St. Kilian Parish
485 Conklin Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735

MISSION STATEMENT
THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF ST. KILIAN PARISH SEeks to be a VIBRANT, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH, GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOURISHED BY GOD’S WORD AND THE EUCHARIST, AND COMMITTED TO WITNESSING GOD IN AND THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORS.

PASTORAL TEAM
Rev. Bruce J. Powers, Pastor - brucep@stkilian.com
Rev. Michael F. Duffy, Parochial Vicar - fatherduffy@me.com
Mrs. Claire Stiglic, Associate Director Religious Education
Mrs. Kathleen Singleton, Associate Director Religious Education -
Mrs. Nina Petersen, Social Ministry/Outreach
Mr. Paul C. Phinney, Music Director -
Mr. Edward Fronckwicz - Business Manager
Mrs. Barbara Geary, Director of Stewardship / Pastor’s Secretary

HISPANIC MINISTRY
Rev. José Luis Tenas

RETIRRED CLERGY IN RESIDENCE
Most Rev. John C. Dunne
Rev. Augustine Fernando

DEACONS
Deacon Frank D. Barone
Deacon Francis P. Marino
Deacon Mark Wetzel
Deacon William A. Weiss

RETIRRED DEACONS
Deacon Lucio L. Cotone
Deacon George B. Owen

THE ST. KILIAN VISION STATEMENT
+ HOSPITALITY: ST. KILIAN PARISH STRIVES TO BE A WELCOMING, DYNAMIC FAITH COMMUNITY.

+ THE EUCHARIST AND LITURGY: WE SEEK TO NOURISH THE FAITH LIFE OF THE PARISH BY CELEBRATING MEANINGFUL LITURGIES, AND OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF PRAYERFUL EXPERIENCES.

+ LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION: WE ARE DEDICATED TO INSPIRING THE YOUNG AND THE OLD THROUGH LIFELONG EDUCATION, AND FORMATION OF MINDS AND HEARTS.

+ STEWARDSHIP: IN ALL ASPECTS OF OUR FAITH WE SHARE OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE THROUGH STEWARDSHIP.

+ PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY: WE BRING OUR FAITH TO LIFE BY SERVING OTHERS THROUGH COMPASSIONATE PERSONAL OUTREACH AND COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
SATURDAY EVENING: 5:00 p.m.
MISAS EN ESPAÑOL: 6:30 p.m. Saturday Cada Sábado
SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
FAMILY MASS & YOUTH MASS: 9:30 a.m. - 2nd & 4th Sunday
WEEKDAYS: 7 a.m. - St. Benedict Chapel - 9 a.m. Church
SATURDAY: 7:30 a.m. - St. Benedict Chapel
HOLIDAYS: As announced in the bulletin
RECONCILIATION - CONFESSIONS - Mon.: 1-1:30 p.m. & Sat. - 4 - 4:45 p.m.

“To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything he has given us — and he has given us everything”
—Thomas Merton
Advent—Traveling Together toward the Light

“Bruce, time to come in for dinner!” I can still hear my mother’s voice, deeply rooted in my memory, ‘calling me home’ for dinner at our home in East Norwich, New York. Advent is a homecoming. Advent is life. We recognize Christ among us, and yet we long for his return in glory, to fulfill all our hopes and dreams. We long to hear Christ say: “Well done, good and faithful servant, welcome into the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” We long to go home when our joy will become complete.

The season of Advent, that began our church year last weekend, is a difficult one for many of us in the United States.

First, it is difficult because we live in a consumer oriented capitalist economy. The period between Thanksgiving to Christmas finds us inundated with advertising and myriad bargains that companies hope will entice us to buy. The weeks leading up to Christmas are hectic and stressful, overwhelming and distracting.

Second, the temptation to get and acquire is a self absorbing, narcissistic temptation. Advent is about being still, and quieting down so that we can pay attention to the voice of God - and God’s profound love. Advent focuses on God’s presence within us and around us. What is important in Advent is not self absorption, but absorption into God’s love. How can we develop a deeper relationship with Jesus, our Emmanuel - God with us?

Advent is an opportunity to come home to God. We are traveling together toward the Light, encouraged by the word of God in Scripture, our prayers alone and with others, and by the mass, the high point of our faith lives.

“Be awake, be ready, you do not know the hour when the Lord is coming!” This hymn calls us to vigilance in order that we may not be caught off guard, sleeping.

John the Baptist cries out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord!” Isaiah the prophet tells us that every valley will be filled in and every mountain laid low. It is our job in advent to fill up our lives, with all its valleys and mountains, with the voice and presence of the Lord who is calling us to deeper union with him in love; calling us home.

