place of healing.

In 1882 a priest from Lucon adapted a traditional folk song of the Pyrenees to accompany these candlelight processions of pilgrims to the cave each night. With its "Ave Maria" refrain, this tune became known as the LOURDES HYMN. His original 8 stanzas were extended to 120 as the procession grew! Many different versions exist around the globe. The one we sing today as "Immaculate Mary"

was published by a priest of the Archdiocese of New York in 1862. Happy Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes!



Steven Vaughan, Director of Ministry SacredMusic@StKevinFlushing.org (718)357-8888, x 12

No choir rehearsal this week



ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 10th

5:00PM: People of St. Kevin Parish Kathleen Cunningham Knapp

By Robert Findlay

Angelo Prestifillippo

By The DiVanna Family

Isabella Mango By Janet Karwowski

Sunday, February 11th

9:00AM:

11:00AM: Vivian & Frank Ollari

By The Perillo & Principe Families

Monday, February 12th

9:00AM: **Philip McArdle** *By: Maureen McArdle*

Tuesday, February 13th

9:00AM: Anthony LaGattuta By The Senior Club

Wednesday, February 14th

9:00AM: Roman & Marija Rus By Agnes Rus

7:00PM: People of St. Kevin Parish

Thursday, February 15th

9:00AM: **John O'Connor** By Maria Morales

Friday, February 16th

9:00AM: **Vincent Alphonso** By Tina Lenzo

Saturday, February 17th

9:00AM: Robert & Johnny Fallo

By Maureen & George Woods

Saturday, February 17th

5:00PM: People of St. Kevin Parish

Margaret & Arthur Dickinson

By Ellen Schiavone

Justin Fermin By The Fermin Family

Pilar Morales By Ramiro Morales

Sunday, February 18th

9:00AM:

11:00AM: Nguyen Ky Chinh By The Scifo family

Memorial Gifts Week of February 11, 2024



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 Altar Candles are being offered this week by Noreen Crummy for **John Crummy**



The Bread & Wine are being offered this week by Rose Xuereb

Mary & George Donahue

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> 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 Delerme,
Roberta Kirkwood, Mirbella Kirby, Maria Morales,
Patricia Margarone, Edith Terrie Pouymari, Andrew
Leonard, Phyllis Limmer, Genny O'Haire,
Suzanne Kastner, Maria Biundo, William Surace
Louis DeMartino, Angela DiPaola & Lorraine Panza



Please Pray for the Faithful Departed

May they Rest in Eternal Peace!

Bible Corner

February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time Readings

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Psalm 32: 1-2, 5, 11

First Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent
Readings

Genesis 9: 8-15

Psalms 25:4-9

Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

Stewardship Update



Stewardship Collection February 4, 2024: \$7,588.00 Poor Boxes 53.00

Candle Boxes: 405.00

Mass Count: 497



We achieved our Goal!!! Thank you so much! \$108,738.00 Pledged: \$115,489.00

Paid:\$114,489.00

Upcoming Events

Saturday February 10th

1:00PM: Confirmation Retreat (Parish Center)

4:00PM: Confessions

Sunday, February 11th

Religious Education in Person Classes

Monday, February 12

9:30AM: Eucharistic Adoration (Convent)
2:00PM: Widow & Widowers (Parish Center)

Tuesday, February 13th

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

7:30PM: No Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 14th ASH WEDNESDAY

3:00PM: No St. Kevin Prayer Group (Sanctuary)

3:00PM: Prayer Service

Thursday, February 15th

7:00PM: RCIA Class (Convent Chapel)

Friday, February 16th

7:00PM: Stations of the Cross (Church)

<u>Saturday February 17th</u>

4:00PM: Confessions

Word of Life

"Married love differs from any other kind of love. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

Job Opportunities

Facilities Manager of St. Kevin Church & Convent

Responsibilities Include:

- -Ensuring all buildings are clean & welcoming
- -Minor repair & maintenance of grounds and building systems
- -Grounds swept and trash free daily
- -Mandatory attendance on snow days.
- -Setting up for events in Parish Center
- -Locking and securing the Church daily
- -Setting up for funerals & daily mass

St. Kevin's Rectory Office Receptionist

Responsibilities Include:

- -Answering the phone & directing calls
- -Sorting mail
- -Selling mass cards
- -Obtaining Funeral Mass information
- -Other office duties
- -Work Hours, Monday –Friday 9-5pm and some weekends

Please contact Fr. Marc Swartvagher

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MS wartvagher @StKevinFlushing.org



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.



