

# SAINT KEVIN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Rectory Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday  
9:00 AM—8:00 PM  
Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday  
9:00 AM—5:00 PM  
Saturday and Sunday  
By Appointment

## Devotions

Miraculous Medal (Tuesdays at 9:30 AM)  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
(First Sunday of the Month in Church, or otherwise noted,  
1:00- 2:00 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](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.



Dear Parishioners,

Can you believe that Advent is nearly half complete? Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday! Gaudete means rejoice/joy.

We might find it difficult to rejoice or be joyful because of the stresses and concerns of the state of our country and world. However, as John the Baptist preaches in today's Gospel, there is One who is mightier than he

whom is coming into the world. This is what we rejoice in and are joyful about...Jesus' second coming in His glory!

Yes, not many people want to ponder that day when Jesus comes and gathers all to reunite us with His and our Father! Yet, this is what we are preparing for...to be with our Father in Heaven!

Perhaps, since we have embarked on the Third Sunday of Advent, we may want to ponder on what we have done thus far to prepare for that day, Jesus' coming in glory and majesty. A few questions we may want to ponder:

- 1) Have I been **passively waiting** for Christmas Day?
- 2) Have I been just waiting around for Christmas to come and go?
- 3) Have I been **actively watching** for Christmas Day?
- 4) Have I been **actively engaging** in using my spiritual gifts to better my home, community, school and workplace?
- 5) Have I rid myself of those things in my life that keeps me from being in union with my personal Triune God?
- 6) What have I done differently this Advent compared to other Advents?

If we can identify positive answers to the above questions, then there is cause for rejoicing...because we have grown closer to God! Moreover, because of this rejoicing, we are like Mary who proclaims the Goodness of God in what we know it to be as Mary's 'Magnificat'. The responsorial psalm today comes from Luke's Gospel when Mary greets Elizabeth, and having found that both are pregnant, Elizabeth with John the Baptist and Mary with the Messiah, both ecstatic, Mary proclaims her Magnificat... "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant."

While there are many things to be concerned about, always remember there are better days ahead of us because, "There is One mightier than I who is coming."

In the Good Shepherd,  
*Fr. Robert Mema*

Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm

## SONGS of ADVENT

a 30-minute virtual hymn sing-along

### The Gift of Singing Leads to Prayer

This Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM, St. Kevin's is hosting *Songs of Advent*, a 30-minute virtual hymn sing! (A hymn sing is when a group of churches gather to share their favorite hymns.) Click on the link on our website to a Zoom meeting where you can watch and listen, and to see the lyrics to sing-along at home, open a second link to see the Karaoke video with the lyrics. Don't rush to Christmas without taking the time to enjoy Advent!

And as part of our 4 Week Advent Series, this Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, the choir and I will live stream "The Gift of Singing Leads to Prayer" on our website and Facebook page! You'll hear not just from me, but also from our own parishioners how music lifts our spirits and helps us pray more deeply. We'll discuss how singing together connects us with others as the Body of Christ; why singing at Mass is important; how hymn texts help reveal the Gospel message; why we should pray three different ways (speaking, singing and silently) as opposed to just one; how imitating things Jesus did makes us feel more Christ-like; and how to find the confidence to sing out loud! And why we shouldn't just let others do the singing for us while we just listen! So tune in to both of these! And if you don't get a chance to see it Wednesday night, you can still watch it later...

Mr. Steven Vaughan, Director of Music Ministry  
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**ANNOUNCED  
MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 12th**

5:00PM: **People of St. Kevin Parish**  
**Giuseppe D'Amico** *By Maria D'Amico*  
**Maddalena D'Arrigo** *By Maria D'Amico*  
**Filippo D'Amico** *By Maria D'Amico*  
**Sylvain Madjar (1st Anniversary)**  
**Doninick Ferraro** *By Christine Ward*

**Sunday, December 13th**

8:00AM: **Michael R. Tartaro** *By Edward and Janet De Nicola*  
 10:00AM: **Bartholomew Hamett** *By Maura Higgins*  
 12:00PM: **Terry Rutoriski**