Christ will come again in glory, but Christ is with us now in word and sacrament. Will we recognize the coming of the Lord today? Will we find Christ in ourselves, our spouse, our parents, our children, our teachers, our friends and even our adversaries?

This week, Fr. Kevin Cronin, a Franciscan, will lead us in an Advent Parish Mission. There will be morning and evening services available. Details are in this Bulletin. Don’t miss this opportunity to quiet down. Let the Lord capture you in His merciful love.

Peace, Father Bruce
Sunday - December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent - Readings: 1st—Isaiah 11:1-10; 2nd—Romans 15:4-9; Gospel—Matthew 3:1-12
8:00 For the Parishioners of St. Kilian
9:30 Francis O’brien
11:00 Kevin J. Ring
12:30pm Deceased Members of the Sperlazza Family
   Fred Mohering
   Stephen J. Mahoney
   Hazel Weigel
MONDAY - December 5 - Advent Weekday
7:00 Richard Crawford
9:00 John McGurk
TUESDAY - December 6 - Advent Weekday
7:00 Robert Skrzynecki
9:00 Janet Pedone
WEDNESDAY - December 7 - St. Ambrose
7:00 Mildred Corwin
9:00 Charles & Vina Nardi
5:00 Patricia Sullivan
THURSDAY - December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 Russell Mohr
9:00 Patricia Rado
12:15pm Maria Genmarini
7:30pm Mildred Corwin
FRIDAY - December 9 - Advent Weekday
7:00 Baby Louis Cuomo
9:00 George Markunas
SATURDAY - December 10 - Advent Weekday
7:30 Mildred Corwin
5:00pm Maria Genmarini
   Anthony DiLaura
   Stephen J. Mahoney
   Eileen Gregory
6:30pm
Sunday - December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent - Readings: 1st—Isaiah 35:1-6a 10; 2nd—Jas 5:7-10; Gospel—Mt 11:2-11
8:00 Vita & Dominick Cottone
9:30 For the Parishioners of St. Kilian
11:00 Intentions of St. Vincent de Paul Society
12:30pm Laura Young & Esther DiGiacomo
   Arthur Stefani
   Joan & Richie Kuehn
   Altagrace Labisiere

The following are the weekly collections for:
November 26, 27, 2016 ..............$23,317.59
(Last year 2015) ......................$24,883.00

Attendance
November 26, 27, 2016...............1,766
(Last year 2015) ......................2,078

Parish Collection report-Week of Nov. 27, 2016

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Thank you for Placing God first in your life!

Mail in Envelopes: $1,430.69
Online Donations: $933.05
Total: $23,317.59

Bulletin Reflection:
We must be good stewards of God’s gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: “Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Living Stewardship:
We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to consider how they are fulfilling God’s purpose to be of service to our parish and to the wider community

NEXT WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANTS

**Saturday-Dec. 10**
5:00pm - Fr. Bruce
6:30pm - Fr. José Luis

**Sunday-Dec. 11**
8:00 a.m. - Fr. Gus
9:30 a.m. - Fr. Bruce
11:00 a.m. - Bishop Dunne
12:30 p.m. Fr. Duffy
Sunday, December 4, 2016

ST. KILIAN PARISH MEMORIAL
FOR HOSTS AND WINE to be used at all Weekday Masses (Dec. 5 - 9, 2016) were donated in memory of +Baby Louis Cuomo
Gift of: Grandma & Grandpa

Rest in Peace
We remember those who have died in our parish community this week:
  Mary Daniels
  Marie J. Calnan
  Madeline Soave
  Siegfried K. Herrmann
  James P. Kent
  Thomas Montana
  Ronald Frank Heydweille

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord; and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace. Amen

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CHRISTMAS USHER’S MEETING
FOR ALL USHERS & THOSE INTERESTED
TUES, DEC. 13TH - 7:30pm - 8:30pm - Parish Center - Green Room

PIZZA, CAKE & COFFEE TO BE SERVED
LET’S GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!
QUESTIONS - CALL JOHN FITZPATRICK 516-385-1718

Advent Reflection Books are available on the bulletin stands this weekend. Please take only one per family. A one dollar contribution to the poor box would be greatly appreciated.

As a praying community, we automatically ask prayers for all those who are ill. Names added to the list will remain on for a maximum of 3 weeks. If the individual is still in need of prayers, the office would have to be notified to continue for an additional 3 weeks. If you do not desire to be listed, please inform us.

