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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

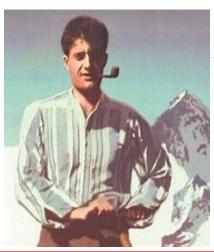
We are a Catholic Christian community striving to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Nourished by the Eucharist and enlightened by the Word of God, our Pastor, Parish Staff and Parishioners welcome all. With faith in His Gospel, we are called to love as Jesus loves and, therefore, serve our community 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

There will be a meeting for young adults in their 20's and 30's who would like to help form a Frassati Fellowship here at St. Kevin Church. A Frassati Fellowship is named after Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, who was a young devout Catholic and leader to his peers. His legacy is built on the daily acts of Charity he did in honor of God and in service to his neighbor. During his short and



vibrant life he inspired many to live a saintly life, and today his witness and intercession calls young people to a life of holiness. The Frassati Fellowship aims at serving young adults,



single and married, interested in growing in Faith, fellowship, and friendship, by engaging in a variety of activities—spiritual, service, catechetical, and social.

The next meeting of the Frassati Fellowship, Flushing, will be on Tuesday January 9th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. Please use the entrance by the Parking Lot Elevator.

I look forward to seeing you.

God Bless, Fr. Marc

From the Music Director

An Epiphany of Why to Sing!

Gordon E. Truitt, who holds a doctorate in sacred theology from the Catholic University of America, writes "The church has long celebrated three 'epiphanies': the visit of the magi; the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana. Epiphany is a feast especially for those who reverence the sacraments and the belief that baptism makes us, as members of the church, a "sacrament or sign of intimate union with God, and of the unity of all mankind" (Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium – Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* #1).

As you know, singing is a way in which we pray. Like the other arts, it is a way to make God manifest. One of the things that singing does is create opportunity for epiphanies, opportunities in which God's presence might be revealed. This is the heart of the sacramental idea – that creation itself, and especially human beings, can be a vehicle for God's self-disclosure. To deny this role to music and the other arts is to deny both the incarnation and sacraments. Or, as Niceta of Remesiana (c. 335-415) put it in *De utilitate hymnorum* (On the usefulness of hymns): 'The objection to singing is the invention of heretics. When their faith grows cold, they think up reasons for rejecting song."

Steven Vaughan, Director of Music Ministry SacredMusic@StKevinFlushing.Org (718) 357-8888, x12
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday January 9th 7:45
Mass Setting:

A Christmas Gloria; Mass of Creation



ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6th

5:00PM: People of St. Kevin Parish

David Gooding By Concetta Loiacono

Sunday, January 7th 9:00AM: Angela DiPaola

By The Clergy & Staff of St. Kevin Church

1100AM: Patrick Mc Girr

By The McGirr Family & Friends

Monday, January 8th

9:00AM: David Krsnak By Sam & Joanne Perillo

Tuesday, January 9th

9:00AM: Clementine Nogueira

By The Apostolic Oblates

Wednesday, January 10th

9:00AM: Virginia & Louis Picardi

By Gerard & Annie Picardi

Thursday, January 11th

9:00AM: Thomas E. Newby, Jr. By Meg Newby

Friday, January 12th

9:00AM: Richard Whitlock

By The Food Pantry Volunteers

Saturday, January 13th

9:00AM: Gaetano & Antonio Giannatttasio

By Giovanna Giannattasio

Saturday, January 13th

5:00PM: People of St. Kevin Parish

Christopher Gomes By Anna Rozario

Charles & Catherine Carroll

By Ellen Schiavone

Sunday, January 14th

9:00AM: **Maria Muskardin**1100AM: **William Uihlein**By Vanda Spaleta
By Margaret Farley

Memorial Gifts Week of January 7, 2024



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 Candles are being offered this week by Sam & Joanne Periollo In Thanksgiving



The Bread & Wine are being offered this week by The Apostolic Oblates for **Donna Hingst**

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)

