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Monday – Thursday 9:00AM–5:00PM

Closed from 12:00PM–1:00PM

Monday – Wednesday 5:00PM–8:00PM

Closed Friday, 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

First Fridays at 7:00PM in Church

Catholic Cemeteries

For Information and available options,

please call 718.894.4888

Donate To St. Kevin's



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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 out 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.

Dear Parishioners,

In recent months, St. Kevin's has experienced a few problems with the weekly envelope company. Due to mechanical problems with the printing and other production difficulties, our sets of envelopes have arrived late. On a few occasions this has caused a situation where you have not received the new sets of envelopes in time for a given weekend. I realize it is frustrating for everyone, and if this situation continues, it is not financially beneficial for the parish. Every time the envelopes have arrived late, the weekly donations have suffered.

I thank all of you for your patience as we look at possible alternatives. I also thank the many of you who were able to make up the gift of your contribution the following weeks when we had a problem. While I would prefer to work with our vendor to honor the long relationship that has been established between the parish and the company, I'd like to inform you that the parish office has begun to look into other vendors who might be able to supply our envelope sets for our weekly donation. When a new company is identified, I will inform you of the change and what it may mean.

Yet, at this moment I would like to remind you that St. Kevin's has an On-Line Giving portal that you can setup and use for your weekly contribution. It is very easy and safe to sign up on our Giving page. To make an electronic donation to St. Kevin and set up weekly contributions, visit <https://stkevinflushing.org/giving> or scan the QR code on the front of our bulletin. If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to call the rectory office at 718-357-8888.

Sincerely,

Fr. Marc Swartvagher



Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

Registration for our 2026-2027 Academic Year is **OPEN** as of **Monday, June 15th**! All of our currently active families have been emailed their Registration information, and we have already had some new families register for the upcoming year with us!

If you have a child in public school between **school grades one through eight** and you would like your family to be part of our Program for the upcoming Fall, be sure to fill out our online Registration Form and submit all corresponding information **before Monday, August 31st**. You can find all that you need to register on our Registration page here in the Bulletin, including the QR code to the right for you to scan to take you directly to our online form.

We are so looking forward to you becoming part of our Faith Formation Family here at St. Kevin!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION AT ST. KEVIN!



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From the Music Director

Queens Jazz Trail Concert Series

This series celebrates the borough's rich jazz heritage, honoring the neighborhoods where legends like Louis Armstrong, John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Count Basie, Tony Bennett and many others once lived and performed. It brings this musical history to life through FREE outdoor concerts in parks across the borough, featuring outstanding artists from New York City and beyond. Bring a blanket, lawn chair, picnic, friends—even your dancing shoes—and enjoy a summer of live jazz in Queens parks! All concerts take place on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. The locations are:

July 16 – Baisley Pond Park (Jamaica) honoring John Coltrane
July 23 – Forest Park Bandshell (Woodhaven)
July 30 – Bowne Park (Flushing) with a 17-piece Big Band
Aug 6 – Rockaway Beach Park (Far Rockaways)
Aug 13 – Archie Spigner Park (Jamaica) tribute to Miles Davis
Aug 20 – Cunningham Park (Fresh Meadows)
Aug 27 – Astoria Park (Astoria) honoring Tony Bennett



Jazz music is the power of now.
There is no script. It's conversation.
The emotion is given to you by
musicians as they make split-second
decisions to fulfill what they feel the
moment requires.

— Wynton Marsalis —

AZ QUOTES

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

Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11th

9:00 AM: **Living and Deceased Members of the Morales and DeLavega Families**
By: Maria Morales

5:00PM: **The People of St. Kevin Church**
Deny Gomez By: Lus Gomez
In Thanksgiving of God
By: Yolanda Montenegro
Nilson Zuniga By: Yolanda Montenegro
Thomas J. Brick By: Trini Lala

Sunday, July 12th

9:00AM: **Howard Tseng** By: Jean Leon
11:00AM: **Daniel, Theresa & Michael Cavallo**
By: The Tobia & Cavallo Families

Monday, July 13th.

