#### 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

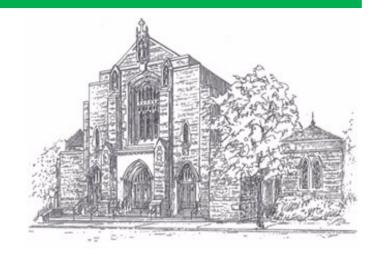
Saturdays - 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM or by appointment.

#### 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.



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#### **A Sunday Devotion**

While You Wait With Me, I work on *renewing your mind*. As the Light of My Presence shines into your mind, darkness flees and deception is unmasked. However, there are many crevices where old thought patterns try to hide. My Spirit can search out and destroy those enemies, but He awaits your cooperation. Habitual ways of thinking do not die easily. When the Spirit's Light illuminates a hurtful thought, capture it by writing it down. Then bring it to Me so we can examine it together. I will help you identify the distortions and replace them with biblical truth.

The more you focus on Me and My Word, the more you can break free from painful, irrational thoughts. They usually have their roots in distressing experiences that wounded you, so the distortions are deeply etched into your brain. You may need to recapture the same thought

multiple times before you can gain mastery over it. But all the effort leads to a marvelous result: increased ability to live freely and enjoy My Presence.

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



#### From the Music Director

#### The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. The date of September 8, chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year in September, helped determine the date for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Although scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth, according to the *Gospel of James*, her parents Anna and Joachim are infertile, but receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world.

Saint Andrew of Crete says that creation is jubilant on this special day because the birth of Mary is a joyful prelude to the gift of humanity's salvation. In France, the best grapes are brought to church to be blessed and then some bunches are attached to the hands of the statue of Mary. In Malayalam, an 8 -day abstinence of meat and alcohol is observed prior to it being celebrated with a feast featuring a ceremonial rice pudding. In Malta, churches are decorated, and brass band concerts or processions happen with fireworks. Universally, the annual blessing of seeds on the Nativity of the Blessed



Y OF THE BLESSED Virgin Mary aids farmers seeking God's blessing on their crops. What are you doing to celebrate?

Steven Vaughan, Director of Music Ministry SacredMusic@StKevinFlsuhing.Org (718) 357-8888, x 12 Mass Setting: *Heritage Mass #225-232*  Page 3

#### The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary

September 8, 2024

#### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 7th 5:00PM: The Parishioners of St. Kevin Church John Schiavone By Ellen Schiavone Vincent LaManna By Nina & James LaManna Marica Donadic By Anton & Marija Braut

Sunday, September 8th 9:00AM: Monsignors D. Joseph Finnerty & George Fogarty By Laura Stroligo 11:00AM: Matthew Novak By His Wife & Mother

Monday, September 9th 9:00AM: Paul Pellicci By Catherine Heffernan

Tuesday, September 10th9:00AM: Janet BaglieriBy Joanne Aldorisio

Wednesday, September 11th 9:00AM: Eileen Woods By The St. Kevin Senior Club

Thursday, September 12th 9:00AM: Gary Woods By Maureen & George Woods

Friday, September 13th 9:00AM: Donna M. Adames –Sanchez By Danaris Diaz-Calonge & Family

**Saturday, September 14th** 9:00AM: **Hilda Caban** *By The Apostolic Oblates* 

Saturday, September 14th 5:00PM: The Parishioners of St. Kevin Church G. Robert Carpenter By The Demeyere Family Mary McGarry By The Loiacono & Surace Families

Sunday, September 15th 9:00AM: Lai Mee Lee By The Machalek Family 11:00AM: The Giaccone & Muscatelli Families By The Muscatelli Family

#### Memorial Gifts Week of September 8, 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 The Widow & Widower Club for **Eileen Woods** 



The Bread & Wine are being offered this week for The Private Intention of the Donor



#### <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, Tylie Tierney, 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 & Spiro Theoharakis



Please Pray for the Faithful Departed

Jan T. Delerme & Thomas Joyce

May They Rest in Peace

## **Bible Corner**

September 8, 2024 The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

> <u>Isaiah 35:4-7a</u> Psalms 146:7.8-9-.9-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

September 15, 2024 The Twenty-Fourth

Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

Isaiah 50:5-9a

Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8: 27-35

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 7th 4:00PM: Confessions

Sunday, September 8th 10:00AM:Religious Education Parent Meeting (Church) 1:30PM: Academy Block Party (Parking Lot)

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

Tuesday, September 10th

Wednesday, September 11th 7:00PM: NO Eucharistic Adoration. Please join us at Sacred Heart Church for a 9/11 Memorial Mass starting at 7:30pm.

