

# 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*

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## 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

Dear Parishioners,



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy New Year as we begin 2024. The start of the year is an opportunity to look back over the last few months while we also gaze forward with hope to the new that is before us. I invite you to do this with me here at St. Kevin's parish. Included in this week's bulletin is the Fiscal Statement for St. Kevin Church, from September 2022 to August 2023. Please take a moment to study the Income and Expenses of running the parish. You will notice, our current expenses are above what we bring in through weekly donations, rentals, parish programs and fundraising. Without the extraordinary revenue of generous members of the parish and a bequest, we would have operated at a loss. These extra revenues made it possible to replace the boiler in the school building and address some other repairs that were needed in the convent. As we look at the current fiscal year, the parish is running in the black and with your generous support, I am sure we will continue to do so. However, we still have some major expenses to pay. These include our insurance bill, the Diocesan Assessment, and the ordinary upkeep of the parish plant.

As you plan your stewardship to St. Kevin's this coming year, I ask that you consider three ways to make a lasting difference on the parish. First, if you have not yet signed up for online giving, I encourage you to do so today through our website at: [StKevinFlushing.org](http://StKevinFlushing.org). Online giving allows you to setup automatic weekly offerings to St. Kevin's. Doing so helps us to better budget the finances of the parish. Second, is to consider making a legacy donation to St. Kevin's by including the parish in your will and estate planning. Third, is to investigate matching charitable contributions that may be available through your place of employment or to make a charitable gift to St. Kevin's from an investment portfolio.

Yet, the most important ways you can support St. Kevin's parish is by the stewardship of your time and talent.

The community invites you to come home to St. Kevin's and worship with us. By the gift of your time and the sharing of your charism you make an invaluable contribution to the community of St. Kevin's Church. If it has been a while since you have been to Church for weekend Mass or have participated in the various activities at the church, I invite you to make a New Year's resolution to work on these spiritual necessities. We all need God, and we all need each other as we make the journey of Faith.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Marc

### From the Music Director

### *For Auld Lang Syne*

Most people throughout the English-speaking world either sing this song or hear it every New Year's Eve. Yet few of us know what these three words are all about. Translated literally, the title means "old long since," loosely translated it's "For (the sake of) old times." The song begins by posing two rhetorical questions as to whether it is right that old times be forgotten; since by remembering the past, we reaffirm the importance of our future, and those important to us.

Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland, "restored" the text around 1788 from fragments of old ballads dating as far back as 15<sup>th</sup> century Scotland and set it to a traditional folk song. However, his lyrics were paired with the more famous melody we sing today by George Thompson in 1799.

Singing the song on New Year's Eve very quickly became a Scots custom that soon spread to other parts of the British Isles. And as people immigrated to the new world, they brought the song with them. Beginning in 1929, just two months after the stock market crash and beginning of the Great Depression, Canadian band leader Guy Lombardo is credited for cementing its popularity as an expression of hope through his annual New Year's Eve broadcasts on radio and later, television.



Steven Vaughan, Director of Music Ministry  
SacredMusic@StKevinFlushing.Org  
(718) 357-8888, x12  
NO Rehearsals this week  
Mass Settings:

*A Christmas Gloria; Mass of Creation*



## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

**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*

1100AM: **Vincenzo Avallone**  
*By Giuseppina Avallone*

**Monday, January 1st**

9:00AM: **People of St. Kevin Church**

**Tuesday, January 2nd**

9:00AM: **Mary Miller** *By John Miller*

**Wednesday, January 3rd**

9:00AM: **Savino Bruno** *By The Bruno Family*

**Thursday, January 4th**

9:00AM: **Ann Louis Miller** *By John Miller*

**Friday, January 5th**

9:00AM: **Katherine Robinson** *By John Miller*

**Saturday, January 6th**

9:00AM: **Ronaldo Braithweight** *By John Miller*

**Saturday, January 6th**

5:00PM: **People of St. Kevin Parish**  
**David Gooding** *By Concetta Loiacono*

