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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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April 14, 2026

Reverend Frank W. Spacek
St. Saviour R.C. Church
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Dear Father Spacek,

Christ is Risen! Happy Easter!

As we reflect on the results of the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your leadership and your parishioner's generosity in the remarkable results that St. Saviour R.C. Church achieved. Your commitment to the Appeal, and the trust your people place in you, was evident in every part of last year's record-breaking success.

Thanks to the collective work of our parishes, $11 million was raised last year. That support has not only eased financial pressures but has also allowed us to sustain and strengthen parish ministries in real, practical ways. In so many of our parishes, ACA funding has helped serve families, accompany the poor, and deepen the Church's mission at the local level. It is heartening to see this work bear fruit.

I am keenly aware of the many responsibilities that rest upon you, and I know that inviting parishioners to support diocesan initiatives requires time, care, and steady pastoral presence. Please know how deeply I appreciate your efforts and the generosity they inspired. You have helped advance the work of charity, formation, and evangelization across the Diocese, and for that, I am truly grateful.

As 2026 is well underway, please know that the people of St. Saviour R.C. Church remain in my prayers. I look forward to hearing how things are going and to continue to support you and your parish community in every way we can.

Please accept my thanks once again for your partnership in the Appeal and for your daily service to God's people. Be assured of my continued prayers for you, and the entire parish of St. Saviour R.C. Church, especially in these most joyful days of Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Robert J. Brennan

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

We would like to begin by congratulating the 45 teenagers from the parishes of both Saint Saviour and Saint John the Evangelist – Saint Rocco who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit last Saturday afternoon at our 5:00pm celebration of Eucharist. Our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation was absolutely beautiful, and we are very proud of our newly Confirmed, their parents and their sponsors. So many people commented how wonderful last week's celebration was for everyone present. Our church was standing-room-only, something we don't see very often here at Saint Saviour. Bishop Octavio Cisneros, who confirmed our teenagers, gave a powerful homily to our young people about the importance of allowing the Word of God to shape their lives; to receive the Body of Christ on a regular basis for strength and nourishment; and then reminded them of their new responsibility to go out into the world and share the Good News of Jesus the Christ present among us. My thanks to the members of both Saint Saviour and Saint John the Evangelist – Saint Rocco parish families who came out and joined with us in praying for our young people as they were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Sacraments are communal celebrations of faith and both Father Kevin and I feel it is important for our teens to see the members of our parish communities coming out to pray with them as they became fully-initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church. This is a big step in their faith journey and we pray they continue to keep their hearts and minds open to the Holy Spirit working within them all the days of their life.

On Thursday evening the Junior Class from Saint Saviour High School received their school ring. This is always a beautiful occasion for our students and I was proud to be a part of this celebration and bless their rings and join them in prayer. It's a day I am sure they will never forget. I still remember the day I received my high school ring from Christ the King High School. While I really never wore it, every time I look at it or hold it in my fingers it always brings back a flood of memories about the good times I had in high school and the great friends I made – some of whom I still keep in touch with today. We congratulate all our students who received their class ring Thursday evening. Wear it with pride and joy and never forget the high school that laid the foundation for the person you will become. We are very proud of our students, and I am most grateful to all our faculty and administration of Saint Saviour High School for the tremendous job they are doing. On a side note, we have our High School Spring Open House coming up this week – please check out the pages of this week's parish bulletin for more details. You'll also find an ad for the up-coming school play "The Addams Family" in early May – ALL the members of our parish family are welcome to attend.

This week we will be welcoming Father James back to Saint Saviour Parish Family for extended ministry, and I am looking forward to his return. I also know Father James is excited to be returning to us once again. Please make him feel welcome when you see him next week in the parish or walking around the parish. Welcome Home Father James – we are glad to have you back here at Saint Saviour.

Have a great week everyone! Please stay safe and healthy!

Father Frank

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One Church.
Diverse Ministries.
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Each year, **St. Saviour** partners with the Diocese of Brooklyn in the Annual Catholic Appeal, which funds essential ministries and programs serving countless individuals and families across Brooklyn and Queens. This initiative benefits our parish while also sustaining works of mercy and faith that no single parish could carry out on its own.

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund essential ministries across the Diocese while supporting parish initiatives here at **St. Saviour**. Our parish goal is **$52,569**. Once we reach it, every dollar raised above the goal is returned directly to our parish. To learn more or to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Office at **718-768-4055**

Why does your participation matter?

As disciples of Jesus at **St. Saviour**, we are called not only to support our parish but also to share in the mission of the wider Church. When one part of the body is missing, the whole body is affected. In the same way, your participation in this Appeal—above and beyond your regular Sunday offering—helps our parish fulfill Christ's mission while keeping us connected to the larger Catholic community.

We invite you to stand with us as One Church, with Many Ministries, United in Mission across Brooklyn and Queens. Make your pledge today at **AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or by texting DONATE to 917-336-1255.**

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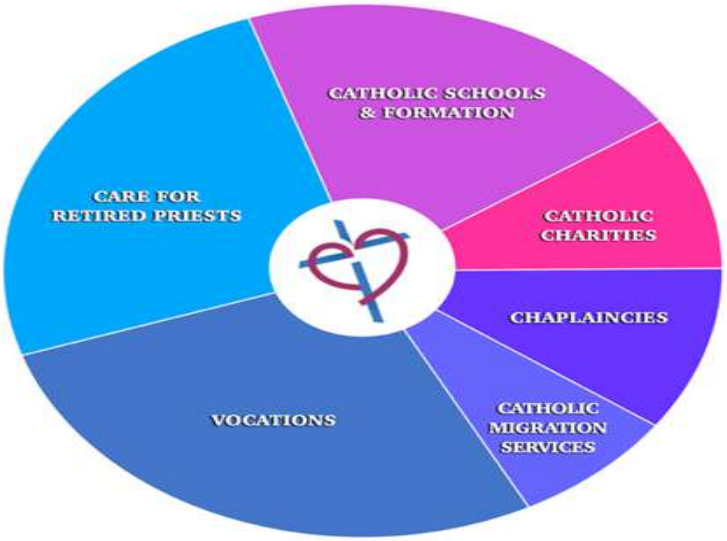
ACA Case 2026 Components