**Monday, December 14th**

9:00AM: **Salvatore Sica** *By Ersilia Sica*

**Tuesday, December 15th**

9:00AM: **Estelle Frankel** *By Agnes Rus*

**Wednesday, December 16th**

9:00AM: **Rodolfo Di Saverio (10th Anniversary) & Ivana**

**Thursday, December 17th**

9:00AM: **Eugene Brady** *By Agnes Rus*

**Friday, December 18th**

9:00AM: **Caruso and Gogliormella Families**

**Saturday, December 19th**

9:00AM: **Monsignor Dominick Joseph Finnerty**

**Saturday, December 19th**

5:00PM: **People of St. Kevin Parish**  
**George Thorsen** *By The Apostolic Oblates*  
**Philomena Ciacci** *By Jean Merrola*

**Sunday, December 20th**

8:00AM: **In Honor of all First Responders**  
 10:00AM: **Carlos Nolasco**  
 12:00PM: **Anne Baknken**

***"It would be easier for the world to survive  
without the sun than to do without  
Holy Mass," St. Padre Pio***

**Memorial Gifts  
Week of December 13, 2020**



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



The Bread and Wine are offered this week by The Apostolic Oblates for **The Rodriguez Family.**



The Altar Candles are offered this week by Noreen Crummy **In Loving Memory of Firefighter Thomas Brick.**

There are weekly Memorials available of :

- Bread and Wine (\$25),
- Sanctuary and Altar Candles (\$25);
- The St. Kevin Shrine Lamp (\$25);
- Two Baskets of Flowers (\$150).



**Please Pray for the Sick:**

**Beatrice and Eugene Fortunato,  
Rosanna Prettitore, Raymond Basso,  
Margaret Gawley, Kenny Sheehan  
and those diagnosed with COVID-19.**

Please call the rectory to add a loved one to the Parish's Sick Prayer List.

**Please Pray for our Faithful Departed:**

**Gloria Diminich, Ralph Congema and  
the victims of COVID-19.**







**Annual Catholic Appeal 2020**  
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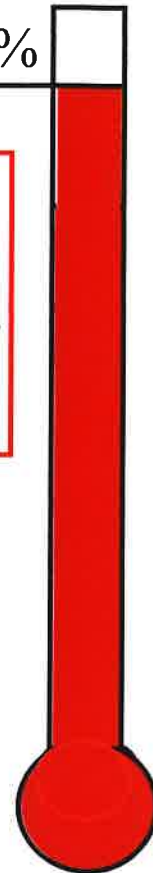
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St. Kevin, Pray for us!



92%

**We only need**  
**\$8,967.00 for us to**  
**meet goal. There is still**  
**time to contribute!**



**Weekly Offering**

Stewardship for December 5/6: \$4,897.00

Don't forget to drop off your December 50/50 envelope along with your stewardship envelope. "You got to be in it to win it."

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit our parish website for more information.



**Thank you for your continued generosity!**



**Electronic Giving through NCS Services**

Please consider making your weekly stewardship contributions via our electronic giving application.

Please refer to the parish website "Giving" section for more information on how to make your contributions online.

Enrollment is fast and free.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### Directives for Ensuring the Safety of All:

- 1) 25% Capacity (we can only accommodate in the Church 125 people. Therefore, if needed we will utilize the Msgr. Finnerty Parish Center where a Mass will be celebrated simultaneously);
- 2) If you are not feeling well, please do not enter;
- 3) If you could, please take your temperature at home and anything above 100 degrees please stay home;
- 4) Please ONLY use entrances that are permitted, (center door on 45th Ave and Elevator Entrance in the parking lot on 195th Street);
- 5) A face covering must be worn at all times while in Church—covering your nose, mouth and chin;
- 6) Please clean your hands thoroughly either by water and soap or hand sanitizer;
- 7) Please maintain social distancing (6 feet);
- 8) Please sit in designated areas which are marked for your convenience, (families and households are permitted to sit together);
- 9) Please refrain from touching any statues and devotional objects;
- 10) And, please adhere to all directives by ushers/volunteers/staff.

### Directives on Receiving Holy Communion:

- 1) Please maintain social distancing. There are decals on the floor that ensure each communicant is 6 feet apart;
- 2) Please proceed to the minister with your facial mask on (covering your mouth and nose);
- 3) Please place one hand on top of the other hand, Throne Like, and please make sure your hands are flat;
- 4) When the minister places the Blessed Sacrament into your hands, please step to the side, pull your mask down, consume Jesus, finally pull up your mask and return to your seat.

