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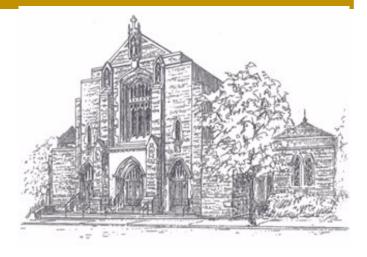
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Rectory Office Hours

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 Monday 9:30-4:00 In Convent Every Wednesday at 7:00PM in Church First Friday 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.precana.org for complete information about required marriage preparation in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

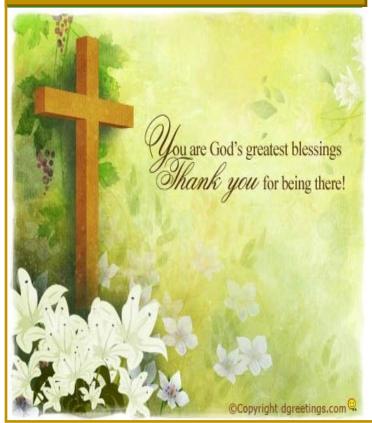
We are a Catholic Christian community striving to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Nourished by the Eucharist and enlightened by the Word of God, our Pastor, Parish Staff and Parishioners welcome all. With faith in His Gospel, we are called to love as Jesus loves and, therefore, serve our community 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.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024

A Note from our Pastor



Dear St. Kevin Parishioner's,

On behalf of myself, the clergy & staff I want to thank you for making Holy Week and Easter so special. Your presence, kind words and generous donations were very much appreciated.

As we move further into the Spring Season I look forward to sharing a couple of wonderful events with you...the St. Frances Cabrini bus trip on May 11th and the Our Lady of Fatima statue coming to St. Kevin Church on the afternoon of May 17th. So many beautiful opportunities to not only spend time together as a community but to celebrate our Lord and our Faith.

> Thank you again & God Bless. Fr. Marc

From the Music Director

The Jesus Song

Tom Booth began composing music four decades ago at the University of Arizona, where he majored in music history and minored in religious studies. He shared his inspiration for "The Jesus Song": "I was asked by the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale to lead a retreat. Asking myself, 'What song could we pray to focus on the mercy of God and to try to live out the good news of God with us?' I wanted something simple and direct. I had been praying 'The Jesus Prayer' for a few years (also known as the Eastern or Orthodox 'Prayer of the Heart'): 'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' As I set this simple prayer to music, I sensed it needed another section. I began to sing a different vocal line, 'Jesus, I trust in you!' This I recognized as a prayer from the Divine Mercy devotion. Uh oh! I was combining two devotions and two messages... or was I? 'The Jesus Prayer' puts us at the feet of Jesus, and Divine Mercy asks us to trust God in all things. Praying this song with others has been very rewarding."



I love that he doesn't say "singing this song with others" but "praying this song with others." If you didn't get a chance to pray it along with us at Mass this weekend, google it!

> Steven Vaughan, Director of Music Ministry SacredMusic@StKevinFlushing.Org (718) 357-8888, x12 Choir Rehearsal– Tuesday 4/9/24 7:45pm Mass Setting: *Mass of Christ the Savior* #186-194

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Divine Mercy Sunday

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ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6th 5:00PM: The Parishioners of St. Kevin Church Kathleen LaVelle By Larry & Marian Appell

Sunday, April 7th 9:00AM: Ed Bosek 11:00AM: Michael E. Stroligo

By The DelZotto Family By Laura Stroligo

Monday, April 8th 9:00AM: Eugene Brady By The Brady Family

Tuesday, April 9th 9:00AM: Antoinette Verrilli By The Picano Family

Wednesday, April 10th 9:00AM: Virginia & Louis Picardi By Gerard & Annie Picardi

Thursday, April 11th 9:00AM: The DiMaggio Family By The Principe & Perillo Families