**Sunday, January 7th**

9:00AM: **The Apostolic Oblates**

1100AM: **Patrick Mc Girr**  
*By The McGirr Family & Friends*

## Memorial Gifts Week of December 31 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 for **The People of St. Kevin Church**



The Bread & Wine are being offered this week by Rosaria & Billy Surace for **David Gooding**

There are weekly Memorials available of:

Bread and Wine (\$25)

Altar Candles (\$25)

The St. Kevin Shrine Lamp (\$25)

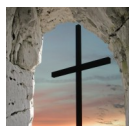
The Sanctuary Lamps (\$50)

Altar Flowers (\$150)



### 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:

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## Stewardship Update



This bulletin needed to be submitted prior to the December 23rd & December 24th collection being done.



**Help us reach our Goal of**

**\$108,738.00**

**Pledged: \$106,779.00**

**Paid: \$105,311.00**

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, December 30th

4:00PM: Confessions

### Sunday, December 31st

NO Religious Education Classes

**Happy & Blessed New Year!!!**

### Monday, January 1st

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

### Tuesday, January 2nd

1:00PM: NO St. Kevin Senior Club (Parish Center)

7:30PM: NO Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### Wednesday, January 3rd

3:00PM: St. Kevin Prayer Group (Sanctuary)

7:00PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

### Thursday, January 4th

7:00PM: RCIA Class (Convent Chapel)

### Friday, January 5th

7:00PM : First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

### Saturday January 6th

4:00PM: Confessions

## Word of Life

“Dearest St. Joseph...Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life~ especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.”

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**  
**A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life**

## A Prayer for the New Year

Remember us, O God;  
 From age to age be our comforter.  
 You have given us the wonder of  
 time, blessings in days & nights,  
 seasons & years. Bless your  
 children at the turning of the year  
 and fill the months ahead with the  
 bright hope that is ours in the  
 coming of Christ.  
 You are our God, living and  
 reigning, forever & ever.

AMEN

It's time to  
**let God do the talking.**



- 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**

### 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)

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**



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



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**ST. KEVIN RC CHURCH  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Actual Amounts  
For the Year  
Ended August 31,  
2023**

**INCOME**

Sunday and All Other Collections	\$	402,509
Christmas and Easter Collections		43,563
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust Revenue		942
Votive Shrines		20,076
Interest/Dividends		12,094
Rental Income including rent from school		284,426
Clergy Fund		38,502
Poor Boxes & food pantry		13,909
Fundraising (Net)		14,616
Parish Programs		16,325
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Total Income		846,962 <hr/>

**EXPENSES**

All Salaries	272,529
Rectory Priest Expenses	59,128
Lay Employee Benefits	135,022
Office	40,488
Parish Programs	32,047
Altar Supplies	12,333
Choir books and supplies	1,596
Utilities	94,666
Ordinary Repairs and Maintenance	67,798
Donations and Charity	9,630
Insurance	117,291
Miscellaneous	22,094
Diocesan Assessment	75,200
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust Expense	7,500
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Total Expenses	947,322 <hr/>
Total Operating (Loss)	(100,360)

**EXTRAORDINARY REVENUE**

Donations	159,719
Bequest	113,079
Annual Catholic Appeal	15,272

**EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES**

Major Repairs and Renovations	83,996
Furniture and Equipment	1,963
Deferred Maintenance	38,065
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Total Net Income	\$ 63,686 <hr/>

CHRISTMAS

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The First Friday of Every Month  
in the Church 7:00-8:00*

*"Come, let us adore Him."*

\*Unless otherwise noted





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>

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**ITINERARY:**

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**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:**