### Advent Series

*Theme: Feeling and Expression—  
The way to Deeper Conversion through  
our God given Gifts!*

**Four Sessions—Live Streamed**  
**FOUR (4) Wednesdays all at 7:00PM**

#### Session One— December 2nd

Presenters: Fr. Robert & Msgr. Aguggia  
Topic: Cooking with the 'Saints'  
*Watch via Facebook*

#### Session Two— December 9th

Presenter: Deacon Julio Barreneche  
Topic: "I've come to serve"  
*Watch via Parish Website & Facebook*

#### Session Three— December 16th

Presenter: Mr. Steven Vaughan  
Topic: The Gift of Singing Leads to Prayer  
*Watch via Parish Website & Facebook*

#### Session Four— December 23rd

Presenters: Msgr. Aguggia & Fr. Robert  
Topic: Bringing your Gifts to the Table  
*Watch via Parish Website & Facebook*



## Announcements and Upcoming Events Continued

# ATTENTION!

**New Mass Schedule:  
Effective JULY 1, 2021  
The New Sunday Mass Schedule  
will be as follows:  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM and 11:00AM**

### St. Kevin Senior Club

ATTENTION ST. KEVIN  
SENIOR CLUB MEMBERS:

A decision has been made to cancel all meetings of the Senior Club until further notice, due to the upcoming holidays.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all soon."

Thank you,  
Sam Perillo



### CATHOLIC WIDOW AND WIDOWERS OF QUEENS

Because of the rise in Covid cases, we have decided that there will not be any monthly meetings until the Spring. At that time we will send members a letter letting them know when we will resume.

Have a Blessed Christmas.



### DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES

The Girl Scouts are hoping to find a replacement Instructor for me, since I am officially Retired as of 9/15/2020. I will contact those of you who are up for Renewal this October with the hopes of getting a Saturday Class in the Parish Center some time in the Spring, 2021 which will insure your health protection, and follow the CDC Guidelines. If you need a Class prior, please contact The National Safety Council at 1800 962-3434 or take the 6 hour Class on line at: [www.drivesafe.com/ny](http://www.drivesafe.com/ny). Thank you for your support! Rosanne Smith. Any questions, call or text me at 718 406-3006) Stay Safe .



### ST. KEVIN MISSION TO NICARAGUA

The major funding for the Mustard Seed Communities in Nicaragua usually comes from the college and parish groups who raise a minimum of \$10,000 prior to their mission. Over the last three years, these groups have been prevented from visiting Nicaragua because of political unrest and the recent Covid-19 outbreak. But the critical needs of the infants, children, and young people with a range of developmental challenges persist.

**Please consider participating in our parish's virtual Mission by making a donation to support the residents. Your gift will directly support their care.** Any donation, small or large, would be deeply appreciated.

Please make your check payable to "Mustard Seed Communities," and leave it at the rectory or place it in one of the collection receptacles in the church. We are grateful for whatever you are able to do.



Schedule for Upcoming  
Liturgical Celebrations



Advent Day of Reconciliation

Monday, December 21st from  
4:00PM—8:00PM



Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25th

Christmas Eve: 4:00PM; 6:00PM and  
Midnight (12:00AM)

Christmas Day: 10:00AM and 12:00PM



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

January 1, 2021:

Vigil Mass: December 31st at 5:00PM  
Mass of the Day: 10:00AM and 12:00PM



“The Market at  
St. Kevin”

If you are in need of our Food Market please complete the checklist on the parish website the day before so your package is prepared ahead of time. If you cannot complete the checklist online, then a checklist will be at the door. Pick-up will be by the Church entrance on 194th Street (closest to the rectory).

If you wish to make a donation, please utilize the large plastic bins located at the elevator door entrance in the church parking lot.

If you have any questions please contact:

Ms. Agnes Rus at 718.357.8888 ext 16 or email [Pastoraloutreach@stkevinflushing.org](mailto:Pastoraloutreach@stkevinflushing.org).

Food/Items for “The Market” can be dropped off anytime when the Church and Rectory are opened.

The Church is opened daily until  
1:30PM  
and the  
Rectory is opened  
Monday & Wednesday 9-8PM  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-5PM

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the rectory.

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