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Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Saturday
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Devotions

Miraculous Medal (Tuesdays at 9:30 AM)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(First Sunday of the Month in Church, 1:00- 2:30 PM)
(Mondays in the Convent Chapel 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM)

Catholic Cemeteries

For Information and available options, please call
718.894.4888.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 PM
Sunday - 8:00 AM; 10:00 AM; 12:00 PM
Weekday - 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month at 1:30 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 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.



My Dear Parishioners,

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY...ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER!!

Oh boy, has it been a weird Lent. Dark, gloomy, fear, anxious, grief-stricken, confused and the list goes on. But look at today, Saturday, April 11th. The sun is shining, the weather forecast is predicting beautiful weather for Easter Sunday. What more can we ask for in these trying times? This is a gift from God, to see the beauty that can come from the not so beautiful.

Lets take a stroll down memory lane. Palm Sunday, we celebrated as though we were actually bystanders in the crowd in Jerusalem. We held high the branches (those of our hearts), as the messiah passed through on the donkey, we were ushering in the King. But not the king we expected. Not the one carried in on a throne, saluting Him because of His power and dominion over all. NOPE! That's a different king. The King that we are to salute and usher in is the One we heard about in the Scripture passage, the One who would succumb to his accusers and be led to His arrest, crucifixion and death. But, wait, there's more...He will rise!

Then, on Wednesday we celebrated "Spy Wednesday," the day Judas would actually accept the offer of 30 silver coins in exchange for the King of kings. This is when Judas would begin to entice Jesus and carry out the master plan of the Jews...to put to death the One who claims He is the Son of God and the One who has come in to the world to save it—the Messiah!

Next, on Holy Thursday, Jesus knows what's unfolding before His eyes. He tells Peter that He well be put to death, and Peter refuses to believe Him. Jesus reassures him that all will be fine! In fact, Jesus gathers His disciples to institute the Eucharist, which is Jesus Himself under the visible and humble signs of bread and wine. The elements of bread and wine remain, but the institution of the Priesthood, which Jesus institutes on Holy Thursday, allows for the bread and wine to be changed, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the validly ordained man, into the Body and Blood of Christ. Everyone being partakers of the One bread and One chalice are to continue what has been instituted by Christ Himself.

We arrive at the most heart wrenching moments of our Christian story...the arrest, crucifixion and death of Jesus on Good Friday. We hear the passion narrative all over again. From the arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, to Jesus being held in the praetorium, to His trial and ultimately hearing His sentence...DEATH! We could hear the chains and whips make contact on His skin, the blood that dripped then the placing of the crown—not of gold but that of THORNS! We could see the "mess" that Jesus was in. We could hear the screams of the bystanders, "Crucify Him. Crucify Him." Then we could imagine it, Jesus in the middle of three crosses, and what He has on His heart is spoken in words, "Forgive them Father, for they do not know what they are doing." Jesus goes on to tell the repentant thief, "You will be with me in paradise." Even as He hangs on the Cross, Jesus has US in heart and mind.

Just when all the bystanders are thinking they have won...Christ is finished...they were in for a rude awakening. As I like to say, "Christ has the last word," or at least His action depicts the last word. We have arrived at Easter Sunday. We are united in prayer and we bring to the Altar our fears, worries, doubt, grief, anxiety, but we also bring to the Altar our gratitude, love and trust that God will see us through our "mess!" While we are separated from family, friends and our Church, but its only space that separates us. Our love, affection, memories, experiences, social media and prayer keeps us united! While perhaps it may not be the same as physical contact, but this is an insight that there are many people who may never have that contact we long for with our friends and family. For example, the homeless, immigrant, refugee, our military men and women, these brothers and sisters of ours who may not have their loved ones at their side. This is an eyeopener for us. May we, like Christ, through our actions give the words of love, peace, forgiveness and unity! We are an Easter people! **Let us rejoice and be glad, for the Lord has Risen...Alleluia!**

From the Clergy and Staff of St. Kevin Church, we wish you all a happy, healthy and blessed Easter Season!