Thursday, September 12th 7:00PM: Legions of Mary Meet & Greet (Parish Center)

Friday, September 13th 7:00PM: Academy Movie Night (Parking Lot)

#### Stewardship Update



Stewardship Collection September 1st:\$6,966.00Parish Needs640.00Candle Boxes514.00Poor Boxes433.00

Mass Count: 412



Help us reach our 2024 Goal!! \$108,738.00

Pledged: \$64,310.00 Paid: \$51,660.97

## Word of Life

"We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity."

> USCCB, "Prayer to Heal Racial Division"

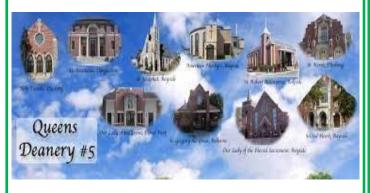


St. Kevín's Seníor Club will Resume Meeting on Tuesday September 17, 2024 All are Welcome!!!

#### **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 Parmalat), 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: September 18th

#### 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
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- Ms. Amora Laucella (Director of Faith Formation) ALaucella@StKevinFlushing.Org





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#### This Week's Readings | USCCB

The Book of Isaiah was written by the prophet and some of his disciples who came years after him. The verses chosen for our Old Testament reading today from Chapter 35 were likely written by his followers. Much of the Book of Isaiah is written like poems, and that is true of this entire chapter, which reads like a beautiful psalm of hope. Pick up your Bible today and read Isaiah 35. The name Isaiah is formed by the Hebrew words Yesha and Yahu. Both words are derivatives of the name YHWH, the Hebrew name for God, which is transliterated as Yahweh. Yesha means to save, so Isaiah means Yahweh saves, or Yahweh is salvation. Isaiah was a major Hebrew prophet in the 8th century BC, a critical time in Israel's history. The Kingdom of Israel, also known as the Northern Kingdom, was facing a similar fate as the Assyrian army approached its capital, Jerusalem. Isaiah speaks to the distressed people of the Southern Kingdom, offering a hopeful message of God's healing, restoration, and salvation. God promises strength, assurance, and salvation. Isaiah uses imagery for this transformation: the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, and the lame leaping.

God's mercy revealed by the prophet is not just for the 8th-century BC people of the Kingdom of Judah but also for us. In our weakness, God promised strength. God's presence in our lives brings joy and renewal to our fears, doubts, despairs, and angst.

The Gospel of Mark is recognized as the earliest of the four canonical gospels. It is also the shortest of all the gospels. The Gospel's concise narrative focuses primarily on Jesus' public ministry, miracles, and the events leading to His Passion, Death, and Resurrection while leaving out details of His birth and early life that can be found in the other gospels. In today's Gospel Reading, Mark's account of the healing of the deaf man reveals Jesus's humanity. Jesus took the man away from the crowd and touched his ear and tongue to make him hear and speak. The man may not have heard Jesus crying out for his ears to be opened as he looked up to heaven, but he had to feel Jesus' touch. Jesus' intimate healing of the deaf man fulfills Isaiah's prophecy of our merciful God being our healer. The accounts of Jesus' miracles in the Gospels continue the hope Isaiah proclaimed, showing that God actively cares for and restores His people.

It is noteworthy that the deaf man with a speech impediment did not seek Jesus to declare his faith and ask for healing. The people brought him to Jesus and begged Him to lay His hand on him to heal him. We are called to be instruments of God's mercy and healing in the world. We need to actively listen and respond to the needs of those around us. We are challenged to reach out to others and share with them the good news of God's mercy and the gift of grace and peace we received.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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HOMAS BERRY PLACE

A Passionist Ministry

Join us for An Evening for Prayer Wednesday, September 18, 2024

> Who/Where/Why is Your God? Presented by Sr. Karen Cavanagh, CSJ

Join us at TBP as we offer instruction on different forms of prayer. These gatherings present an opportunity to meet people, share experiences and pray together.



*Offering: \$20 per person* Light refreshments will be available.

Registration is required and space is limited. For more information, please contact Kelli at 929-357-6700 or <u>Kelli@thomasberryplace.org</u>.



# Sept. 20th at 8pm

East Coast Chapter Meeting Online contact <u>nyc@mgoretti.org</u>

MGN Maria Goretti Network exists to help survivors of any type of abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc.) find support and healing in the spirit of St. Maria Goretti. Abuse is never your fault, and you are not alone. Steps to forgiveness can set you free.

MGN Maria Goretti Network is a non-profit 501 (c)(3)

Lay Catholic Apostolate www.mgoretti.org



#### Pray for those affected by abuse.

# FAMILY FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

St. Kevin's Family Faith Formation + Religious Education Program provides Religious Instruction for students in grades one through eight who are not enrolled in Catholic School.