PRAY FOR:
Frank Burnside; Sarita Donald; Denise Wagner; Helen Norjen; John Nelson, Sr.; John Nelson, Jr.; Kerri Ihm; Hugh Gilmore; Theresa Ross; Vincent Thomas Marino; Rosemary Oliver; Roy Tewes; Chad Aarant; Fred Schumeyer; Joan Fullam; Maria Lutz, Frank Furnari; Ursula Cancila; Brenda Paul; Ali Marie Ambrosio; Cynthia Simpson; Michael Mondiello Sr.; Carl Ferrigno; Denis Winter Sr.; Denis Winter Jr.; Ursulla Tadaro; Linda Asparro; Dolores Menze; Kenneth Klem; Geri Kowalik; Cyndi Keats; Matthew Malley; Doreen Asparro; Ann Henry; Christine Makuskie; Patrick O’Dea; Scarlett Bowne; John Venezia, Sr.; Gina Cece; Vincent Thomas Marino; Kenneth Klem; Fr. Chuck Romano; Mark Wetzel; Louis Vitale

And prayers for our children: Gwendolyn Rose; Kyle; Patrick Johnson; Jillian Cordi; Baby Julia Rose Manno; Olivia Macchio; Collin Huber; Michael Cardone; Baby Kathleen Scelfo; Baby Olivia Scelfo; Mackenzie Jordan Borchers; Olivia Molloy; Kaelyn Maureen McCandless; Kairi Knudsen.

Baptisms

Thomas George Bagnetto
Giada Bunnenberg
William Salvatore Finley
Brooklynn Rose Quinn
Ashly Valeria Velasquez Larin
Liam Marino Alvarado
Anderson Sebastian Baez Pineda
Dulce Nicole Baez Pineda
Allison Mayorga Valencia
Julian Ruben Quinones Torres

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, December 8th Holyday of Obligation

Vigil Mass: Wednesday, December 7th at 5:00PM

Holyday Masses in the Church:
Thursday, December 8th at 7:00AM; 9:00AM; 12:15PM and 7:30PM.

Please note: the 7AM Mass will be in the Church.

St. Kilian Catholic Church - www.stkilian.com
**Sacraments**

**Baptisms** are celebrated on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the church. Spanish Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. Parents are required to participate in one Sacramental Preparation session. These meetings are held on the **first and third Sunday of each month**.

After attending the 9:30am Mass, parents should proceed to the Social Ministry/Outreach Conference Room (across the parking lot) for the Baptism Preparation Class. Godparents are welcome. Please call the rectory to arrange an interview with a deacon or priest to register for the preparation session and the Baptism ceremony. Additional information on Baptism is available on the parish website: www.stkilian.com

**Reconciliation** - Confessions are heard in the church on Mondays, 1:00-1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.; and in the rectory by appointment. **Confessions are not heard on Mondays that are Holy Days or public holidays.**

**Confessions in Spanish** by appointment. Please call the rectory at (516)249-0127.

**Matrimony** - Marriage arrangements should be made with a deacon or priest at least six months before the proposed wedding date. No dates for marriage will be given over the phone. **Note: The interview to schedule the marriage date at St. Kilian should be completed before commitments are made with a catering hall.** Additional information is available on the parish website: www.stkilian.com.

**Anointing of the Sick** - The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be received by any Catholic who is preparing for surgery, or is of advanced age, or is seriously ill. The sacrament is the Church's prayer for health and healing and should not be delayed until there is danger of death. Please call the rectory to speak with a priest. Also, to arrange for Communion to be brought to the homebound, please call the rectory to have a priest visit. After the priest visits, arrangements can be made for a Eucharistic Minister to regularly bring communion to the homebound.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**RCIA (Becoming A Catholic)** Anyone who is inquiring about becoming a Catholic, and who has not been baptized, or who has been baptized in another Christian community is invited to inquire into the **RCIA**. Please call the rectory for information at (516)249-0127.
St. Kilian Parish Advent Retreat
December 5-7, 2016

Directed by
Father Kevin Cronin, OFM
Franciscan Friar
of Holy Name Province

Father Kevin Cronin, OFM, will be conducting our Advent retreat, beginning the weekend of December 3-4, preaching at all the parish masses.

On December 5-7, 2016, Monday through Wednesday, Father Kevin will be celebrating the morning mass at 9 AM and an evening service at 7:30 PM each day.

Confessions will be on Tuesday, December 6, only after the evening service.
2016 Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 11, 2016 - 4:00 PM in the Church

Take a break from the hectic pre-Christmas season. Join us on Sunday, December 11th for a beautiful presentation of the readings from Scripture and Music to help us prepare to celebrate the Birth of the Savior. Choirs from the churches of Farmingdale join us for this traditional Advent Service.