Friday, April 12th 9:00AM: Ann Louise Miller

By John Miller

Saturday, April 13th 9:00AM: Anna & Nouli Naume By Cecilia Psallidas

Saturday, April 13th

5:00PM: The Parishioners of St. Kevin Church **Terezina Bilus** Ema Cvetan Ante Peros

By Donna Johansmeyer By Donna Johansmever By The Peros Family Francis Vinod Gomez By Anna Rosario

Sunday, April 14th 9:00AM: Dan Lecampo By The Mezic Family 11:00AM: The Deceased Member s & Spouses of The Catholic Widow & Widowers **Club of Queens** By Eileen Woods

Memorial Gifts Week of April 7, 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 for The Parishioners of St. Kevin



The Bread & Wine are being offered this week by Flora Nicolich for **Lino Nicolich**

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 Delerme, Roberta Kirkwood, Mirbella Kirby, Maria Morales, Patricia Margarone, Edith **Terrie Pouymari**, Andrew Leonard, Phyllis Limmer, Suzanne Kastner, Maria Biundo, William Surace, Angela DiPaola, Lorraine Panza, and Ronnie Eldridge

Bible Corner April 7, 2024 Divine Mercy Sunday Readings Acts 4: 32-35 Psalms 118:2-4, 3-15,22-24 First John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31 April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter Readings Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Psalms 4: 2,4,7-9 First John 2: 1-5a Luke 24: 35-48

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 6th 4:00PM: Confessions

<u>Sunday, April 7th</u> Religious Education Remote Classes

Monday, April 8th 9:30AM: Eucharistic Adoration 1:00PM: Rosary Society

(Convent) (Parish Center)

Tuesday, April 9th1:00PM: St. Kevin Senior Club(Parish Center)7:45PM: St. Kevin's Choir Rehearsal(Church)

Wednesday, April 10th3:00PM:St. Kevin Prayer Group(Sanctuary)7:00PM:Eucharistic Adoration(Church)7:00PM:Knight of Columbus(Parish Center)

Thursday, April 11th7:30PM: Diocesan Choir Rehearsal(Church)

Friday, April 12th

Saturday, April 13th 4:00pm: Confessions

Stewardship Update



Stewardship Collection March 31st:	\$8,153.00
Easter	5,530.00
Holy Thursday	1,927.00
Dioc. Collections-Holy Land & Senior Priests	4,968.00
Candle Boxes	545.00
Poor Boxes	127.00

Mass Count: 1,109



Help us Reach Our 2024 Goal!!! \$108,738.00 Pledged: \$22,825.00 Paid : \$13,875.00

"If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, or compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafteraboration.org

Word of Life

to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you<u>.</u>

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion" www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy



Catholic Charities will be taking a collection for the young migrant families in need. If you are able to, please consider donating :

Diapers

Baby Wipes

Baby Clothing

You may drop your donation in the designated bin by the church elevator.

Thank you in advance for your Help & Support

Queens Deanery #5

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

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. Josaphat





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.

718-357-8888 Next Food Distribution: Wednesday April 10th

Email Addresses for the Pastoral Staff

<u>As for the nature of your email, please use one of</u> <u>the following email addresses:</u>

- Fr. Marc Swartvagher (Pastor) MSwartvagher@StKevinFlushing.org
- Fr. Jeffry Dillon (Parochial Vicar) JDillon@StKevinFlushing.org
- Fr. Jerry Jecewiz (In Residence) JJecewiz@StKevinFlushing.org
- Deacon Julio Barreneche (Parish Deacon) DeaconJulio@StKevinFlushing.org
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- Mrs. Rosaria Surace (Coordinator of Religious Education) StKevinRelEd@StKevinFlushing.org
- Ms. Agnes Rus, AO (Director of Pastoral Outreach) PastoralOutreach@StKevinFlushing.org
- Mr. Steven Vaughan (Director of Music Ministry) SacredMusic@StKevinFlushing.org





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The Catholic Steward

Stewardship Education and Reflections on the Weekly Mass Readings

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And to ensure His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully.