#### WHEN ARE CLASSES?

Classes at St. Kevin's are every Sunday at 9:30am before our 11:00am Family Mass. They are held on a rotation of being in person and remote every other week, and will be starting in September.

#### HOW DO I REGISTER?

All families must fill out our Registration Form, which can be accessed by scanning the GR code below. In addition to this, families enrolling new students must also send in a copy of that child's Baptismal Certificate with the Church Seal, and immunization record.



#### WHO NEEDS TO REGISTER?

All families who would like to be part of our Program this fail need to register every year, whether your family is returning from last year, or if your family is new to our Program and enrolling for the first time.

#### WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION FEE?

The non-refundable Registration Fees for the 2024-2025 year are as follows:

> \$175.00 for one child \$225.00 for two children \$300.00 for three children \$350.00 for four children



Those with any additional questions may contact Ms. Laucella, Director of Faith Formation, at alaucella@stkevinflushing.org or (718) 357-8888, ext. 26

#### JМJ

#### The Legion of Mary

What is the Legion of Mary? The largest worldwide lay apostolate in the Church.

Mary is the Mother of God and our mother, she always leads us, her children, directly to Christ.

Legionaries meet, pray together, deepen their faith together, help bring others to Christ, and follow along the pathway to salvation, under Our Lady's unwavering leadership and protection.

Especially in these difficult times,

Our Blessed Mother provides a surer pathway to heaven.

We are an apostolate, which means We actively work in the vineyard of the Lord. We meet weekly. Meeting format includes: Recitation of Rosary & Legion Prayers, Spiritual Reading, and discussion. Work assignments under the direction of the pastor. Such as... Home visitation of shut-ins;

Adult Faith Formation; Religious instruction.

Come to our Informational Meeting, And just learn about us. Thursday, September 12 at 7 P.M. Parish Center Light Refreshments



Our Lady conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to you.



#### Facilities Manager of St. Kevin's

#### Church, Rectory & Convent

#### Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

-Ensuring all parish buildings are clean & welcoming

-Minor repairs and maintenance of grounds & building systems (Boiler, Elevators, Air Conditioning, etc.)

-Coordinate with service personnel & contractors

-Grounds swept and trash free daily

-Mandatory attendance on snow days

-Setting up for parish events

-Opening & locking the church daily

-Setting up for daily mass and funerals

-8:00am-4:00pm Monday through Friday

Salary range, \$45,000-\$55,000 is commensurate with experience. Please contact Lisa Miller in the rectory office (718)357-8888.

# **St. Josaphat's Church** 15th Annual CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION



## Honoring **ST. PADRE PIO** &

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

TUESDAY SEPT. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

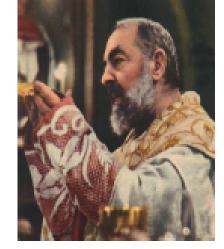
<u>PROGRAM:</u> <u>6:30PM</u>-Recitation of the Rosary in the Church:

7:00PM - Holy Mass:

Celebrant: Bishop Frank J Caggiano

8:15PM Candlelight Procession Through The Streets Of Bayside,

> 35th Ave & 210th Street Bayside, NY Tel: (718) 229-1663





The relic of St. Padre Pio's glove will be available for veneration.



#### Vote 'NO' on NYS Prop One Nov. 5

This year's election ballot will feature Proposal One, also known as the "Equal Rights Amendment" (ERA) by supporters, which is a proposed amendment to the NYS Constitution. In short, if approved by New York's voters, the poorly written Prop One would make abortion at any stage a state constitutional right and could infringe on parents' rights to make medical decisions for their children, including so-called "gender-affirming" procedures.

#### Why do we <u>OPPOSE</u> Prop One?

Proposed by the NYS Legislature, Prop One looks to replace already-existing important state protections with a rushed, poorly discussed ban on carefully crafted statutes which already prevent discrimination.

Although already legal, Prop One would make abortion at any stage a state constitutional right. This means if it is approved by the voters and added to the state constitution, it would make it nearly impossible to reverse the decision. After the overturning of Roe v. Wade, progressive states have attempted to force constitutional amendments to enshrine abortion in their state constitutions. These are very dangerous actions that dismiss the right to life.

Additionally, Prop One is currently written to "expand" state constitutional protections, on top of the preexisting federal and state bans on discrimination. Among other things, it includes protecting the rights of people, including minors, regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and reproductive healthcare in VERY vague terms. This means, if passed, parental rights will be infringed upon, and the New York State government could have authority to make medical or other decisions for your minor children.

