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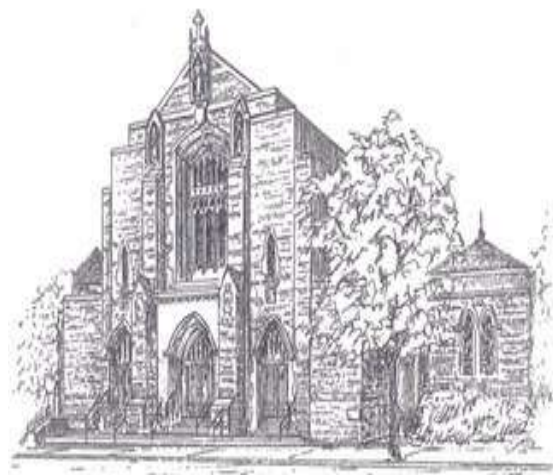
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Rectory Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday

9:00 AM—8:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

9:00 AM—5:00PM

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 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,

- We all love a good nursery rhyme. Perhaps you have read a few to your children or you were told some rhymes from your parents.

- In the late nineteenth century a well known nursery rhyme was published, “Star Light, Star Bright.” The lines of the rhyme suggests that when one looks into the vast sky and identifies a star, they ought to make a wish and that wish will come true. Let us be honest, how many times have we done that? How many times

have we wished upon a star for something that we are most desiring? I know I have.

This Christmas season we have witnessed the “Christmas Star” that has not been seen in 800 years. While it was not an actual star, the two planets, Jupiter and Saturn, certainly made a bright splash in the night sky. This light was definitely visible, and we were perhaps left in amazement.

Just imagine the Magi finding Jesus because of the bright light that penetrated the sky. These Magi, being astronomers, would be in tuned to the skies. What do you think their wish was? Was it to hurry up and find this Messiah that everyone was talking about because they have been journeying for quite some time? Or was it that their hearts would be ready to meet the Savior?

These Magi found the Savior because they followed the light. What light do we follow? Is it the light that comes from God or is it our own light?

I invite you to take some time and look at the beauty of the sky, the sky that God created. Stare at the stars and not wish, but pray that the light that beams in the night skies beams every brightly in your life. Perhaps you can make your own rhyme...maybe something like this: “Star light, star bright, the light that I see tonight. I pray that I may, I pray I might, have the prayer I pray tonight!”

Look up!

In the Good Shepherd,
Fr. Robert Mema



We would like to thank all our teachers who have been working extremely hard in striving for academic excellence!

Your hard work has NOT gone unnoticed!



A word of gratitude to all our volunteer catechists who work endlessly to bring the Word of God into the homes of our families!

We cannot thank you enough!



ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 2nd

5:00PM: **People of St. Kevin Parish**
Margaret Simpson *By Laura Terio*
Rosemary and Anthony Terio
By Laura Terio

Sunday, January 3rd

8:00AM: **Those Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society**
10:00AM: **For All Essential Workers**
12:00PM: **Savino Bruno** *By The Bruno Family*

Monday, January 4th

9:00AM: **Julia Yirilli** *By St. Kevin Senior Club*

Tuesday, January 5th

9:00AM: **Agnes Billovits** *By Mary and George Donahue*

Wednesday, January 6th

9:00AM: **Jose Peralta** *By Marta Peralta*

Thursday, January 7th

9:00AM: **Placido Dotoli**

Friday, January 8th

9:00AM: **Eugene Brady** *By The Brady Family*

Saturday, January 9th

9:00AM: **George De Meyere** *By Patricia De Meyere*

Saturday, January 9th

5:00PM: **People of St. Kevin Parish**
Father Michael Parisi *By Connie Mata*
Luz Sunpayeo *By Susan Sunpayeo*
Frank Kozar *By The Oliver & Handler Families*
Joseph Handler *By The Oliver & Handler Families*

Sunday, January 10th

8:00AM: **Eliza and Joseph Liberta** *By The DiRe Family*
10:00AM: **Eugene Fortunato, Jr.** *By Beatrice Fortunato*
12:00PM: **Charles Penko** *By Barbara Penko*

Memorial Gifts Week of January 3, 2021



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 **In Loving Memory of Monsignor D. Joseph Finnerty.**



The Altar Candles are offered this week by Noreen Crummy for **Nicholas Rappold.**



The Sanctuary Lamps are offered this week by The Alderdice Family for **Dorothy O'Mara.**



The St. Kevin Lamp is offered this week by The Alderdice Family for **Dorothy O'Mara.**



The Christmas Flowers are offered this year by **The People of St. Kevin Parish** and for their intentions.

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:

The victims of COVID-19.

Stewardship Section



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

Thank you for your generosity!



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.



Goal: \$114,461.00
Pledged: \$107,619.00
Number of Donors: 193
Received: \$105,835.00
Percent of Goal reached: 94%

Please consider making a pledge to the ACA. Every pledge counts, no matter how small or big!

THANK YOU!
St. Kevin, Pray for us!



If you are in need of your 2020 Contribution Statement, for your taxes, please complete the form below and submit it to the rectory.

Please provide us with two weeks to prepare your request.

Name: _____

Envelope Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Would you like your statement emailed or mailed? _____ Emailed _____ Mailed

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.



**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**



If you are new to the Parish, or not so new, we ask that you please register with the Parish. Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

- _____ I worship here and would like to register.
- _____ I am interested in completing my Sacraments of Initiation.
- _____ I am interested in enrolling my child in St. Kevin Catholic Academy.
- _____ I am interested in enrolling my child in the Faith Formation Program.
- _____ I am interested in joining parish Ministries.

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.

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 Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Thank you, Sam Perillo



“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 our 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.

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.
Thank you for your generosity!

The Mustard Seed

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.

Jubilee Year Dedicated to St. Joseph

December 8, 2020—December 8, 2021



The Church observes the passage of time through the liturgical calendar - which includes feasts such as Easter and Christmas, and seasons such as Lent and Advent. In addition, however, popes can set aside time for the Church to reflect more deeply on a specific aspect of Catholic teaching or belief. Past years designated by recent popes include a Year of Faith, Year of the Eucharist, and Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Why did the Pope declare a year of St. Joseph?

In making his declaration, Pope Francis noted that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1870.

Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus.

"Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote.

He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers."

What special graces are available during this year?

As Catholics pray and reflect on the life of St. Joseph throughout the coming year, they also have opportunities to gain a plenary indulgence, or remission of all temporal punishment due to sin. An indulgence can be applied to oneself or to a soul in Purgatory.

An indulgence requires a specific act, defined by the Church, as well as sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayer for the pope's intentions, and full detachment from sin.

Special indulgences during the Year of St. Joseph can be received through more than a dozen different prayers and actions, including praying for the unemployed, entrusting one's daily work to St. Joseph, performing a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, or meditating for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer.

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