Today, may we recall the precious gift God has given to Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite do better, God is always willing to forgive.

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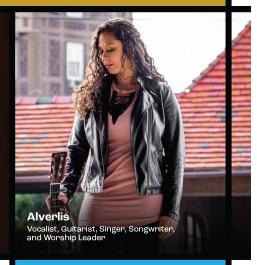
Apostolist is the young adult ministry of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle (20s-30s). We welcome both new and returning members, and fellow young adults from other parishes.

On Friday, April 26, please plan on arriving sometime between 5 PM and 7 PM. On April 28, you can plan on departing at roughly 2-3 PM. We'll email a suggested packing list a few weeks before. The retreat house has private bedrooms but bathrooms are common, and there are common shower rooms too.

> The registration fee for this retreat is \$300, but we can definitely arrange financial assistance and payment plans. We do not want money to be a hindrance to grace.

"WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER"







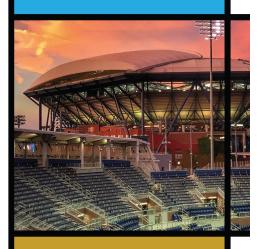
Saturday, April 20, 2024 Louis Armstrong Stadium in USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center

8:00 AM	Gates open (Greetings by Jornada Movement Music Ministry, Dragon Dance, and Caribbean Choir)		
8:30 AM	Praise and worship with Alverlis followed by the Holy Rosary with high schools		
9:00 AM	Arrival of Bishop Brennan with Queens Pilgrims		
9:45 AM	Entrance Procession and Holy Mass		
11:35 AM	Break		
12:00 PM	Angelus, Adult and Neophyte Program, and praise and worship with Alverlis		
1:00 PM	Witness Talks in various languages, Vocations Talk and Testimonials		
2:00 PM	Break		
2:15 PM	Procession of the Eucharist from the chapel		
2:30 PM	Benediction and dismissal		
3:00 PM	Event ends		
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Please Join THE BRIDGE TO, LIFE 32nd Anniversary Honoring: Deacon Kevin McCormack Superintendent of Catholic Schools in Brooklyn and Queens Saturday, May 4, 2024 12 pm - 5 pm Leonard's Palazzo 555 Northern Blod Great Neck, NY 11021 Music | Dancing | Raffles | 50/50 Tickets \$125 Per Person purchase TICKETŚ You may also register at www.thebridgetolife.org If you have any questions please call: 718-463-1810 or email: Events@thebridgetolife.org CelebratingLife, Celebrating Moms.





St. Kevin Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join Fr. Marc Swartvagher on a Pilgrimage to The St. Francis Cabrini Shrine in Northern Manhattan on Saturday, May 11th 2024.

A charter bus will leave St. Kevin Church at 8:00 AM sharp. Snacks and bottled water will be provided.

We will start with 9:30 AM Mass at the Shrine, followed by a docent talk about Mother Cabrini's life and work.

We will have a lunch break (please bring your own lunch) and then we will visit the museum and gift store.

The bus is scheduled to return to St. Kevin by 3:00 PM.

Cost is \$40 per person which can be paid by Zelle to <u>ST.KEVINSKOC18180@GMAIL.COM</u> or by a check payable to St. Kevin Council #18180. Checks can also be dropped off at the rectory or into the weekly collection basket.

Registration ends May 1st.

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be on a Eucharistic Revival tour from May to July 2024, to point us to the Eucharist.

You will have a chance to venerate the historic National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima given to the United States by the Bishop of Fatima after being blessed by Pope St. Paul VI in 1967, at the following Parishes.