The New York State Catholic Conference strongly urges you to vote 'NO' on Prop One this November. Voter approval of this amendment could lead to a permanent assault on the right to life in New York State and parents' rights to make medical decisions for their children.

Get more information about how Prop One will infringe on parental rights: <u>https://www.protectkidsny.com/</u>Find Out More

Read the full proposed legislation: https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2023/S108A

Learn more through an analysis from the Human Life Review: <u>https://humanlifereview.com/</u><u>new-york-states-equal-rights-amendment-a-revolutionary-camel/</u>



Please join

The Knights of Columbus for a fun night of the game



**St. Kevins Parish Center** 

Friday September 27th @ 6:30pm Entrance \$20 & includes pizza, water & snack You may bring your own refreshments too!

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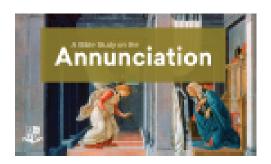
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You MUST bring a prize valued \$15 min

Prize must be wrapped Be creative with your wrapping Please choose a prize you wouldn't mind receiving Can you hold on to your prize all night or will it be stolen? For more info call/text Michelle Rodriguez 646-217-9177 Or email: st.kevinskoc18180@gmail.com Payments can be made by check made out to: St. Kevin Council 18180 and can be dropped off at the rectory Or send via Zelle using the email: St.kevinskoc18180@gmail.com

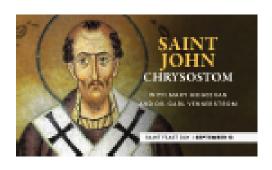
# FORMED

## Week of September 08, 2024



#### A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 126–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



#### St. John Chrysostom | Catholic Saints

From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.

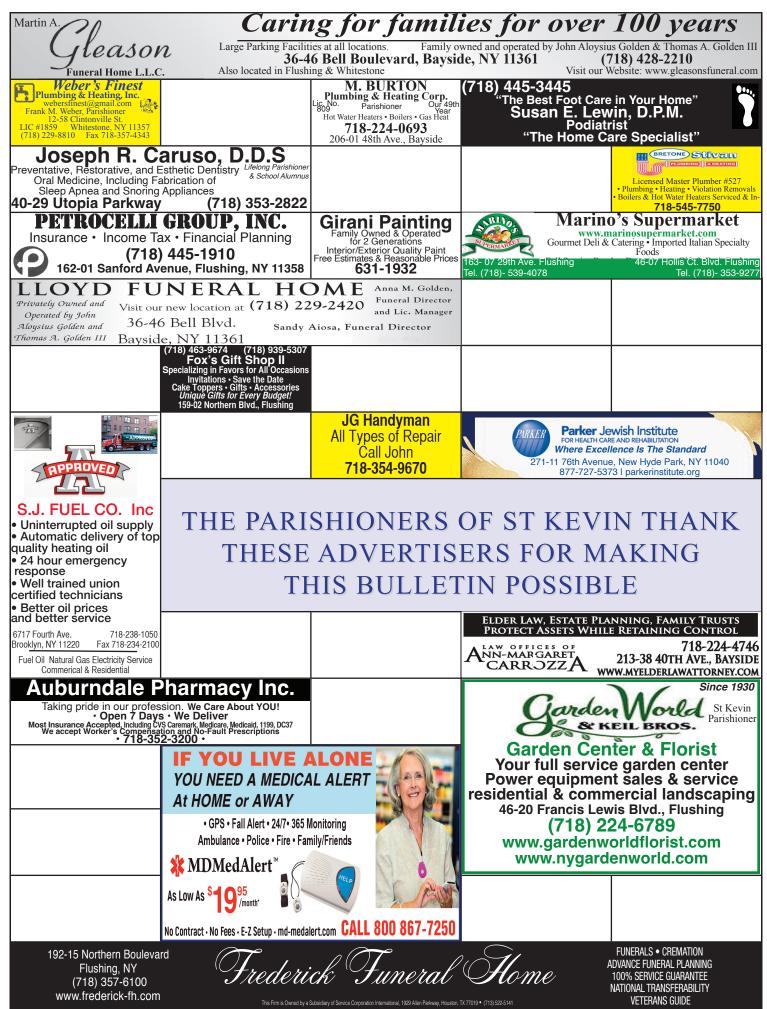


#### The Eyes Have It | Benjamin Cello | Episode 2

Glow Worm is losing her glow, and her eyes are going with it! It'll take the ministrations of mother and expert Lady Iris to help Glow Worm fix her eyes on Jesus and see with a heavenly perspective.

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