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Mondays - Thursdays
9:00AM—5:00PM
Closed from 12:00PM—1:00PM
Monday — 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 Wednesday 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.

A Note from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend our Nation celebrates its 250 year anniversary. Guided by the founding ideals enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and codified in our Constitution, “We the People” of the United States of America have sought to make ourselves a nation united.

Here the promise of a good life has been achieved. Our union though not perfect has been proved. It has been tested by civil war, social unrest, economic stress, international moments, and the diversity of religious and political viewpoints. Yet, our resolve has held, and the friction of our shared history has made us stronger, more resilient.

In order to understand the significance of these 250 years and this moment, it is important to recognize the guiding hand of God's providence. Without minimizing national pride and patriotism, we need to look upon our common achievement with the realization of God's merciful and bountiful hand. As our forefathers remind us, “we are one nation under God.” It is this cosmology we need to acknowledge and preserve as we go forward.

Therefore, I invite you to celebrate this 4th of July weekend in the spirit of Thanksgiving. May God who has begun so much in us and our Nation continued to sustain and shower us with his love. May God Bless America, today and in the days and years to come!

Sincerely,

Fr. Marc Swartvagher



Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

American Saints, Pray For Us!

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA! This weekend, we celebrate **two hundred and fifty years** since the signing of the Declaration of Independence! As we come to this milestone, I find myself not only reflecting on the key figures in American history that led us to this day, but also on the Saints, Blessed, and Servants of God who came out of this nation that we all so dearly love. I wanted to share with you some of my favorite Heavenly Friends for the occasion, with all of them having New York roots!

Born in 1656, **Kateri Tekakwitha** was the first Native American Saint, niece of the Mohawk Chief, and known as the "Lily of the Mohawks" due to her consecrated virginity. Born in 1766, **Pierre Toussaint**, brought here as a slave from Haiti, made his living as a renowned hairdresser to New York's most high society women, with prominent clients being the wife and daughter of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, and donated the majority of his earnings to fund our nation's earliest Catholic Charities. Born in 1774, **Elizabeth Ann Seton** was the first American-born Saint, and is known as both the founder of the US Catholic School System, and the first order of religious women in the U.S, the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph. Born in 1850, **Frances Xavier Cabrini**, originally born in Italy, founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and was the first US Citizen to be canonized a Saint after founding orphanages, hospitals, convents, and schools which served the children of immigrants. Born in 1895, **Fulton Sheen** served as Auxiliary Bishop of New York, and won an Emmy Award for his record-breaking 1950s television series *Life is Worth Living*, which is the most widely viewed religious series in television history.

These extraordinary men and women, and so many more, who are claimed by the United States (and specifically New York!) are such gifts to our Church, and are what come to my mind when I think of "*We the People...forming a more perfect Union*". Let us remember, as we celebrate our milestone birthday, that we are *all* called to use our gifts and talents to be who God has called and created us all to be, and that we are responsible for keeping our country a place where all can fully live their lives in the fullest of liberty and the pursuit of happiness. **God Bless America!**

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From the Music Director

America, the Beautiful

In 1893, Wellesley College English professor Katherine Lee Bates took a train from Boston to Colorado Springs. Inspired by the sights – the "White City" of Chicago's alabaster buildings; Kansas' wheat fields and the majestic Great Plains – she wrote a poem titled "Pikes Peak." When it was published two years later to commemorate the 4th of July, its title was changed to "America." And for the next fifteen years it was sung to the tune "Auld Lang Syne!"

Meanwhile, in 1882, church organist Samuel A. Ward was similarly inspired aboard the Coney Island Ferry sailing to Manhattan to catch a train to Newark! He was so anxious to compose a tune, he borrowed a shirt cuff from a fellow passenger to write it on! Originally composed as "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem," he retitled it MATERNA. He died in 1903, not realizing the stature his music would attain, since Ward's melody and Bates poem weren't published together until 1910 as "America the Beautiful."

The song reads in part as a prayer for the United States to bless the common good, encouraging our nation to live up to its high ideals. It's very easy these days to get caught up in all the things that divide Americans. But the more we focus on the things that unite us; the things we all cherish; the same spacious sky that covers all our heads, the more we can fulfill the song's ultimate promise: to "*crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*"



America the Beautiful
- Katherine Lee Bates

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ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 4th

