

# Saint Kevin Roman Catholic Church

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## Rectory Office Hours

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



Giving - St. Kevin RC Church

## 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](http://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,**

**St. Kevin's is starting two endowment funds!**

**Earlier this year, as we began our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of St. Kevin Parish, I mentioned to you that we were working towards creating two endowment funds for the Church. Over time, the hope is to raise enough principal in the accounts, so the dividends can be used to maintain our beautiful Church and provide resources for new programs and ministries that forward the mission of St. Kevin Parish.**

**Currently, we are looking to secure the initial \$50,000 that is necessary to open and create these accounts. Once established, these funds will be available as other ways we can secure the legacy of the parish.**

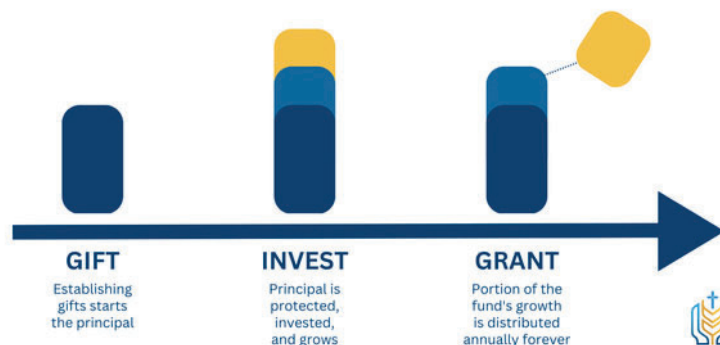
**St. Kevin Church was built by those who came before us, and on the hope of what could be accomplished when we live by Faith. I believe they succeeded. Yet today their vision and hope are passed on to us. It is now our responsibility to plan and prepare for tomorrow as we set the foundation for the next chapter in our story. With the future in mind, I invite you to invest in St. Kevin Parish.**

**If you are interested in donating to these funds or making a legacy gift to St. Kevin Parish, please come to see me.**

**Sincerely,**

**Fr. Marc Swartvagher**

### How an Endowment Fund Works



# 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!

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

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.



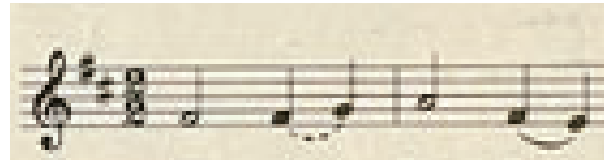
**SCAN ME**

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

## Administration

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## From the Music Director



### **Seek Ye First**

This modern hymn was written in 1971 by Karen Lafferty. It was born during a time of personal financial struggle for the songwriter. A classically trained musician, she had recently quit a lucrative job singing in an entertainment lounge in Southern California to pursue Christian music ministry. She tried to support herself by teaching guitar lessons. When her savings were all gone, she had no money for the car loan payment which her mother had co-signed. Very discouraged and confused, she went to a Bible study at Calvary Chapel focusing on Matthew 6:33, about how God takes care of the birds. Later she said, "And it hit me. I said, 'That's it!' I just needed to keep seeking the kingdom, and God would provide the things I needed. My rent wasn't paid, but the joy was back." That night a haunting melody came to mind which she realized fit that verse. She used a tape recorder and her guitar to set the Scripture passage to music.

She taught the song at church the next week, and it caught on right away, and spread to other congregations very quickly. It's a simple, memorable tune led to its inclusion in dozens of hymnals, making it one of the most widely recognized hymns of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Its popularity lies in its clarity; by reminding us to seek God's reign before all other concerns, it calls us to reorder our priorities according to the values of the kingdom of God.

Steven Vaughan, Director of Music Ministry  
(718)357-8888, x12

[SacredMusic@StKevinFlushing.org](mailto:SacredMusic@StKevinFlushing.org)  
Mass Setting: Heritage Mass #225 - #232



## Announced Mass Intentions

**Saturday, July 18th**  
9:00 AM: **Gerard Jap**

*By: His Children*

**Saturday, July 18th**

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

**Elaine Leclerc** *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 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00AM: **Teresa Rico-O'Reilly** *By: Maria Morales*

**Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00AM: **Joseph Lupo** *By: Grace Lupo & Family*

**Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00AM: **Colleen Brown** *By: The Brown Family*

**Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00AM: **The Deceased Members of the Brady & Halko Families** *By: Maria Brady*

**Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00AM: **Maximo Monterrey** *By: Maria Morales*

**Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00PM: The People of St. Kevin Church**  
**Filippo Nicolosi** *By: The Porchetta Family*  
**Aldemar Zuniga** *By: Yolanda Montenegro*  
**Philip P. Capurso** *By: Sue Capurso*  
**Mary Miller** *By: John Miller*

**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00AM: **Janet Baglieri** *By: Laura Stroligo*  
11:00AM: **Marie McGee** *By: The McGourty Family*

