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## Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00AM—5:00PM  
Closed from 12:00PM—1:00PM  
Tuesday and Wednesday  
5:00PM—8:00PM  
Saturday 9:00AM—3:00PM  
Sunday By Appointment to Speak with Clergy

## Devotions

Miraculous Medal (Tuesdays at 9:30 AM)  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Every Wednesday at 7:00PM in Church  
First Friday at 7:00PM in Church

## Catholic Cemeteries

For Information and available options, please call  
718.894.4888.

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil - 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday - 9:00AM and 11:00AM**  
**Weekday - 9:00 AM**

## Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month at 12:30 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.precana.org](http://www.precana.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.

*A Note from our Pastor*

Dear Parishioners,

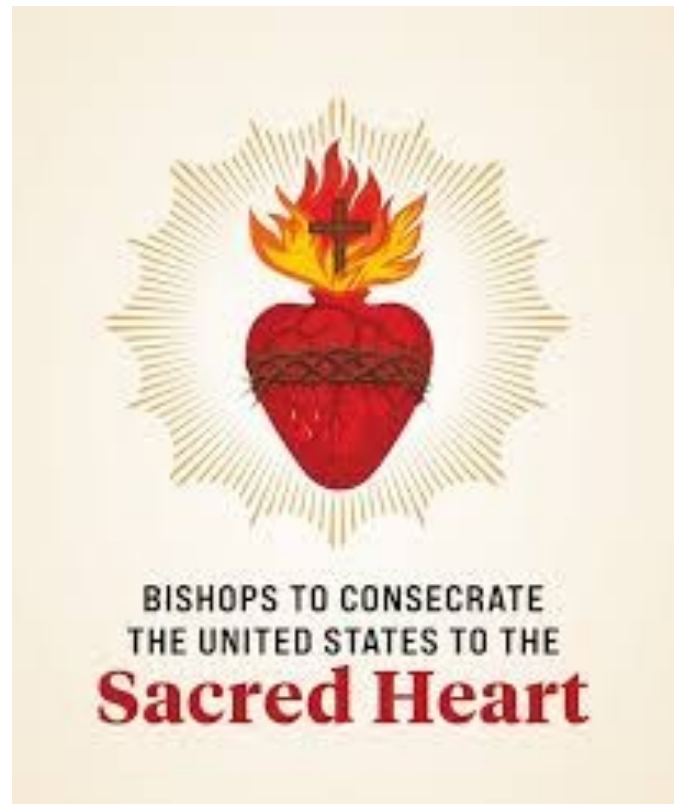
This year the United States celebrates the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This week the Bishops of our nation will consecrate our beautiful country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes all over America are asked to participate in this celebration.

Here at St. Kevin's we will celebrate both on Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with a Sacred Heart Prayer Service followed by an Ice Cream Bar reception hosted by the Knights of Columbus. On Friday we will have a period of prayer & adoration after morning Mass until Noon.

I hope you are able to join us for these celebrations of both our Nation and our Faith.

God Bless,

Fr. Marc



## Deanery 5 Eucharistic Procession

Happy Corpus Christi, everyone! On the day that we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of our Lord, I am very excited to share with you all that took place during our Deanery 5 Eucharistic Procession!

Our Eucharist Procession on Thursday, May 28th was a huge success! Our evening began at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, and our walk through Bayside took us to St. Josephat and concluded at Sacred Heart! We were so happy to see not only some of our own First Holy Communion students, but also boys and girls from parishes across our Deanery. Big thanks to everyone who joined us; We are all so glad that you were able to join us in glorifying our Lord in this beautiful way!