Please join us for this joyful service.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION
Weekend of Dec. 10th and 11th

Your donation works for aging religious. I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious, a donor writes. That wonderful when we truly want our donations to work. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

December 3-4 2016 - The Second Sunday of Advent

“Come Lord, Jesus!” The season of Advent starts the new church year. Advent has a twofold character. It is the season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered. It is also a season when that remembrance of Christ’s coming directs our mind and heart toward Christ’s second coming at the end of time. Advent is a season of devout and joyful expectation of the return of Christ in glory, and the fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams. Advent is a time to recall the cry of the early Christians: “Maranatha!” (the native language of Jesus and a form of Hebrew) for “Come, Lord Jesus!” The Advent wreath with purple candles representing the four Sundays of Advent, leading to Christmas, will be placed at the foot of the altar. Each Sunday a candle will be lit to emphasize our expectation and our longing, both for the Christmas feast, and the coming of our God to take us home. “Thy kingdom come”.

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Christmas Wreaths and Blankets

We will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Grave Blankets this year. The wreaths are Balsam and are 12" Double Faced and decorated with a red velvet bow, pine cones and silk like poinsettias.

The grave blankets are handmade on a wooden base and are decorated. This year we will be offering two different sizes - a large 24" size and an extra large size measuring 42". Also available is a 24" Cross.

If you are interested in purchasing, please fill out the tear-off below and return it to the rectory or drop it in the Christmas Box in the gathering space by Sunday, December 4th.

Please do not leave any money with your tear-off. We are taking pre-orders, so we know how many to order.

Pick-up will be Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9AM to 12:00 noon or Sunday, Dec. 11, from 9AM to 2PM in the basement of the church.

Last day to order is December 4th.

Join us for some refreshments and Christmas Cheer during Advent and pick up your wreaths and blankets. Any questions, please contact Dave Rodenburg (249-3276) or Margaret Barrett (420-0674) or leave a message at the rectory.

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gн 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH

Outreach is our parish community’s response to the Gospel call to help those in need.

We serve anyone who lives within our parish boundaries regardless of religion, race or ethnicity.

We are located at 140 Elizabeth Street but our main entrance is in the parking lot facing Conklin Street. OUR FOOD PANTRY AND OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 10AM-2:30PM. We are also available certain Saturdays by appointment only. Spanish translators are available Tuesdays and Fridays.

For further information please call 516-756-9656 Nina Peterson, Director of Outreach

We are so very grateful to our St. Kilian community! Thanks to you, we served 488 individuals in 173 households for Thanksgiving. God bless you all!

Gift Stars Are Up For Christmas!

We chose the symbol of the Star as a reminder of Jesus as the Light of the World. Here is how it works:

- Each family is asked to take one or more Gift Tags from the wall. Please do not remove the star as it will be a happy reminder that Jesus, the Light of the World, is coming.
- Purchase the gift indicated on the gift tag.
- Wrap the gift and attach the gift tag so we know for whom the item is intended.
- Return the gift to our new Outreach building when you come to Mass the weekend of December 10th and 11th. If your gift is not returned on either of those dates, that family will NOT receive a gift since we are distributing them soon after the collection takes place.

REMEMBER OUR RETURN DATES – DECEMBER 10TH AND 11TH

God bless you all for your donations and your gifts of love and hope to our neighbors in need in our community!

This week our pantry could use the items listed below. Just drop your donation in the bin in the gathering space of the church or bring it to Outreach during our regular business hours.

TODAY’S CHILDREN’S CLOTHING DRIVE IS...

We were surprised and overwhelmed with your support last weekend for Project Closet children’s clothing drive. There is currently no room for any further donations at this time. Stay tuned for their next drive in the spring.

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This week our pantry could use the items listed on the following page. Just drop your donation in the bin in the gathering space of the church or bring it to Outreach during our regular business hours.
We will continue to accept Turkeys for Christmas through 12/16 at the Outreach building.

**REQUEST FOR WINTER HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES**
Throughout December, we will be collecting new winter hats, gloves and scarves for men, women and children.

With grateful hearts, we THANK YOU for helping us to help others!

**The gift of Hope this Christmas**
for couples struggling with infertility and miscarriage

The Gianna Center for Women’s Health & Fertility at Good Samaritan Hospital provides general gynecological care, FertilityCare education, and infertility services — all with a deep commitment to honoring a woman’s dignity and the sanctity of human life. Comprehensive gynecologic primary care and specialized fertility and family planning techniques are used to unmask the causes of infertility for all women, regardless of faith. We are pleased to be the first medical practice in the community to feature two new women’s health services:

- Fertility Care Services
- NaProTechnology

These two unique services allow us to provide you with a natural, restorative, scientifically based approach to monitoring your health and managing your fertility. Please call today 631-376-3232.
St. Kilian Week at a Glance

Dec. 4 (Sunday)
CYO Practice - 1pm - 9:30pm - Auditorium
SKYouth Meeting - 5pm - 9pm - Cafeteria
Alanon Support Meeting - 7:30pm - Parish Ctr.

