# SAINT KEVIN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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 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. The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024

**A Sunday Devotion** 

*I Am The Living One who sees you* always. I see into the very depth of your being. Not even one of your thoughts escapes My notice. My intimate awareness of everything about you means that you are never alone— in good times or in struggles. It also means that I want to cleanse your thoughts from their sinful tendencies.

When you find yourself thinking in a loveless, hurtful way, confess it to Me immediately. Ask Me not only to forgive you but to change you. You don't need to belabor your confession, as if you had to convince Me to extend grace to you. I went through tortuous execution and utter separation from My Father so that I could *remove your sins as far from you as the east is from the west*. I delight in forgiving you!

Remember that even now I view you clothed in radiant garments—My perfect righteousness. And I can already see in you the glorious vision you will be when heaven becomes your home.

Taken From : "Jesus Always" Written By: Sarah Young



#### From the Music Director

# I Am the Bread of Life

Organist Suzanne Toolan joined the Mercy Sisters and began teaching high school choir. When the Mass switched from Latin to English after Vatican II, she started composing hymns and credits a seminarian with popularizing her music. "He began to hear my things and take them to the seminary. That's how my songs got out."

In 1966 she was asked to write a song for a music educators' conference. She "struggled with it at school, and I tore it up." Sr. Toolan said. "This girl came out of the infirmary and said, 'What was that? That was beautiful!' So, I Scotch-taped it up." That song was "I Am the Bread of Life." Today, communities around the world, in many denominations, sing it in 25 different languages.

On her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, Sr. Toolan published her memoir, also titled *I Am the Bread of Life*. It tells the surprising story behind her most famous composition, the story of her ministry and offers her insights on ritual, silence, music and prayer. She is aware that some don't care for the song, but takes criticism in stride, and wonders herself about its popularity. "It really shouldn't work for the congregation. It's too low. It's too high. I ask myself: 'Why does it work so well, then?' I think it's the scripture is so strong with its hope-filled



refrain: And I will raise you up on the last day."

Steven Vaughan, Director of Music Ministry SacredMusic@StKevinFlushing.Org (718)357-8888, x12 Mass Setting: *Heritage Mass #225-#232* 

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#### The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

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### ANNOUNCED **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday, July 27th

5:00PM: The Parishioners of St. Kevin Church Marie Magee *By The McGourty Family* **Dominic Sunil Gomes** By Anna Rozario Veronica Gomes By Anna Rozario

**Donna Adames** By The Adames Family

Sunday, July 28th 9:00AM: Janet Baglieri By Laura Stroligo 11:00AM: Ante Peros By The Peros Family

Monday, July 29nd 9:00AM: Angela DiPaola By Rosemarie Campanile

**Tuesday, July 30th** 9:00AM: **Daniel Ash** By Anne Crowley

Wednesday, July 31st 9:00AM: Charles Canevari By Laila Crecca

Thursday, August 1st 9:00AM: John Pouymari By Rosaria & Billy Surace

Friday, August 2nd 9:00AM: Anthony Porchetta By St. Kevin's Staff & Clergy

Saturday, August 3rd 9:00AM: Professor Joseph R. Caruso, Sr. By Joseph R. Caruso, Jr.

#### Saturday, August 3rd.

5:00PM: The Parishioners of St. Kevin Church **Donna Adames** By The Adames Family Dan Caffrey By The Folan Family

#### Sunday, August 4th

9:00AM: Carmela Ieraci By Giulia Ieraci 11:00AM: Daniel Ash

By Kathleen McGourty

# **Memorial Gifts** Week of July 28, 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 Dementia. and



The Altar Candles are being offered this week for The Parishioners of St. Kevin Church



The Bread & Wine are being offered this week by Joanne Aldorisio for **Janet Baglieri** 

There are weekly Memorials available of: Bread and Wine (\$25) Altar Candles (\$25) The St. Kevin Shrine Lamp (\$25) The Sanctuary Lamps (\$50)



