

# 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*  
9:00AM—1:00PM  
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.

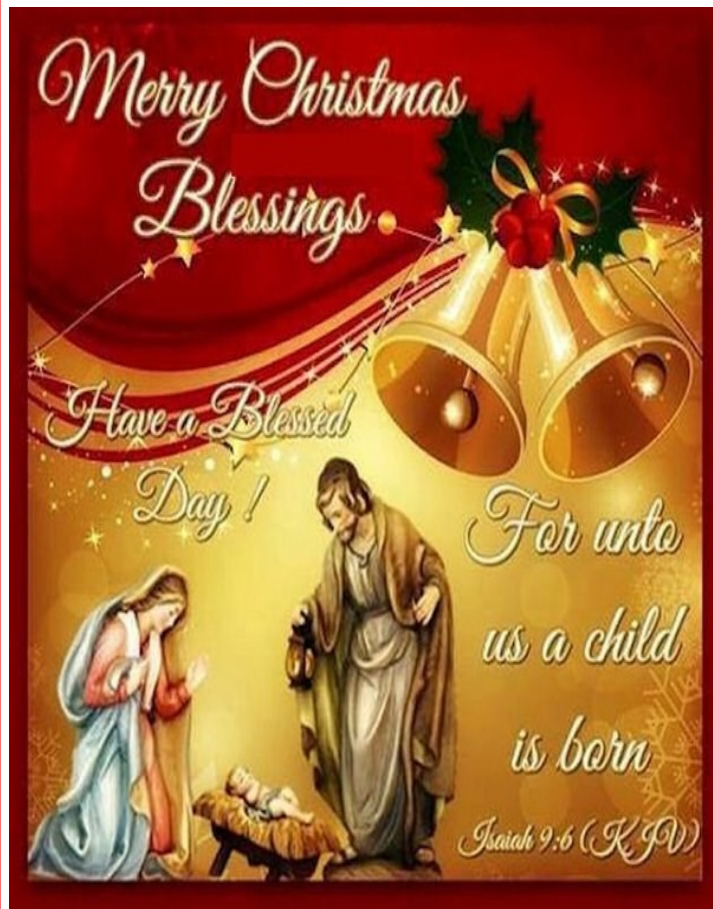
## Sacrament of Matrimony

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](http://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.

### From the Pastor's Office



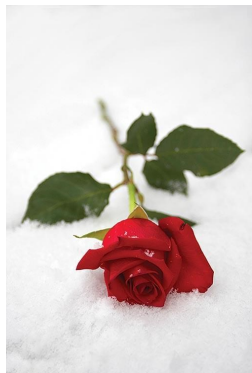
*Wishing You A  
Wonderful & Blessed  
Christmas Season.  
Thank You For  
Making My First  
Christmas At  
St. Kevin's So  
Special. May God  
Bless You All.*

### From the Music Director

### *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*Es ist ein Ros entsprungen* (literally “A rose has sprung up”) is a German carol, most commonly translated into English as “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming.” It refers to the Old Testament prophecies of Isaiah foretelling the Incarnation of Christ, and to the Tree of Jesse, a traditional symbol of the lineage of Jesus. The legend behind it is that a monk was walking through the forest late one winter night and found a rose. Inspired by its beauty, he placed the flower at an altar to the Virgin Mary.

The text has its roots in an unknown author from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Its manuscript was found in the Carthusian Monastery of St Alban in Trier, Germany, and is now preserved in the City Library. It has since been published with a varying number of verses (up to 23!) and in several translations.



The tune was first printed in 1599 in Cologne, Germany, and the famous composer Michael Praetorius helped its popularity by harmonizing it in his collection of hymns in 1609. His arrangement still appears in our hymnal today! So like that monk long ago, let the image of the rose in the cold midwinter remind you of the unexpected as we celebrate Christ's birth.