9:00AM:

Tuesday, July 14th

9:00AM: **Frank Lenzo** By: Tina Lenzo

Wednesday, July 15th

9:00AM: **Filomena Sica** By: Giuseppina Avallone

Thursday, July 16th

9:00AM: **Sabino & Carolina Morano**
By: Giuseppina Avallone

Friday, July 17th

9:00AM: **Kay & Larry Appell**
By: George Woods & Family

Saturday, July 18th

9:00AM: **Gerard Jap** By: His Children

Saturday, July 18th

5:00PM: **The People of St. Kevin Church**
Elaine Lecler By: The Christophorou Family
Robert Baratta By: The Christophorou Family
Pasquale Binetti By: Pasqua D'Elia & Family
Thomas J. Brick By: Joanne & Sam Perillo
Bobby Colleluori By: Suzanne Hardie

Sunday, July 19th

9:00AM: **Giorgio Venerus** By: The Del Zotto Family
11:00AM: **Jeremiah Steven Robey**
By: The Lupo & Parianos Families

Memorial Gifts Week of July 12, 2026



The Paschal Candle that will burn in the Church throughout the year has been donated by Dr. 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 Friends and Family of Marcia Calisi



The Bread and Wine are being offered this week for The Friends and Family of Marcia Calisi



The Sanctuary Lamps are being offered this week for The Friends and Family of Marcia Calisi



The Altar Flowers are being offered this week for The Friends and Family of Marcia Calisi



Please Pray for the Sick & 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, Howard Burkhart, Bob Myers, Louis Sandora, Cliff Johnson, Rene Conlon, John Sullivan, Irene Kermka and Zaneta Thompson



July 12, 2026

**Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 65: 10, 11, 12-13, 14

Second Reading: Romans 8: 18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

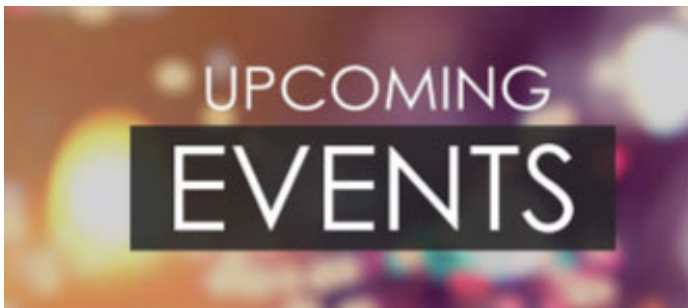
Stewardship Update

Collection from Sunday, July 5 th	\$6,4484.00
Parish Needs	528.00
Venezuela Earthquake	1,220.00
Damien House	780.00

Mass Count: 413



*Help Us Reach Our
Annual Catholic Appeal
2026 Goal
Goal \$88,078.00
Pledged \$59,863.50
Paid \$40,122.25*



Saturday, July 11th

4:00PM: Confessions

Sunday, July 12th

Monday, July 13th

Tuesday, July 14th

7:30PM: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday July 15th

6:00PM: Simply Prayer

7:00PM: Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, July 16th

Friday July 17th



"I greet you with affection, dear parents and children!...To adopt a child is a great work of love. When it is done, much is given, but much is also received. It is a true exchange of gifts....you have put yourselves with Christ on the side of children.

May the Lord fill you with every consolation and sustain you in the difficulties of your journey."

**Pope John Paul II, Address to the
Meeting of Adoptive Families**



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



Congratulations To

*Domenico Bolkovic
Stavros Nikolakakos
William Kelly*

*On achieving Honor Roll status at
Chaminade High School
God Bless*

**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.

Thank you so much for your consideration and kindness.