Dec. 5 (Monday)
Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Seniors Meeting - 11am - Parish Ctr.
Reconciliation - 1-1:45pm - Church
Eucharistic Adoration - 4pm - 9pm - St. Benedict Chapel
Divorced & Separated - 7:30pm - Parish Ctr.
CYO Practice - 7:45pm - 9pm - Auditorium

Dec. 6 (Tuesday)
Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Seniors Meeting- 11am - Parish Ctr.
Eucharistic  Adoration - 4-8pm - St. Benedict Chapel
CYO Practice - 4pm -9pm - Auditorium
Holy Souls In Purgatory - 6pm -7pm- St. Benedict Chapel
St. Vincent de Paul Society - 7pm - Social Ministry Conf. Rm.
NA Meeting - 7:30pm - Parish Ctr.

Dec. 7 (Wednesday) Immaculate Conception Holyday
Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Bible Study - 10:30am - 12:30p.m. - Parish Ctr.
CYO Practice - 4-9pm - Auditorium
Eucharistic Adoration - 4--8pm - St. Benedict Chapel
AA Support Meeting - 7pm - Parish Ctr.
Spanish Charismatic Renewal - 7pm - Cafeteria
Boy Scout Religious Awards - 7:30pm - Parish Ctr.

Dec. 8 (Thursday)
Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Eucharistic Adoration - 4--8pm - St. Benedict Chapel
CYO Practice - 7:45pm - 8:30pm - Auditorium
National Night of Prayer - 8pm -11pm - St. Benedict Chapel

Dec. 9 (Friday)
Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Eucharistic Adoration - 4--8pm - St. Benedict Chapel
CYO Practice - 4 - 6pm - Auditorium
AA Spanish -7pm Parish Ctr.

Dec. 10 (Saturday)
CYO Practice - 12noon - 9pm - Auditorium
Knights of Columbus Pointsettia Sale 3pm - 5pm - Church
Reconciliation - 4pm - 4:45pm - Church
Spanish Youth Group - 7pm - Cafeteria
Our Lady of Guadalupe - Mass - 6:30pm - Church

Dec. 11 (Sunday)
Knights of Columbus Pointsettia Sale - 7:30am -2pm - Church
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - 10:30am - 1pm
Respect Life Meeting - 10:30am - Parish Ctr.
CYO Practice - 1pm - 9:30pm - Auditorium
SKYouth Meeting - 5pm - 9pm - Cafeteria
Lessons & Carols - 4pm - Church
Alanon Support Meeting - 7:30pm - Parish Ctr.

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT î DECEMBER 4, 2016

SUNDAY& READINGS - EXCERPTS TO PLACE IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS

First Reading:
The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:

- a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
- a spirit of counsel and of strength,
- a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.

(Is 11:2)

Psalm:
Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:
Brothers and sisters:
Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Rom 15:4)

Gospel:
At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. (Mt 3:5-6)


LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION

We are reminded today that the coming of the Messiah is intended to restore the innocence and trust originally experienced in the Garden of Eden. The Gospel message leads us to this vision. John the Baptist prepares us to receive the One who will preach this message only to suffer and die as a result of it. We are asked to repent and move away from where the world desires to lead us. We are called to the vision given us by our Savior. Hope allows us to persevere as we wait for what is to come.
Advent is a Great Time for Families to Work on Cub Scout Religious Emblems

In preparation for Boy Scout Sunday on February 5th 2017 – please consider completing Catholic Religious Emblems – this is a wonderful way for Cub Scouts and families to live their “Duty to God” as recited in the Cub Scout Promise.

Tigers and Wolves (1st and 2nd Graders) are eligible for the Light of Christ Emblem.

Bears and Webelos (3rd through 5th Graders) are eligible for the Parvuli Dei Emblem.

Emblem Workbooks are available at the Scout Shop or from the Diocese of Rockville Centre – Scouting Office.

For additional information, please contact your Pack’s Religious Coordinator or Jeanne Pawlowski (St. Kilians Parish Cub Scout/Boy Scout Catholic Emblem Coordinator) at (516) 694-9321.

Living Waters, located on Wolf Hill Road in Melville, on the grounds of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, provides individual and group therapy with a Christian perspective - 631-754-3990 email: carolr@livingwaterscounseling.biz.