<u>Please Pray for the Sick and</u> <u>Homebound of our Parish Family</u>

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,
Patricia Margarone, Edith Terrie Pouymari, Andrew
Leonard, Phyllis Limmer, Genny O'Haire,
Suzanne Kastner, Maria Biundo, William Surace
& Louis DeMartino



Please Pray for the Faithful Departed

Marianne Barton & Anthony LaGattuta

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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Mr. Steven Vaughan (Director of Music Ministry)

Sacred Music @StKevin Flushing.org

Stewardship Update



Stewardship Collection December 31, 2023: \$6,226.00
Solemnity of Mary Collection January 1, 2024: 856.00
Christmas Envelopes: 1,271.00
Poor Boxes: 266.00
Candle Boxes: 900.00

Congratulations to our December 50/50 Winner: Mr. Joseph V.



We achieved our Goal!!! Thank you so much! \$108,738.00

Pledged: \$111,744.00 Paid:\$110,746.00

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 6th

4:00PM: Confessions

Sunday, January 7th

Religious Education Remote Classes

Monday, January 8th

9:30AM: Eucharistic Adoration (Convent Chapel) **2:00PM:** Widow & Widowers (Parish Center)

Tuesday, January 9th

1:00PM: St. Kevin Senior Club (Parish Center) 7:30PM: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, January 10th

3:00PM:St. Kevin Prayer Group(Sanctuary)7:00PM:Eucharistic Adoration(Church)7:00PM:Knight of Columbus(Parish Center)

Thursday, January 11th

7:00PM: RCIA Class (Convent Chapel)

Friday, January 12th

Saturday January 13th

4:00PM: Confessions

Word of Life

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him...Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: a Brief Summary"

Epiphany Blessing

O God, who by the guidance of a star did on this day manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know You by faith may also attain the vision of Your glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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

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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

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

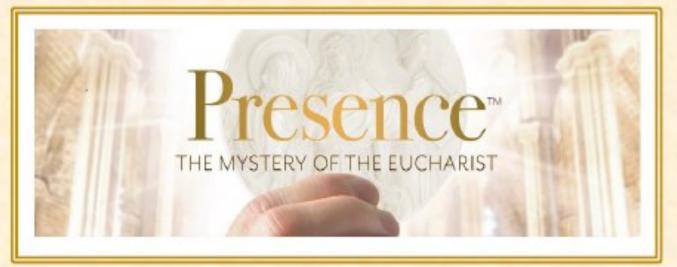
Next Food Distribution: Wednesday January 10th



If you are interested in creating an

EGiving account please visit our website, StKevinFlushing.org and click "Donate Now" or use this QR Code





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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Wednesday January 10, 2024 January Day of Prayer

Join us for a day of Recollection, Introspection & Prayer! Journey with the Magi to find Christ: Spend some time after the holiday craziness To focus on your journey of faith Presented by Ellen Rhatigan, MSW, MA

The day will run from 9:30-3PM Coffee & tea will be served upon arrival, followed by the Conference, a simple lunch, Mass and an Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



St. Kevin Church, Flushing Queens,

will provide round trip bus transportation to Washington, D.C.

Friday, January 19th, 2024

Bus is leaving from St. Kevin Church Flushing

45-21 194th Street, Flushing, NY 11358

Leaving at 6:00 AM

Cost: \$40

To Register and save your seat:

Please use the weblink below or the QR code

https://stkevinchurch1.flocknote.com/signup/149779



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&

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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.

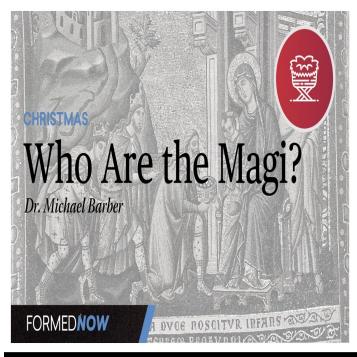
FRI. APRIL-19/2024:

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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Who Are the Magi?

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.





An offering from the Augustine Institute and Institute and Augustine press

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00PM

Sunday

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