## Administration

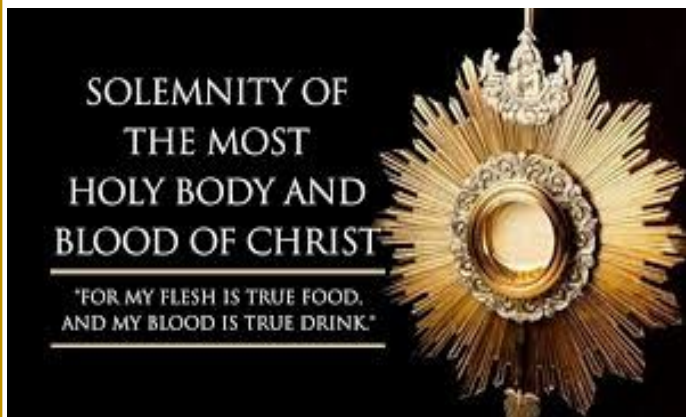
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## From the Music Director

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

*Today's Liturgy* states: "Today is a good day to remind ourselves of what it is we do each time we celebrate the Eucharist. Paraphrasing Saint Augustine, we become what we receive. We are truly the body of Christ, and, by our reception of the Eucharist, we are formed more strongly as that body."

*GIA Quarterly* continues: "Consumption is a daily practice for anyone, and our world gives us so much to consume and take in. We are inundated with ways to take in food, news, images, music, podcasts, social media posts, videos, and so on; and much of it is engineered to leave us wanting more. Jesus's offering of his body and blood to us gives us something that lasts. It is an offering of love and self-gift, of deep desire for closeness. Jesus wants to give us deep satisfaction and the consolation that he will remain in us. Are we open to receiving this gift?"



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No Choir Rehearsal  
Mass Setting: *Mass of Christ the Savior*  
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## Weekly Readings



**June 7, 2026**

### ***The Body & Blood of Christ Solemnity***

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 147: 12-13,  
14-15, 19-20

**Second Reading:** First Corinthians 10: 16-17

**Alleluia:** John 6: 51

**Gospel:** John 6: 51-58

## Stewardship Update

Collection from Sunday May 31st:	\$7,465.00
Parish Needs	65.00
Father's Day	792.00
Poor Boxes	444.00
Candle Boxes	275.00
St. Kevin's Feast Day	163.00

**Mass Count: 512**



**Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2026**  
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Help Us Reach Our  
Annual Catholic  
Appeal  
2026 Goal

**Goal \$88,078.00**  
**Pledged \$67,301.00**  
**Paid \$50,101.00**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday, June 6th

**10:00AM:** Picnic in the Park Alley Pond Park  
**4:00PM:** Confessions

### Sunday, May June 7th

### Monday, June 8th

### Tuesday, June 9th

**1:00 PM:** St. Kevin Senior Club  
**6:30PM:** NO Youth Choir  
**7:45PM:** NO Adult Choir

### Wednesday June 10th

**3:00PM:** St. Kevin Prayer Group  
**7:00PM:** Eucharistic Adoration

### Thursday, June 11th

**7:00PM:** Sacred Heart Prayer Service Followed by an  
Ice Cream Reception Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

### Friday June 12th

**9:30AM-12:00pm:** Sacred Heart Adoration



“Christ’s blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God’s plan life will be victorious.”

**Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae ©  
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# A Reflection from LOVEANDSERVE.ORG

## [This Week's Readings | USCCB](#)

Last Sunday, the Church celebrated the Trinity as a revealed mystery through God's relationship with humanity. The Trinity, one God in three Persons, not three Gods, is a mystery. This Sunday we celebrate another mystery: Corpus Christi. Jesus Christ gives Himself to the Church in the Eucharist: truly present, sacrificially offered, and uniting believers into one Body. Catholic teaching names the Eucharist the "source and summit" of the Christian life, the efficacious sign and cause of the Church's unity, and the place where Christ is present and acting.