Our pastor, Father Bruce Powers, besides his graduate degree in theology from the major seminary in Huntington, New York, holds a Masters degree in Pastoral Counseling from St. John’s University (M.S. in Ed.). In addition, he has received certification in substance abuse counseling from South Oaks Institute in Amityville, New York.

If you would like his counsel on personal and family difficulties, please contact him at St. Kilian rectory: 516-249-0127 or email him for an appointment: brucep@stkilian.com

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord.” This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

If you are in need of assistance or would like information about joining or contributing to the Society, please call 516-473-9562. Leave a message and a phone number. A member will return your call as soon as possible. You may visit our website at www.svdprvc.org. Please remember the Poor Boxes at the exits of the church. They are the Bread Boxes of the poor and hungry.

Please consider remembering St. Kilian Parish in your will. Catholics of generations to come will thank you for your thoughtfulness and remember you in prayer.
On Christmas Eve – at a 3:30 Liturgy – children of our Parish will present the true story of Christmas. Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men, Inn Keepers, and Narrators are needed. All children in grades 2-8 are welcome to join us. The only speaking parts are for the Narrators.

Check the Parish Website for more information: www.stkilian.com

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR -
Sunday, December 11th – Christmas Pageant 1st Rehearsal immediately after the 9:30 Mass in the Gym

Sunday, December 18th – Christmas Pageant Final Rehearsal immediately after the 9:30 Mass in the Gym

PARENT HELP IS NEEDED! Can you help?

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

ST. KILIAN’S IS PROUD TO BE OFFERING EXTENDED EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE EXPOSED FOR ADORATION IN THE ST. BENEDICT CHAPEL WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE RECTORY MONDAY-FRIDAY, EVERY WEEK FROM 4:00PM - 8:00PM

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EACH HOUR BE COVERED. THE BLESSED SACRAMENT MUST NEVER BE LEFT ALONE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A GUARDIAN OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR AN HOUR A WEEK OR MORE PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY OR USE THE FORM BELOW AND DROP IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.

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**Christmas Mass Remembrance**

This is a special time of Remembrance of our relatives and friends. These Special Intention offerings of Christmas Blessings take place at the Christmas Day Masses. A Christmas Mass Remembrance envelope is included in your monthly envelope packet. Please write on the envelopes the names of those you wish to be remembered in the PARISH CHRISTMAS MASSES (LIVING AND DECEASED) and return them anytime this month. Special Intention Envelopes are available on the bulletin stands.

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**Marian Healing Ministry**

Continuing the Marian Healing Ministry of Fr. Dennis Kelleher CSsR, there will be a Healing Mass for Couples trying to Conceive at St. Anastasia’s Church, 45-14 245th St., Douglaston - Little Neck, NY 11362, on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

7:00PM - Rosary, Mass & Healing Service
Celebrant: Fr. Augustine Fernando
Assisted by Deacons Joseph Mercolino, John Dennehy, Michael Vicinanza.
Music: Tony Owen
For information contact St. Anastasia’s Church at 718-631-4454. Come and experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the presence, healing touch and power of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of Mary the Mother of God and Our Mother.
Hi. My name is Barbara McNulty and I’ve been asked to speak a bit about Stewardship sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure, and how I came to be involved in Family & Youth Ministry. My husband was baptized at St. Kilian’s and when we got married we decided to make this our home parish. Brian and I started attending the 9:30 Sunday mass before our daughters were born - now they are 17, 19, and 24. I tend to be a creature of habit so we’ve also been sitting in the same section of the church for that many years, and honestly I think that has helped to give us a comfort and welcome home feeling each week. Many of the people who sit around us at Mass, have been the same faces for years - our children have grown up together if only on Sunday mornings.

My faith has always been important to me. It was instilled in me by my parents growing up there was never a question that we would attend mass, or that we would have an envelope for the collection, or that we would volunteer our time - we just did it. My parents sacrificed to put five of us through Catholic School and they were always ready to lend a helping hand with the Parish Fair or coaching sports. As I had children of my own I followed that wisdom and continued to lead by example and put my faith into everything I do.

Being a busy family we have faced challenges like everyone else. Over the years there has always been a lot of competition for a space on the family calendar with sports, school events, parties, girl scouts, and yes, sleep. Many times it would have been very easy to skip Sunday mass and enjoy some sleeping in and family time at home. While I’m not saying that we never miss Mass, it is put as a priority on our calendars, and whenever possible we go together. We also make sure to attend when on vacation - our Disney vacations always seem to be more magical when we make time to include Mass, and we’ve found a beautiful little church in the woods at our favorite Pocono get a way. Yes, my teens have minds of their own, and no they don’t always agree with us in matters of faith but my husband and I have consistently set the example and I believe our family is stronger for our effort.