5:00PM: **The People of St. Kevin Church**

Mary Ellen McCann *By: Laura Terio*

Sunday, July 5th

9:00AM: **Thinh Pham**

By: The Pham Family

11:00AM: **Rose & Julian Xuereb**

By: Mary & George Donahue

Monday, July 6th

9:00AM: **Fr. Padre Pio**

By: Luisa Hamilton

Tuesday, July 7th

9:00AM: **Eugene & John Brady**

By: Maria Brady

Wednesday, July 8th

9:00AM: **Kenneth Barris**

By: The Devoti Family

Thursday, July 9th

9:00AM: **Reinalda & Osvaldo Morales**

By: Maria Morales

Friday, July 10th

9:00AM: **Alba & Nick D'Ugo**

By: Josephine Verdecchia

Saturday, July 11th

9:00AM: **The Living & Deceased Members of the Morales & DeLavega Families**

By: Maria Morales

Saturday, July 11th

5:00PM: **The People of St. Kevin Church**

Deny Gomez

By: Luz Gomez

Thanksgiving of God

By: Yolanda Montenegro

Nilson Zuniga

By: Yolanda Montenegro

Sunday, July 12th

9:00AM: **Howard Tseng**

By: Jean Leon

11:00AM: **Daniel, Theresa & Michael Cavallo**

By: The Tobia & Cavallo Families

Memorial Gifts Week of July 5, 2026



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 Candle are being offered this week
For The Parishioners of St. Kevin's Church



The Bread & Wine are being offered this week by Joan Jaworski
For Ralph Cappetta



Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish Family

Marianne Stanton, Renee Digrugilliers, Rick Digrugilliers, Helen DiScala, Irene Spector, Kathy Keating, Thomas J. Hurlman, Carole Graves, Charles D. Edmund, Roberta Keenan Guiffre, Rita Palmieri, Samantha Rooney, Yolanda Stivanello, Brenda Liddy & Family, Maribel Aguila, Jimmy Lia, Mary Keegan, Frank Rasizzi, Anthony Giaccone, Margaret Brower, Thomas & Patricia Johnston, Naomi Oates, Howard Burkhart, Bob Myers, Louis Sandora, Cliff Johnson, John Sullivan, Renee Conlin, Irene Kremka and Zaneta Thompson

Weekly Readings



July 5, 2026 The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

Second Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

Alleluia: Matthew 11: 25

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Stewardship Update

Collection from Sunday June 28th: \$
Parish Needs
Poor Box
Candle Boxes

The Bulletin needed to be submitted prior to the collection being counted.

Mass Count: 518



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2026**
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Help Us Reach Our
Annual Catholic
Appeal
2026 Goal
Goal \$88,078.00
Pledged \$75,836.00
Paid \$59,763.50

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 4th

4:00PM: Confessions

Sunday, July 5th

Monday, July 6th

Tuesday, July 7th

Wednesday July 8th

6:00PM: Simply Prayer

7:00PM: Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, July 9th

Friday July 10th



“O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus... We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Local Celebrations of the Consecration of the United States of America to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus”

A Reflection from LOVEANDSERVE.ORG

[This Week's Readings | USCCB](#)

The readings for this Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time present the Messiah as a king whose authority is marked by humility and peace, not domination. Zechariah announces: *“Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, Humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* —Zechariah 9:9. This prophecy was spoken around 520 B.C., long after the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, the catastrophe that left Judah in ruins and its people in exile in 586 B.C., so its promise of a humble and merciful king carried the force of hope for a people rebuilding after national collapse.

The Savior’s triumph would not come through vengeance or by repeating the violence of the world. God’s wisdom and ways are different from worldly ones. This is echoed in today’s Gospel reading as Jesus praises the Father: *“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.”* —Matthew 11:25. Jesus extols those who are childlike and who receive God’s knowledge and wisdom rather than the wise and scholarly who rely on their own competence. We know the heart of God, not through intellectual studies alone, but through His self-disclosure to us. The humility of God is revealed in the identity and mission of Jesus, and we come to know Him through humility. Then Jesus offers the gentle, invaluable invitation: *“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”* — Matthew 11:28–30. A yoke, a wooden collar used on one or a pair of animals so they can pull heavy loads, is what Jesus uses as a metaphor for His authority and way of life that binds us to Him and directs our lives. The burden of being joined to Him is not without a cost. It is “easy” and “light,” not a crushing burden because He walks with us.

The second reading from Romans explains, *“But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.”* —Romans 8:9. Christian life is more than following mandates; it is the presence of the Holy Spirit within us. Saint Paul then uses blunt language about consequences: *“For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”* —Romans 8:13. This is the reality: our behavior has consequences.

Life in an imperfect world can bring about anxieties, fatigue, and despair. We cannot rely on our own fortitude, self-help publications, podcasts, artificial intelligence chatbots, or other strategies to lift our burdens and bring us peace and rest. *“Come to me”* is Jesus’ invitation. May we humbly place our trust in Him and follow Him.

[Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.](#)
[LoveAndServe.org](#) — Used with permission.



Food Collection

Items Needed:

Tea (regular or decaf), jelly or jam, peanut butter, shelf stable milk (similar or equal to Parmalat), 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, oatmeal, dry cereal, and tomato sauce.

For Donation Drop Off : The Church is opened daily until 2:00PM, please utilize the large plastic containers inside the rear parking lot doors.

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, July 15th 9:35am-11:30am or 5:30pm-7:00pm



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

It's time to
let God do the talking.



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.

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