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, 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, Lorraine Panza, Ronnie Eldridge, Marina Burns, Joseph Campbell Lance Cooper, John Murphy, John Sullivan, Dennis Chesney, John Seeley & Jean Merolla

#### Stewardship Update **Bible Corner** Weekly July 28,2024 The Seventeenth Sunday in Offering **Ordinary Time Readings** Second Kings 4: 42-44 Stewardship Collection July 21st: \$5,497.00 Psalms 145: 10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Parish Needs 387.00 Candle Boxes 449.00 Ephesians 4: 1-6 Poor Boxes 145.00 John 6: 1-15 Mass Count: 441 August 4,2024 The Eighteenth Sunday in **Ordinary Time Readings** Help us reach our 2024 Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15 Goal!! Psalms 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 \$108,738.00 nnùal Catholic Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 Pledged: \$61,960.00 **Appeal 2024** DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN John 6:24-35 Paid: \$48,226.20

# **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, July 27th 4:00PM: Confessions

Sunday, July 28th

Monday, July 29th 9:30AM: Eucharistic Adoration (Convent)

<u>Tuesday, July 30th</u>

Wednesday, July 31st 7:00PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

<u>Thursday, August 1st</u>

<u>Friday, August 2nd</u>

Saturday August 3rd 4:00PM: Confessions

# Word of Life

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death no with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

> USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Consideration for Our Earthly Passing"

### Celebrate Eucharistic Adoration With Us

ST. KEVIN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 45-21 194TH STREET—FLUSHING, NEW YORK 11358 Parish Parking Lot Located on 195th Street between 45th & 46th Avenues

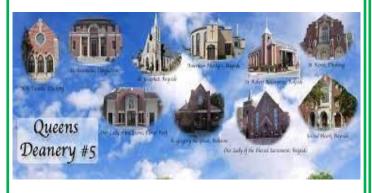
Every Monday in the Convent Chapel 9:30-4:00 Every Wednesday Evening in the Church 7:00 -8:00 The First Friday of Every Month in the Church 7:00-8:00

"Come, let us adore Hi

## **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 reminder 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, soup and reusable bags.

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: August 28th

### Email Addresses for the Pastoral Staff

As for the nature of your email, please use one of the following email addresses:

- Fr. Marc Swartvagher (Pastor) MSwartvagher@StKevinFlushing.org
- Fr. Jeffry Dillon (Parochial Vicar) JDillon@StKevinFlushing.org
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- Ms. Lisa Miller (Assistant to the Pastor) LMiller@StKevinFlushing.org
- Mrs. Rosaria Surace (Receptionist) RSurace@StKevinFlushing.org
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# This Week's Readings | USCCB

The Sunday Liturgical cycle is divided into three years: A, B, and C. In Year A, we read mostly from Matthew's Gospel; in Year B, we read from Mark's and Chapter 6 of John's; and Luke's in Year C. The Gospel of John is read during the season of Easter every year. In this Liturgical Year B, we interrupt readings from Mark's gospel, and for five Sundays, we shift to readings of John Chapter 6 and the Eucharistic teachings of Jesus. The Chapter has 71 verses, making it one of the longest in the Gospels and New Testament. The miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish in today's Gospel is recounted six times in the New Testament. It is the only miracle of Jesus narrated by all four Gospel writers.

What the crowd had seen and heard about Jesus stirred them to follow Him across the Sea of Galilee. The large crowd followed Jesus not because they were hungry for food. Their hearts yearned to hear and be filled with the Word of God. Jesus was moved with compassion for them, asked them to recline on the vast grassy field, and desired to feed them by buying food. God sees and fills our needs, often unexpectedly and without us asking for help or even recognizing those needs. It is interesting to see Jesus' disciple, Philip, questioning Jesus about having enough money to buy food for the multitude when asked. Had Philip already forgotten that Jesus turned water into wine? This is when a young boy steps forward and freely offers his provision of five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus uses the offering to give five thousand men more than they can eat. Though it might appear inconsequential, his selfless generosity is a powerful example of giving. Jesus did not feed the multitude with food that He brought from heaven. He used the food provided by the boy to feed the people. This emphasizes how, as a community of faith, we provide for the needs of our brethren. God takes what we offer, multiplies it, and gives it to the people in need. We are called to share as God works through us. We are entrusted with helping one another with corporal works of mercy.