I became involved in Family Ministry when my children were little - it was not easy keeping a young child’s attention and yet keep them quiet at the same time for an hour at Mass. When I saw a few moms working hard each Sunday to have activities for the children at the 9:30 liturgy, I realized that the Family Mass was one in which a restless toddler was not considered a distraction, but a blessing because she was trying to learn her prayers. I felt at home, and answered the Stewardship Call to get involved. I am a firm believer that it takes a village to raise a child and I feel strongly that our Catholic Faith is the right village that we need to help one another raise our children in our faith.

Helping with activities such as the Family Mass, the Easter Egg Hunt, Family Rosary, the Christmas Pageant and Youth Ministry have been wonderful faith-filled experiences not only for me, but for my children. They’ve been attending these events since they were toddlers, and now, in High School and College and beyond, they are leading these experiences and working hard to recruit others to join the Family and Youth Ministry Team. I realized early on that if I was able to give some time to PTA and to Girl Scouts and CYO, and working outside the home - while trying to keep a clean house, why wouldn’t I be able to make time for my parish? How could I comfortably say that my Faith was important, but stay away from Church? Somehow with a lot of faith and trust, even though my schedule was getting busier because of my parish involvement, my heart was getting calmer. I can sincerely say that answering the Stewardship call and being involved in my parish continues to be a blessing to me and it has become a way of life for my family.

Often times we sit in these pews and we listen with a distracted ear. And once we leave Mass Sunday we almost forget about our faith for the rest of the week. This is not enough! When we go to a concert, we have already listened to the artist’s music on CD or YouTube (depending on our age, maybe even vinyl records) So why do we not do this for our Faith? Do we preview the Scriptures before we arrive on Sunday? Do we really understand why we stand, sit, kneel, bow our heads or sing certain songs? I’m sure we all agree that the concert is so much better when we know the songs and can sing along. Our challenge is simply this - let’s get involved! Let’s give some of our time and talent to the parish help as a hall monitor or catechist in the Religious Ed department be a greeter and welcome each other when you arrive at mass check in with the Youth Minister and see if she needs any help or could use some donations let the Pastor know what YOU need to become a more engaged parishioner. If you are looking for more family-friendly activities suggest them, but do so with concrete suggestions and fundraising ideas. If you want more education about our beautiful Catholic Faith let the Pastor know, and provide a day/time of the week when you think a class should be offered.

Youth Ministry, Family Ministry, Outreach, Hospitality, and Bereavement are among all of our ministries which can grow, but WE need to be the seeds of action which make them happen. Our village of Farmingdale is growing strong with new railroad stations and new school complexes so let’s bring our Parish back to where it should be and strengthen each other within our faith. It is not up to the Rectory or the Diocese to provide programs here which will last a lifetime - we are the people who have chosen to make St Kilian’s our home let’s give to us. Let’s get excited again about being a part of our Parish. Check out the website for plenty of information about what is going on and don’t hesitate to call or email with your concerns and ideas and see where you can jump in with your time, talent and treasure.

May the Lord direct OUR hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ. Thank you.
ST. KILIAN RESPECT-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/10 (Sat) - 10:30-11:30AM Prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood, 35 Carman’s Rd, Massapequa.

12/11 (Sun) - 10:30-10:55AM — PRO-LIFE meeting: Green Rm of St. Kilian’s Church Basement.

Wills and Bequests have the power to impact future generations. It’s so easy to include our Parish in your Will and still provide for loved ones. You may be able to make a simple bequest by adding the following language:

“I give and bequeath the sum of $_________ (or the % of), to be used for the general program of (St. Kilian Parish), a Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.”

Ensure the future vitality of our Parish with your charitable bequest or consider other Estate Planning options, such as designating our Parish as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or an IRA account. To receive a brochure about Wills and Bequests, please call Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257.
ATTENTION
WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE AS ONE COMMUNITY OUR BI-LINGUAL MASS IN HONOR OF:

“LA MORENITA.”
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE”

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016
TIME: 6:30 pm - Church
CELEBRANT: BISHOP ROBERT J. BRENNAN
Procession immediately following
Mass to Reception in Cafeteria

The December edition of The Long Island Catholic Magazine features the Church of the Good Shepherd, Holbrook; a profile of recently ordained priest, Fr. Sean Magaldi; a feature on the Diocesan Choir and a cover story on Catholic Charities’ Regina Residence providing hope to mothers who face an unexpected pregnancy. The Long Island Catholic depends upon your subscription to continue to bring these positive stories about our Church to its people. Subscribe today at licatholic.org or call 1-800-443-2155.
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DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY
Support & Prayer Ministry for CatholicGays/ Lesbians, Parents & their Families.
Third Tuesday of each month - 7pm. Info: Michael Coffey at 917-589-7146.