## Memorial Gifts Week of July 19, 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 by **Marcia Calisi**  
**For Rica Kelly and Sofia Damiana Amico**



The Bread and Wine are being offered this week by **Carol Sherlock**  
**for Thomas Sherlock**



The Sanctary Lamps are being offered tis week by **Marcia Calisi**  
**For Karen Chawick**



Memorials that are available:  
Altar Candles  
Bread & Wine  
Sanctuary Lamps (2)  
Flowers

## 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, Zaneta Thompson, Ann Marie Kovac and Phyllis Limmer



**July 19, 2026**

**Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
**Second Reading:** Romans 8: 26-27  
**Alleluia:** Matthew 11:25  
**Gospel:** Matthew 13: 24-43

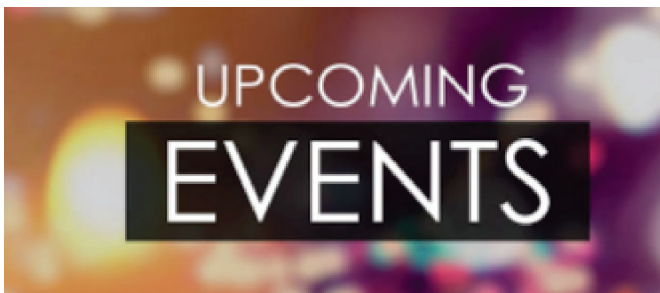
## Stewardship Update

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|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Collection from Sunday, July 12 <sup>th</sup> | \$6,548.00 |
| Parish Needs                                  | 890.00     |
| Venezuela Earthquake                          | 175.00     |
| Damien House                                  | 100.00     |
| Poor Boxes                                    | 157.00     |
| Candle Boxes                                  | 836.00     |

Mass Count: 456



**Help Us Reach Our  
Annual Catholic Appeal  
2026 Goal**  
**Goal \$88,078.00**  
**Pledged \$78,876.00**  
**Paid \$63,891.00**



**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00PM: Confessions**

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, July 21<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**6:00PM: Simply Prayer**  
**7:00PM: Eucharistic Adoration**

**Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>**



Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

**United States Conference of  
Catholic Bishops**  
**"Married Love and the Gift of Life"**



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, August 19th  
9:35am-11:30am or 5:30pm-7:00pm**



## 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

**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](#)

In last week's Gospel, we read and heard the parable of the Sower, and this week's Gospel reading gives us three more parables to ponder. Each time, after Jesus spoke and dismissed the crowds, His disciples approached Him and asked, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"—Matthew 13:10 and "Explain to us the parable"—v. 36. Does Jesus' use of parables make His teachings more complex to comprehend? And why was His answer to the disciples' questions regarding the use of parables unexpected?

In using parables, Jesus was not being evasive or confusing or concealing the truth with indifference. He used parables to provoke deeper reflection and invite the listeners to exercise freedom in being open and receptive to the truths that He was teaching and committed to following Him. This openness distinguishes those who seek understanding and those who simply hear His message and choose to remain in darkness. Jesus used parables to ignite the soul and awaken the mind. The parables He used compel us to feel, to wrestle with our inner doubts, and to reflect deeply, transforming simple words into life-changing truths. They push us beyond surface-level understanding, stirring a passionate desire to seek meaning. For instance, instead of giving a mere answer of definition in response to "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus passionately tells the story of the Good Samaritan, inviting us to see with new eyes and open our hearts wider than ever before to the true answer to the question. In the parable of the Sower, seeds fall either on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns, or on rich soil. This is a clear visual that easily leads people to obvious conclusions, for everyone knows that rich soil is the ideal fertile and generative ground. Therefore, parables easily draw the listener in so as to understand Christ's teachings. His stories become parables for us when deeper lessons are learned.

Parables serve as a true invitation to enter the kingdom. Christ calls for a radical choice, but he does not coerce salvation; rather, he lets the hearer respond freely. The Church teaches, "Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven". For those who stay "outside", everything remains enigmatic."— Catechism §546.

The practical question is whether we're like hard soil or good earth. When we hear God's message, do we allow it to convert us or only inform us? When we notice weeds, stubborn sins, or harmful behaviors, do we trust in Jesus's patience and take small steps? When prayer feels difficult, do we give up, or do we keep turning toward God in faith?

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.**  
**LoveAndServe.org — Used with permission.**

# 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:

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

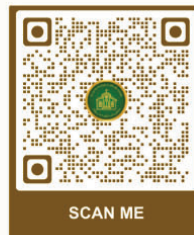


## HOW DO I REGISTER?

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](mailto:alaucella@stkevinflushing.org) or (718) 357-8888, ext. 26**





# Catholic Young Adult **Worship** *and Social*



**4 SEPTEMBER, 2026**

St. Kevin Church  
45-21 194<sup>th</sup> Street, Flushing, NY 11358

**7:00PM - 9:00PM**



*"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](mailto:alaucella@stkevinflushing.org).





# Online Donations To St. Kevin Church

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