Friday May 17th, 2024:

St Michael RC Church 136-76 41st Ave Flushing, NY 11355 Phone: (718) 961-0295 8:00AM to 1:30PM St Kevin RC Church 45-21 194th Street Flushing, NY 11358 Phone: (718) 357-8888 2:00PM to 9:00PM

Saturday May 18th, 2024:

St Paul Chong Hasang RC Church 32-15 Parsons Blvd Flushing, NY 11354 Phone: (718) 321-7676 8:00AM to 1:30PM

Sunday May 19th, 2024:

Sacred Heart RC Church 215-35 38th Avenue Bayside, NY 11361 Phone: (718) 428-2200 8:00AM to 1:30PM

St Josaphat RC Church 34-32 210th Street Flushing, NY 11361 Phone: (718) 229-1663 2:00PM to 9:00PM

For Parish schedule of their planned activities, please call the Parish or check their bulletins.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024



Each year St. Kevin and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the Annual Catholic Appeal which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens

and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods in addition to benefiting our parish. The Annual Catholic Appeal makes possible those programs that no one parish can do alone. As followers of Jesus here at St. Kevin we understand our responsibility to the Diocese which unites us together with the entire Catholic Community as the one body of Christ.

When one part of the body does not participate, the entire body suffers and makes it harder to function. Likewise, your participation in this Appeal over and above your regular Sunday offering will determine the ability of St. Kevin to faithfully support the mission of Christ while also providing the needed support we receive as one parish which is part of the larger Catholic Church.

Please join us to respond as the Church of Christ called to Communion, Participation, & Mission in Brooklyn and Queens through a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal today **AnnualCatholicAppeal.org** or text **DONATE** to 917-336-125

What does ACA Support?

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St. Kevin Faith Formation Registration for September 2024

The St. Kevin Office of Religious Education provides a comprehensive faith formation program for children in grades 1-8 that do not attend a Catholic School.

Registration for September, 2024 Religious Education classes is ongoing thru September. Families who are already in our program will receive notification via email. Any families new to the program can visit our parish website for the on-line registration form at: <u>https://stkevinflushing.org/faith-formation/registration</u>. All new children or families please include in your email your child's baptismal certificate plus vaccination record, which are needed for registration. Our classes will be as follows:

Classes will be remote two Sunday's a month and in school two Sunday's. Sunday Mass attendance is required for all families in our program. Families are asked to attend the 9:00 AM mass with their children. Then the children will go to the school for instruction from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Parents are invited to the Parish Hall for an Adult session while your children are in class. Remote classes will be scheduled on Sunday morning. If you are not able the 9:00 AM Mass, please choose another mass to fulfill your Sunday Obligation.

Our Parish has a **FORMED** subscription and uses it for Religious Education. Please set up your **free account**: visit **formed.org/signup** and select our parish.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Rosaria Surace, at 718-357-8888 Ext 10, Monday through Wednesday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM or email me at <u>stkevinreled@stkevinflushing.org</u>.

Register and	pay before	April 7th to I	<mark>receive a \$25.00 d</mark>	liscount!
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All Fees are Nonrefundable.

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Registration Fee for 2024	Discounted Registration Fee if Paid i Full by April 7 th .
One Child - \$175.00	One Child - \$150.00
Two Children - \$225.00	Two Children - \$200.00
Three Children - \$300.00	Three Children - \$275.00
Four Children - \$350.00	Four Children - \$325.00



Week of April 08, 2024



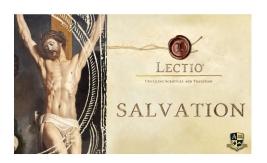
The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray

Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary!



Why Catholics believe in "life everlasting"

The Catholic Church cares about every BODY. Think of relics and funerals-reverence for our bodies and the body's of holy people is part of being Catholic. But why? We find the answer at the end of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." That's a pretty strong statement and it's founded on Jesus. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can look forward to our own body's being raised at the end of time. Pretty cool, right?



Not Just a Legal Transaction | Lectio: Salvation | Episode 5

After the Fall, each person is born not only with the stain of sin on their soul but also with a fallen human nature. Thanks be to God that his gift of salvation not only frees us from Original Sin but also transforms us from the inside out, healing the root of our brokenness:our hearts. As we will see in this session, salvation is not simply a legal transaction by which we are declared righteous, but by the gift of God's Spirit we are actually made righteous.

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