The miracle of Jesus blessing, breaking, and distributing the loaves and fish foreshadows His institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Just as the bread blessed and multiplied by Jesus nourished the multitudes, the Eucharist provides nourishment and sustenance to our souls.

Let us reflect on a message given by Pope John Paul II addressing the young people of Scotland in 1982: "Jesus miraculously fed those five thousand people and still had something left over. It is exactly the same with your lives. Left alone to face the difficult challenges of life today, you feel conscious of your inadequacy and afraid of what the future may hold for you. But what I say to you is this: place your lives in the hands of Jesus. He will accept you, and bless you, and he will make such use of your lives as will be beyond your greatest expectations!"

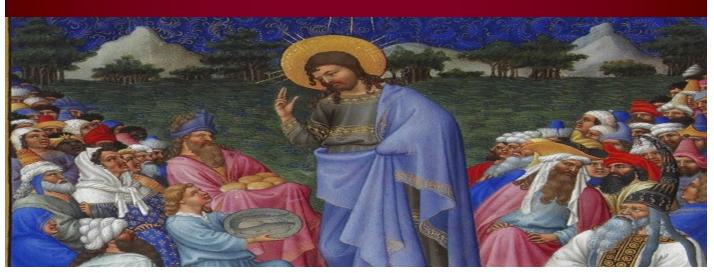
Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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# **The Catholic Steward**

Stewardship Education and Reflections on the Weekly Mass Readings



The servant and the little boy in our readings today are excellent examples for us as Christian stewards. The servant gave the very best of what he had, and the boy gave all that he had, then God did the rest.

A key component of living as a good steward is constantly evaluating our lives, particularly our relationship with God to ensure we are not just scraping by but rather giving God our entire lives.

We should ask ourselves — 'how am I giving God my time, using my talents, and sharing my treasures?'

We are called to give God adequate time each day. If we don't plan for this time, likely, He won't get any. We need to find what works best for us so that God can become a more significant part of our daily lives. We are also called to put our gifts and talents to good use too. The servant and the boy teach us that it is not up to us to decide how our gifts will affect others. God will do that. All we need to do is to give it well.

Lastly, the servant reminds us that we are called to give the first fruits of our treasures. It is easy to give something; it is difficult to give the finest gift. Giving our best requires us to reevaluate our priorities in life.

When we strive to live out our call as Christian stewards by entrusting all that we have been given to the One who graciously gave us these gifts, we will be blessed beyond measure. As we begin a new week, let us spend some time evaluating our relationship with God by asking, 'what is my very best, and am I giving it to God?'

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# We're Still Here While you're on vacation

Please consider using online giving from your computer or smartphone device to schedule your recurring **Sunday Offertory** 

To register open your smart phone camera and scan the QR code or visit our parish online website at:

StKevinFlushing.Org



# SUMMERTIME PLANNED GIVING SUGGESTIONS – PART 1

As you enjoy the summer months and the chance to take some time for yourself, you may want to take some time to check your important financial documents to make sure you and your family are protected. For example, are the beneficiary designations for your pension or retirement accounts up to date? Many people assume their spouse and/or children are the named beneficiaries, but sometimes an accurate beneficiary designation has not been made. Taking the time to check doesn't take long and is important to make sure your intentions



are accurately shown.

Another summer checkup is the beneficiary designations on your life insurance policies. Again, over time and through some of life's circumstances, the designations made when you took out the policy may not accurately reflect your intentions today. It only takes a short time to do the review to make sure your family is protected.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Bob Pape at Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens at 718-965-7375, ext.1621 or at <a href="mailto:rpape@cfbq.org">rpape@cfbq.org</a>. A little summertime review provides additional peace of mind for an enjoyable summer season.