VOCATIONS $2,200,000	28%
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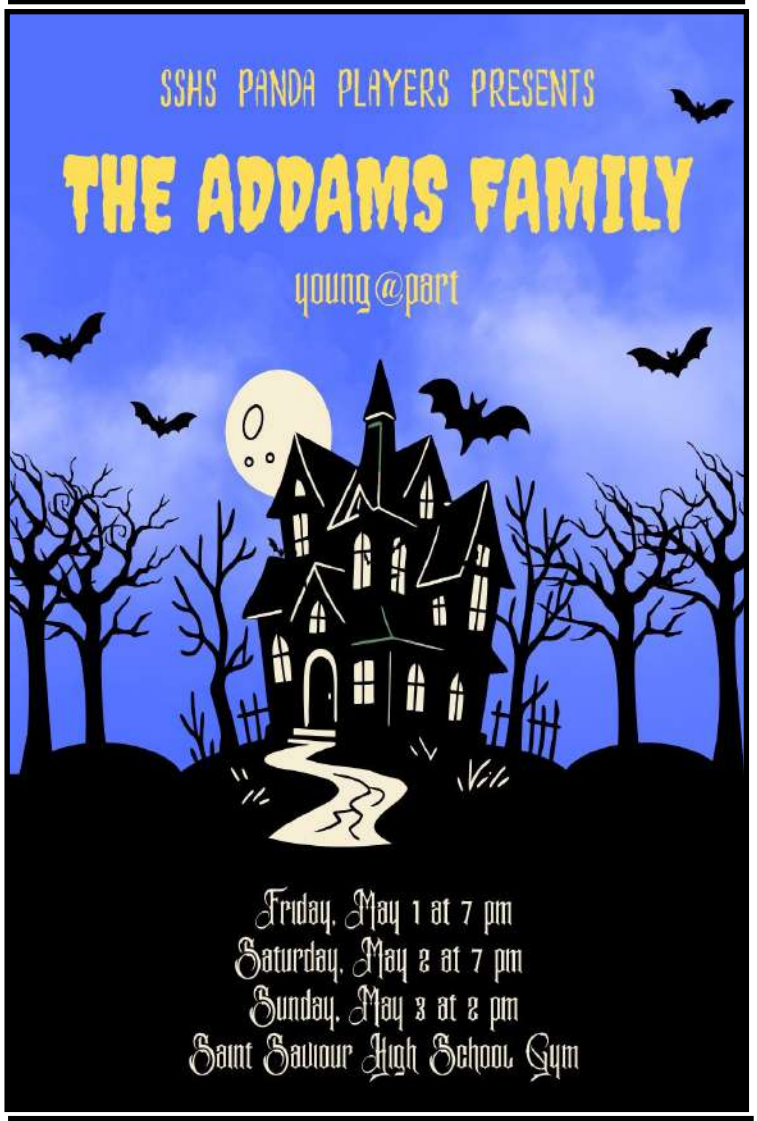
CATHOLIC CHARITIES $800,000	10%
CHAPLAINCIES $750,000	9%
CATHOLIC MIGRATION SERVICES $600,000	7%

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
May 3—Maintenance & Repair
May 14—Ascension Offering
May 17—Catholic Communication



ALL the members of our Parish Family are invited to join us on Sunday, June 7, at our 11:30am Celebration of Eucharist as the children from our Faith Formation Program and from Saint Saviour Catholic Academy receive their First Holy Communion. Our children have been preparing all year long for his special moment when they will receive the body of Christ for the very first time. Many of them are a little nervous but they are all very excited and looking forward to this special day. In March they all received their First Penance and now they are ready to receive their First Holy Communion. We hope as many parishioners as possible will come out and join us for our 11:30am celebration of Eucharist on Sunday June 7, and join us in praying and supporting our young people as they receive their First Holy Communion.

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"The past does not belong to me; the future is not mine; with all my soul I try to make use of the present moment."– St. Faustina

STEWARDSHIP

April 18-19
Offertory $6,563
Children's Collection $204
Catholic Home Missions $571

Attendance 703

SAINT THOMAS FOOD PANTRY

Pantry is in need of the following items: oatmeal, white or brown rice, pasta, evaporated milk, canned or dried black beans, canned tuna, salmon or chicken, bar soap, and shampoo.

Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, April 26, Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:30 a.m. Shelly LaFauci
11:30 a.m. Frances Reczek

Monday, April 27, Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Michael Hands

Tuesday, April 28, Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan

Wednesday, April 29, Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Maureen Moogan

Thursday, April 30, Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Edward M. McGarry

Friday, May 1, Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, May 2, Easter Weekday
5:00 p.m. William Greene/
Shirley Ann Radaker

Sunday, May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Rosa Filippazzo

MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to have someone (living or deceased) remembered in a special way at all of our Masses on Mother's Day weekend, please use the envelopes marked ***Mother's Day Mass Remembrance*** found in your envelope packet or in the racks at the back of church. Offering a Mass is a wonderful way to honor those whom we love and remember with fondness.

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