Retrouvaille
A lifeline for married couples
You can help heal your marriage. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.
For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

2016 POINSETTIA/CYCLAMEN SALE
SATURDAY DEC. 10TH 5-8:00 P.M
SUNDAY DEC 11TH 8 A.M.-1:30 P.M.
6 1/2” POTS
6” POTS
ALSO SELLING KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CAR MAGNETS
AFFORDABLE PRICES
PLACE: SAINT KILIAN’S CHURCH
A PORTION OF ALL PROFITS GO TO ST. KILIAN’S PARISH
Run by: ST. KILIAN KOFC COUNCIL # 2204

Saint Anthony’s High School Franciscan Brothers
Christmas Concert of Instrumental and Choral Music
Friday December 9 and Saturday December 10, 2016
Auditorium 7:30 PM
Donation $10.00

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Third Tuesday of each month - 7pm. Info: Michael Coffey at 917-589-7146.

Thanks so much to all the parishioners who helped change the Missal Books in the church:
Liz Fronckwicz, Cathy Noto, John Brosnon; Irene and Paul Muhs, Mary Thomas, Diane Markunas, Pat Ryan, Nick Rutigliano, Janet Scura, Mickey Purtill, Carmela Savino.
ATENCION
COORDIALMENTE INVITAMOS A TODA LA COMUNIDAD, PARA QUE CELEBREMOS JUNTOS LA MISA BILINGUE DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS, EN HONOR A NUESTRA QUERIDA MADRE:

“LA MORENITA”

“VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE.”

DIA: SABADO 10 DE DICIEMBRE, 2016
HORA: 6:30 PM
LUGAR: IGLEsIA
PRESIIDA POR: MONS. ROBERT J. BRENNAN
COMPARTIMENTO SIGUE EN CAFETERIA
Celebremos Los Sacramentos

LA SANTA MISA:
Todos los Sábados a las 6:30PM.

BAUTISMO:
Se celebra cada cuarto domingo de mes, a las 2:00 de la tarde. Es requisito para los papás y padrinos, atender la clase pre-bautismal, cada tercer miércoles de mes a las 6:30 PM, en la parte baja de la Iglesia. Por favor llame a la rectoría para hacer su cita con el sacerdote, para llenar el formato; usted deberá traer el certificado o registro de nacimiento de su niño. Los niños de 6 años ó más, deberán asistir a las clases de catequesis regular.

PADRINOS: Deben ser católicos, con los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación; solteros ó casados por la Iglesia. Deben traer una notificación indicando que están registrados o son miembros de la Parroquia, en donde viven ó adonde asisten a misa. No pueden ser padrinos las personas que tienen parejas sin haberse casados por la Iglesia.

QUINCEAÑERAS:
Deben haber recibido los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación ó estar asistiendo a las clases regulares de Educación Religiosa ó RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos).

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS: (RICA) Les invitamos a una preparación espiritual de conversión a la fé católica. Favor comunicarse con la Hna. Reina Vásquez (631)902-9969. Las clases iniciarán en septiembre.

MATRIMONIO:
Es necesario hacer una entrevista con el Sacerdote ó Diácono de la Parroquia con 6 meses de anticipación, para la celebración de su boda. Es imprescindible que todas las parejas, asistan a PRE-CANA (charlas pre-matrimoniales), para poder casarse. Para mayor información, llamar a la Rectoría (516)-249-0127 ext.129 P. Jose o hablar con él, después de la Misa, los sábados.

RECONCILIACION/ CONFESIONES:
Todos los miércoles de 6:00 a 9:00 PM, en el Grupo de Oración. Lugar: Cafetería.

UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS:
Llamar a la Rectoría, inmediatamente en caso de emergencia o enfermedad, para que la persona reciba los Sacramentos necesarios. (516) 249-0127 Ext. 129 Padre Jose.

GRUPO DE ORACION:
(Renovación Carismática) Todos los miércoles de 7 a 9:30 PM en la cafetería, Y Hora Santa en la iglesia todos los Segundos miércoles de cada mes, de 7:30-8:30pm.

GRUPO JUVENIL:
Se reúnen todos los sábados, después de Misa. Para información, hablar con Nelson (516)351-8913/ Erlin (631)705-1229.