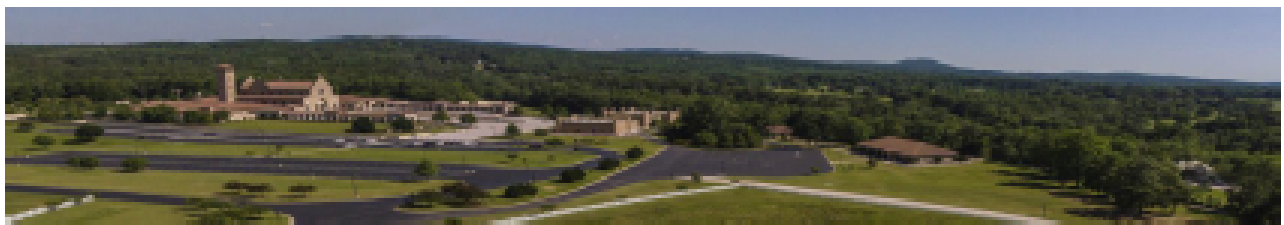
- \* Nonstop Roundtrip airfare from La Guardia Airport.
- \* Bus Transportation.
- \* Breakfast, dinner and 3 catered lunches.
- \* Accommodation at the "Hyatt Place – Hoover, AL".
- \* All Gratuities.

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

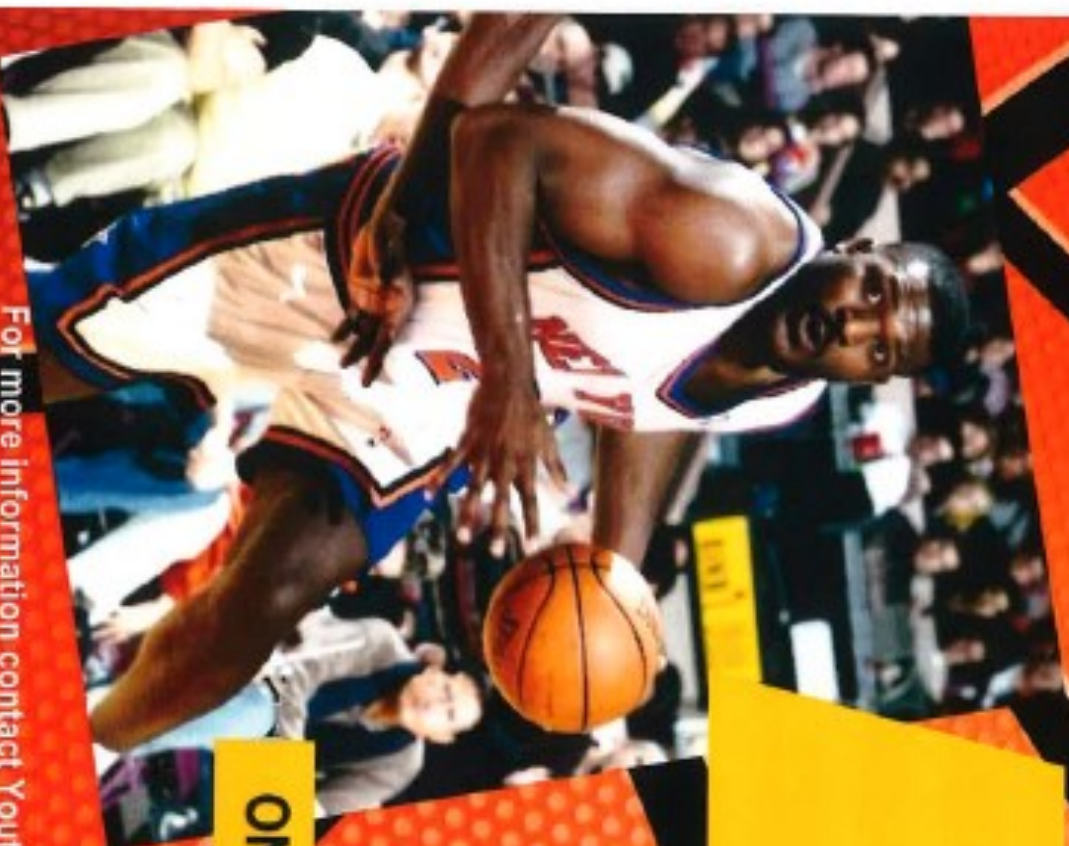
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