"Go; therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you planning on getting married, or have been asked to be a godparent, and have not received all of your Sacraments?





The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a two-year encountering process designed for adults who freely desire to deepen their relationship with the Living God, and become fully-initiated members of the Catholic Church.



This journey is one of conversion, preparation, and formation which, at the proper time, leads towards the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.



Those interested in joining our cohort may fill out our intake form, which can be accessed by scanning the QR code below, and email it to Ms. Amora Laucella at alaucella@stkevinflushing.org, or call (718) 357-8888, ext. 26 with additional questions.



You can learn more about OCIA and the Sacraments on the Faith Formation Programs section of our website!



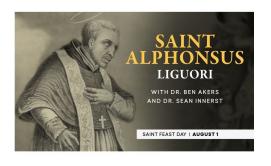


# Week of July 28, 2024



## Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Soldier for Christ

Founder of the Jesuit order, St. Ignatius of Loyola is also known as the "Soldier for Christ." During the turmoil of the Protestant Reformation, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and evangelization.



# St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

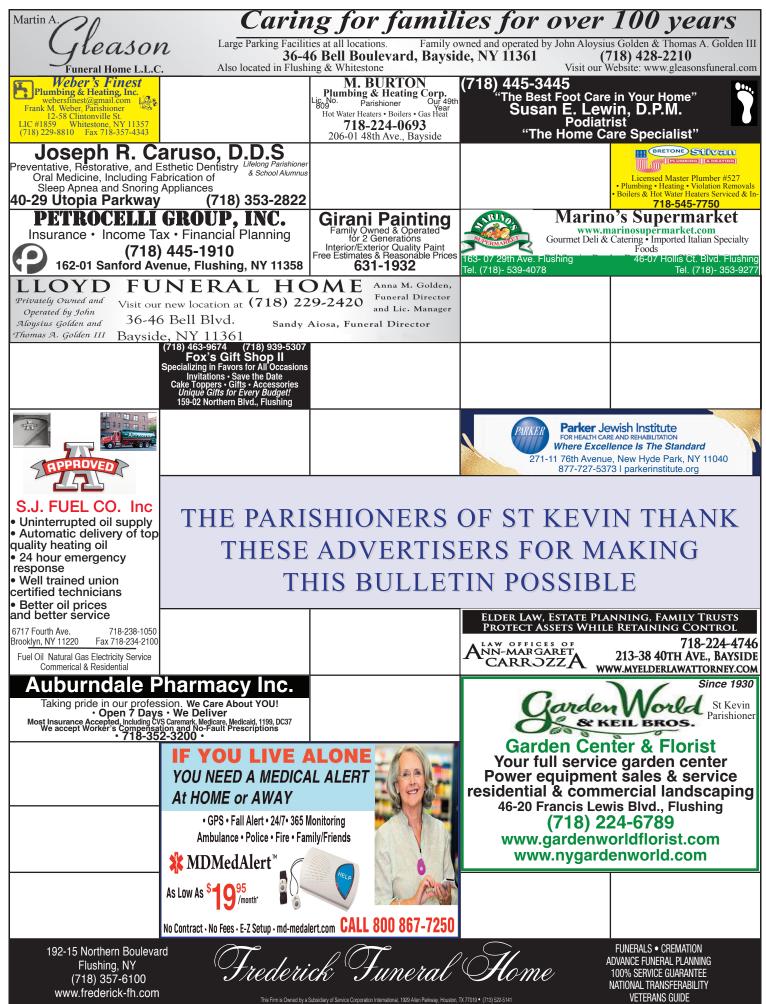


# Convinced: Why Would Anyone Become Catholic?

Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled around the country to get the story for himself, from some of today's most interesting and articulate Catholic voices

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