Steven Vaughan, Director of Music Ministry  
SacredMusic@StKevinFlushing.org  
(718)357-8888, x12  
NO Rehearsals this week  
Mass Setting: *Heritage Mass* #225-#232



## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 23rd**

5:00PM: **People of St. Kevin Parish**

**The Deceased Members of the LaManna & Laura Families**

*By Nina & James LaManna*

**Joan Alexander** *By Gini Fitzgerald & George Wenk*

**Sunday, December 24th**

9:00AM: **The Parishioners of St. Kevin Church**

11:00AM: **The Parishioners of St. Kevin Church**



**Monday, December 25th**

12:00AM: **Christmas Mass Remembrance**

9:00AM: **Christmas Mass Remembrance**

11:00AM: **Christmas Mass Remembrance**

**Tuesday, December 26th**

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

**Wednesday, December 27th**

9:00AM: **Carmela Tulino** *By The Picano Family*

**Thursday, December 28th**

9:00AM: **Severino DiPaola** *By Angela DiPaola*

**Friday, December 29th**

9:00AM: **Anthony Porchetta** *By Liz Porchetta*

**Saturday, December 30th**

9:00AM: **The Rocco Family** *By Lisa Miller*

**Saturday, December 30th**

5:00PM: **People of St. Kevin Parish**

**Caterina Minic** *By Giulia Ieraci*

**Sunday, December 31st**

9:00AM: **Joseph Costeolao** *By The Weber Family*

11:00AM: **Vincenzo Avallone** *By Giuseppina Avallone*

## Memorial Gifts Week of December 24 2023



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 Sanctuary Lamps are being offered this week by G. Badala & Biundo Family for **Salvatore Badala & Frank Badala**



The Altar Candles are being offered this week by Pat Fenchak & Family for **Dennis Milcznski**



The Bread & Wine are being offered this week by The Biundo Family for **Pietra & Giuseppe Biundo**



**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, Eileen Cantwell, 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, Anthony LaGatutta, Patricia Margarone, Edith Terrie Pouymari, Andrew Leonard, Phyllis Limmer Suzanne Kastner, & Maria Biundo



**Please Pray for the Faithful Departed**

**May they Rest in Eternal Peace!**



## 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)**  
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- Fr. Jeffrey Dillon (Parochial Vicar)**  
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## Stewardship Update



**Christmas Envelopes :** \$19,761.00  
**Stewardship Collection December 16th & 17th:** 6,274.00  
**Poor Boxes:** 108.00  
**Candle Boxes:** 328.00  
**Mass Count :** 527



**Help us reach our  
Goal of  
\$108,738.00  
Pledged: \$106,779.00  
Paid: \$105,361.00**

## Upcoming Events

**The rectory will be closed until Tuesday January 2, 2023**

### Saturday, December 23rd

**4:00PM:** Confessions

### Sunday, December 24th

**NO Religious Education Classes**

### Monday, December 25th

**9:30AM:** NO Eucharistic Adoration (Convent Chapel)

### Tuesday, December 26th

**1:00PM:** NO St. Kevin Senior Club (Parish Center)  
**7:30PM:** NO Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### Wednesday, December 27th

**3:00PM:** NO St. Kevin Prayer Group (Sanctuary)  
**7:00PM:** NO Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

### Thursday, December 28th

**7:00PM:** NO RCIA Class (Convent Chapel)

### Friday, December 29th

### Saturday December 30th

**4:00PM:** Confessions

## Word of Life

“O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself , you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need , without conditions or expectations...Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant Mother who is alone and afraid.”

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life  
Activities  
Prayer for Radical Solidarity**



If you are interested in creating an EGiving account please visit our website, [StKevinFlushing.org](http://StKevinFlushing.org) and click “Donate Now” or use the link below.