A Reflection from LOVEANDSERVE.ORG

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

The Bible is not simply a book of facts, nor is it merely informational or an instruction manual. It is not static text frozen in time; it is living and active, like light that enters a room and changes everything it reaches, as the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us: "Indeed, the word of God is living and effective." — Hebrews 4:12. When we open Scripture, we are not only receiving information; we are encountering the living God who speaks. And because His Word is living, it does more than inform us; it forms us. His Word heals, warns, strengthens, and draws us deeper, often in ways we didn't expect. This is the mystery of Scripture: the very same passage that stirs the heart when we read it may pierce differently in different seasons of life, meeting us with a truth that fits what we most need and calling us to respond.

There is a strong thread that runs through the three readings for today: God's Word is alive, effective, and life-giving and is meant to bring about transformation to the heart that receives it. Isaiah uses the image of rain and snow giving the earth necessary moisture; the water comes down, penetrates, and produces fruit, thus accomplishing what God intends. While Isaiah shows the seed of God's Word being poured out, Romans shows the harvest, its complete fruitfulness, that is still to come. St. Paul writes that creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, and where it is fulfilled, the Word's promise bears fruit. And where Isaiah shows the power of the Word, Matthew shows the responsibility of those who hear it. The Gospel reading tells us that the Word is a seed that must first be received to bear fruit. Its fruitfulness depends on the soil of the heart that receives it.

Every spring, flowers seem to reappear automatically, bringing beauty to the world without much intervention. However, producing a new harvest is a different matter entirely. New produce requires intentional work, from the initial planting to the consistent cultivating and watering needed to help things grow. Jesus, in today's Gospel parable of the Sower, makes this clear: we either receive the Word of God into our hearts or we reject it. God's Word can fall on a hard path and immediately gets snatched away by Satan. It can spring up when it falls on rocky ground with little soil, but without roots, trials and tribulations cause it to wither. It can fall on thorny ground, and if we don't get rid of the thorns and weeds, they choke the Word. But when it falls on rich soil that is being nourished and cared for, it produces fruit. This parable encourages us to examine our hearts and to weed out what can steal or choke the Word of God and the gift of faith.

What things of this world compete for our hearts' attention? The lure of wealth, security, anxieties, resentments, and distractions will "choke" the Word of God when we hear it. Choking is slow and unnoticed when it creeps in. The lesson today is not to despise the world but to discern and resist what creeps in and crowds our hearts.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

PARISH BARBECUE

Sunday, September 13th, 12:00pm

JUBILEE DINNER DANCE

Sunday, October 18th, Il Bacco, 3:00pm-8:00pm

CLOSING JUBILEE YEAR MASS

Sunday, November 22nd, 11:00am

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & TREE AND ANGEL LIGHTING

Sunday, December 6th

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION AT ST. KEVIN!

Registration for the 2026-2027 Academic Year is
officially **OPEN** as of **Monday, June 15th!**

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, and support for all of our Parish Families, not matter their age or school affiliation.



WHO NEEDS TO REGISTER?

All families who have children enrolled in public school grades one through eight should register for this fall! This goes for both families who were enrolled with us for the 2025-2026 Academic year, and families who are new to our Program enrolling for the first time.



WHEN ARE CLASSES?

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



WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION FEE?

The non-refundable Registration Fees for the 2026-2027 year are as follows:

\$180.00 for one child	\$300.00 for three children
\$230.00 for two children	\$350.00 for four children

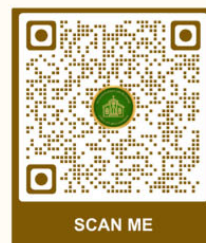


HOW DO I REGISTER?

All families must fill out our online Registration Form by **Monday, August 31st**, which can be accessed by scanning the QR code below. Families enrolling new students must also send in a copy of that child's Baptismal Certificate with the Church Seal, and immunization record.



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



"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?

O C I A

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



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



Those interested in joining our cohort may fill out our intake form by scanning the QR code, and email it to Ms. Amora Laucella at alaucella@stkevinflushing.org.



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