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Robert Mema



**ANNOUNCED
MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 11th

Those enrolled in the Easter Remembrance Mass

**Sunday, April 12th - Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

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Monday, April 13th

Helen Mary Murphy

Tuesday, April 14th

Gerald Healey

Wednesday, April 15th

Ann Keegan

Thursday, April 16th

In Honor of St. Leone

Friday, April 17th

Theresa Wallace

Saturday, April 18th

Ann Marie Groschke

Saturday, April 18th

People of St. Kevin Parish

Shuikoon Low

Janet Burns

Sunday, April 19th

Ed Bosek

Anthony DiVanna

Deceased Members and Spouses of the Catholic

Widows and Widowers Club of Queens



**Memorial Gifts
Week of April 12th, 2020**



The **Bread & Wine** are given this week in **Loving Memory** of **Elisa & Joseph Liberta**.



The **two (2) Sanctuary Lamps** will burn this week in **Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Donahue & Xuereb Families**.



The **Altar Candles** will burn this week in **Loving Memory of Firefighter Thomas Brick**.



The **Paschal Candle** that will burn in the Church throughout the year has been donated by Dr. & Mrs. Hugh McGowan in **Loving Memory of James McGowan**.



The **St. Kevin Shrine Lamp** will burn this week for the **Intentions of the Donor**.



The **Flowers and Plants** that will decorate the Church are donated by the **Parishioners of St. Kevin Parish**.

Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish:

Connie Karosos, Barbara Digrugilliers,
Elizabeth Sheridan, James Lana Sr.,
David Furst, Dorothy Carroll, Eileen,
Grace Plank, Rosanna Prettitore,
Lucy Petretti, Gloria Diminich,
Katrina McGrath, Joseph Thorsen and Michael
Antonucci.

Please Pray For the Faithful Departed:

Anthony Terio, Barbara Ann Doyle,
Anna Bastardi, Ann Gardenfeld, Eugene Brady
and the victims of COVID-19.

Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord!



Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

Probably the best known of all the Easter hymns, the text of “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” recites the fact of the Resurrection; *(Jesus Christ is risen today)*, announces the result; *(Our salvation have procured)*, and calls on all creation to proclaim this news: *(Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!)*

An unknown author wrote it as *Surrexit Christus hodie* in 14th century Bohemia. In 1708 it was translated into English by two Irishmen, poet laureate Nahum Tate and Anglican clergyman Nicholas Brady, who paired it with a tune by an unknown composer called EASTER HYMN in the book *Lyra Davidica*, and added the *Alleluias!* to the text. The 4th stanza that begins *Sing we to our God above* was written in 1740 by Charles Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church who wrote over 2,000 hymns, including “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!”

Since it’s the traditional entrance hymn on Easter Sunday, I’ve put it first on an Amazon playlist of Easter music I’ve created for us while we continue to worship from within our individual homes. You can find a link to it on our homepage. I hope listening to it helps ease the burden of this challenge that is facing us, a struggle that truly calls us to faith in the resurrection of Easter.

Steven Vaughan,
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Website Update



I would like to inform you that some time next week our parish website will be “down” because we will be updating to a new platform. If you remember back in October, we had

DeSales Media at St. Kevin Church taking video and photos for our new website platform. We are ready to go “live” but I am in the process of working with DeSales Media in modifying a few things on the new website.

I really like what the new website has to offer, and allow me to inform you that we have installed a “livestreaming” system in our parish so that we can livestream, from our website, with professional equipment and not by my cell phone that I have been using to live broadcast the Mass these last few weeks. The fee for the equipment and installation was covered by DeSales Media.

A lot continues to happen here at St. Kevin so that we can enhance our evangelization methods!

I apologize for any convenience this may cause but when the website is “down” please stay connected with us through Facebook.



In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, once the Church begins her normal activity, I will produce an overall income of collections counted.

I encourage you to enroll in online giving, for those who can continue to provide for St. Kevin Church. Please visit the parish website for more information.

THANK YOU!



Please know that **all activities and trips** that have been planned for Parish Organizations and Civic Associations are cancelled until further notice. This includes the trips scheduled for the Senior Club to Queens Ester & Woodloch Pines.

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