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/stkevins>



- To all attending mass, a gentle remind 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.**

**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](http://www.QueensDeanery5.org)

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 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. Josephat  |



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](mailto:StKevinChurch@StKevinFlushing.org)



## Food Collection

### 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 paper bags for distribution.

**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. And if you are interested in volunteering at “The Market,” please speak to Ms. Agnes Rus at  
718-357-8888

**Next Food Distribution: Wednesday January 10th**

## *A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday in Advent*

*Father, we are struck with wonder at the trust you have put in us. The work which your Son began by his coming is now put into our hands to complete. He longs to come again, but his time is not ripe, we must bring him forth into the world that is pleasing to him., Until that time, known only to you, when the heavens will open and we see him once more, we raise our eyes to you and ask your blessings while we set our hands to the task you have given us. Amen.*





# *Christmas Season Schedule*

## *Christmas Eve*

*4pm*

## *Christmas Day Mass*

*Midnight, 9am & 11am*

*The rectory will be closed Friday December 22– Monday January 1st.*





Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. ***Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*** explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

**JOIN US AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE OLBS PARISH CENTER** for this VIDEO series by  
**FORMED.**

- JANUARY 11 – Episode 1: God Is with Us
- JANUARY 18 – Episode 2: The Story of the Eucharist
- JANUARY 25 – Episode 3: Bread for the Journey
- February 1 – Bonus Episode: Biblical Foundations with Dr. Tim Gray

Please register using the link below, the QR code, or by calling the rectory at (718) 229-5929. <https://forms.gle/f8tR7ADBYCC78GaF9>

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center  
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# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 24, 2023



## The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



## Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



## The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

***Pilgrimage to Mother Angelica***  
***EWTN***  
***&***  
***Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament!***  
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**April 16 -19, 2024**

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**(\$250.00 deposit per person)**

**ITINERARY:**

**TUE. APRIL-16/2024:**

Meet your group at La Guardia Airport and board your non-stop flight to Birmingham, AL. Late morning arrival at the Birmingham Airport and here you are met by your bus driver. Transfer to **EWTN** for Noon Mass at the famous Chapel of "***Our Lady of the Angels***". After lunch Tour of **EWTN Studios**, where the coordinated programs are sent into your homes. Late afternoon check-in in your hotel. Dinner and overnight.

**WED. APRIL-17/2024:**

This morning after breakfast you are transferred to Mother Angelica masterpiece. "***The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament***". Upon arrival you will tour, ***The John Paul II Eucharistic Center***. The exhibits reveal the Eucharist in sacred Scripture and in the life of the Church. Right after, you will have an introduction to the Shrine with a guided tour. After lunch you will Tour the ***Ave Maria Grotto & St Bernard Abbey***. Providing a garden setting for 125 miniature reproductions of some of the most famous religious structures of the world. Evening Mass at St Bernard Abbey. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Pilgrimage Cost Includes:**

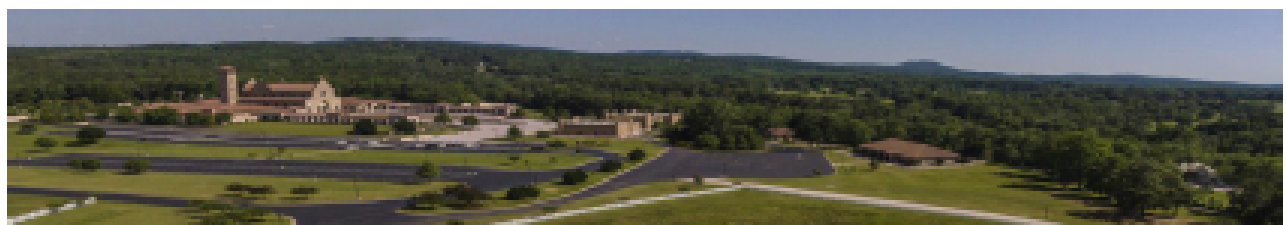
- \* Nonstop Roundtrip airfare from La Guardia Airport.
- \* Bus Transportation.
- \* Breakfast, dinner and 3 catered lunches.
- \* Accommodation at the "Hyatt Place – Hoover, AL".
- \* All Gratuities.