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, and soup

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 February 14th



If you are interested in creating an

EGiving account please visit our website, StKevinFlushing.org and click "Donate Now" or use this QR Code





Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Services

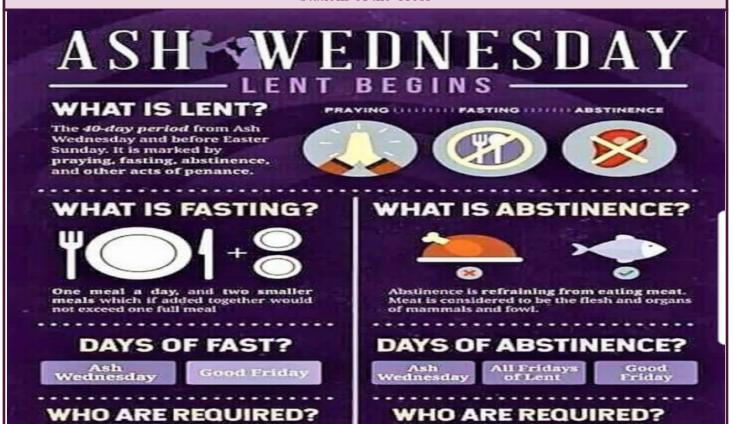
9:00am : Mass

3:00pm: Prayer Service

7:00pm: Mass

Please join us every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the church for

Stations of the Cross



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A Passionist Ministry



Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer

The cost is \$35 per person.
Registration is required and space is limited. For more Information, please contact Kelli at 929-357-6700 x 205 or Kelli@thomasberryplace.org.

Prepare Your Heart For Lent

Presented by Fr. Jim O'Shea, CP

The day will run from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM.

Coffee and tea will be available upon arrival, followed by the conference, a simple lunch,

Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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January 17, 2024

To the Clergy, Staffs, and Faithful of Deanery Queens 5,

On Wednesday, November 29th, under the direction of Bishop Brennan, I met with the priests of your deanery to discuss the current pastoral situation in the parishes so we can begin to plan for the best way to continue to evangelize and proclaim the Gospel in your deanery while facing the reality of limited personnel and resources.

Earlier in the fall, there was a Convocation of Priests where Bishop Brennan opened the discussion of beginning a process of creating parish partnerships and parish mergers across the diocese. The priests of the deanery met together on that day and discussed the following:

- Priests expressed a concern of the reduced attendance at Masses in a number of parishes across the diocese.
- Some parishes in the deanery are still struggling with lower attendance after COVID, though overall pastors feel that the numbers are not bad.
- With the livestreaming of Masses, are people staying home? Will they come back to church if we stop livestreaming?
- Academies are like private schools.
- People are moving.
- There are various concerns about changing Mass schedules and providing Communion services, both during the year and during vacation periods.
- No priest is living alone in the deanery.
- Language issues:
 - With regard to Polish, some families choose to go to St. Hedwig or parishes in Greenpoint because they prefer a homily in Polish. Locally, some go to Sacred Heart for special needs. While some Polish families have moved away over the years, the congregation at St. Josaphat is also impacted by the type of Polish ministry provided.
 - o Korean is holding its own large overall population.
 - o Indian is holding its own.
 - Spanish is not needed.

The average weekly Mass attendance reported by parishes during 2022/2023:

American Martyrs	629	St. Anastasia	443
Holy Family	1000	St. Gregory the Great	559
OL of the Blessed Sacrament	526	St. Josaphat	372
OL of the Snows	1063	St. Kevin	473
Sacred Heart	430	St. Robert Bellarmine	748
		Average attendance in Deanery	624

In addition to the information that was shared, some concerns raised by the priests include:

- The response to the bishop's letter provided in parish bulletins was mixed: some priests received no feedback, and others had several responses from parishioners.
- With regard to strategies for changing Mass schedules:
 - Some parishes established a summer schedule that simply remained in effect in the fall.
 - Instead of eliminating a Mass from the schedule, some parishes have changed the entire schedule.
 - Two parishes spoke of eliminating the Sunday evening Mass without any negative feedback from parishioners.
- Two parishes have begun an initial conversation about a possible partnership.

I share the notes of the meeting with you so that you are aware of some of the more immediate concerns that your pastors are facing. In the months ahead, they will continue to work together and provide opportunities for parishioners to be a part of the discussion so that Bishop Brennan can make decisions that will first and foremost help us to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ most effectively, while at the same time minimize the administrative burdens that can detract from the important work of the Church in your part of Queens. As we face changes in parish structures and administration, I believe that it also highlights the importance of stewardship among the faithful in our communities. The generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure are needed now more than ever, and they are always ways for parishioners to build the community and respond to the needs of their brothers and sisters. The Church is truly blessed by all of us working together as the Body of Christ.

As this New Year begins, may we entrust ourselves to Mary, the Mother of God, whose intercession accompanies us as we strive to be faithful disciples. May God bless our bishop and our diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. John J. Costello, VE

Regional Episcopal Vicar of Queens East

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cc: Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn Reverend Monsignor Joseph Grimaldi, Vicar General



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