**THU. APRIL-18/2024:**

Full day excursion to "***The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament***". The Shrine is a peaceful place of Spiritual renewal and prayer. It offers many daily settings. Such as, ***Spiritual Talks, Divine Office, Rosary, Holy Mass, Confessions, Stations of the Cross, Healing Service, Divine Mercy Chaplet with the Nuns, Visit the Lourdes Grotto and free time for the Gift Shop.*** You could take part in all or just the ones you prefer. Or just relax, pray, and absorb the beauty of this place. Late afternoon return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

**FRI APRIL-19/2024:**

Today after early morning Breakfast and Check-out from the Hotel. You will be transferred to **EWTN** for the daily ***Televised Holy Mass & Rosary***. After the Rosary you will Have free time for ***Adoration*** and gift Shop. Mid morning departure from EWTN and a Panoramic bus tour of Birmingham. After lunch you will be transferred too the Airport for your non-stop flight to La Guardia Airport.



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# ST. KEVIN YOUTH GUILD BASKETBALL CLINIC

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 06, 2024**

**ST. KEVIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY GYM**

**Time: 10:00 AM FEE: \$20**

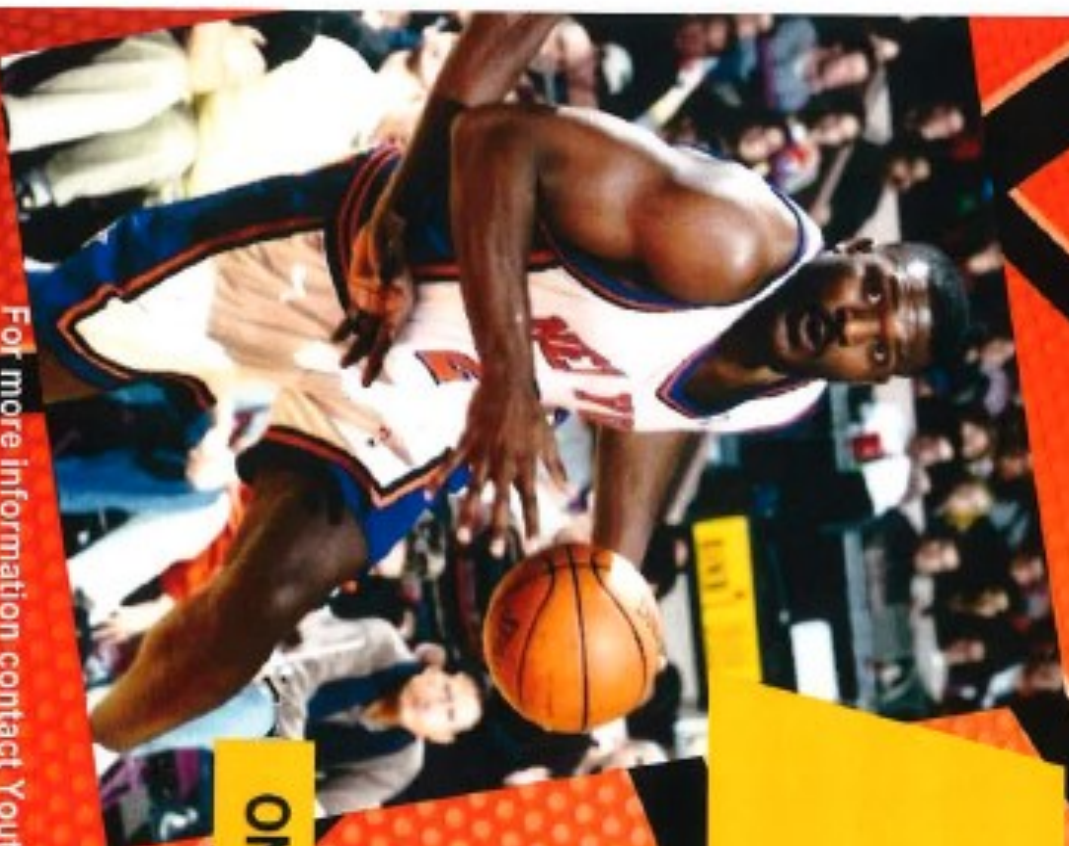
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