The COVID-19 pandemic painfully revealed that humans need companionship and mutual presence; we thrive on shared life and communion, not isolation. When ordinary gathering was interrupted, the loss was not only social but also spiritual, because the Church does not understand the Mass as a private devotion or a weekly habit but as the public worship of Christ and His Body, the Church, in which the faithful are fed by the Bread from heaven. It is therefore no surprise that many Catholics felt a sharpened Eucharistic hunger when they were limited to following Mass online and could not receive Holy Communion. The experience made visible that the Church's life rests not on a building but on the living communion of the People of God gathered by the Spirit. God does not treat material food as worthless; rather, He gives it as a gift, but not as our final sustenance. It is in the Eucharist that the Word made flesh sustains life. Our spiritual hunger can only be fed by God's life-giving presence, and the Eucharist is not merely a moment of spiritual remembrance but an actual participation in Christ that forms a real union. Jesus identifies himself as "*living bread that came down from heaven*"—John 6:51. He speaks plainly of eating His flesh and drinking His blood, and the listeners dispute it because the language sounds impossible, even grotesque. The Church invites us to recognize the mystery of a God who does not merely watch from afar as we wander our own wildernesses but who enters into union with the very fabric of our physical existence, becoming the sustenance we require for the journey. Yet its fruitfulness in us is not automatic; the sacrament bears fruit more fully when the heart freely welcomes it. God offers life, but God does not force the heart to receive.

Saint Paul in today's New Testament makes clear that our reception of the Eucharist should show itself in how we treat others, even the difficult ones: "*The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ... we, though many, are one body.*" —1 Corinthians 10:16-17. Communion reaches beyond our relationship with God to embrace the whole community. When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we're called to let go of attitudes that splinter His Body: resentment, division, and the private "murmuring" that holds onto hurt instead of choosing forgiveness. Our call for today and going forward is not simply to believe the mystery of the Eucharist but to live a life of surrender as the one body of the Church.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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# DAMIEN HOUSE

The weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup> & June 28<sup>th</sup> Mr. Paul Franzetti will be here for the Mission Appeal. He will be speaking about the work of Damien House. Please take a moment to read about the incredible work this mission is doing in Ecuador.

Damien House is a residential hospital for over 30 Hansen's patients, and in addition treats a roster of around 700 outpatients, in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Quality medical care is provided seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. With the help of donations to the US-based Damien House organization, the staff is also able to provide patients with dental care, physical and occupational therapy, sanitary services, medication, and three well-balanced hot meals every day. Additionally, Damien House has a community outreach program that helps those who have been treated and cured to secure a home, find work, and participate in community activities so that they may return to living full lives.

The work of Damien House extends far beyond the hospital's walls. The staff makes regular visits within Guayaquil and in remote villages, providing public education about the cause and curability of Hansen's Disease and spreading optimism for its eventual elimination.

Damien House used to be associated with the Hospital for Infectious Diseases. Originally, Damien House was the Hansen's disease wing of the hospital. Recently Sister Annie has been able to separate Damien House from the hospital. Making ourselves independent allows us to have the final say in treatment and care. This means that no-one will ever be asked to leave Damien House. Unfortunately, it has also caused an increase in expenses due to the increase in utility bills. The increased cost is something we are happy to pay for to make sure everyone here receives the best possible love and care.

The heart of Damien House is Sister Annie Credidio, of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, B.V.M., who has dedicated her life to bringing care and dignity to Hansen's patients. In the late 1980s, Annie began volunteering in the Hansen's wing of one of Guayaquil's hospitals, teaching arts and crafts to the patients. As she formed relationships with the staff and residents, she realized she and the hospital could do much more to dispel the misery in these patients' lives. In the early 1990s, Sister Annie and other hospital volunteers reorganized the Hansen's (leprosy) wing to form Damien House, hoping to transform the lives of patients with Hansen's Disease. Through her vision and leadership, Damien House has restored the health, hope and confidence of several thousand patients and involved family members. In 1994, Annie founded the U.S.-based Damien House charitable organization, which invites donors to join the effort to bring hope and dignity to the lives of Hansen's patients. In addition to running the hospital, Sister Annie spends several months of the year traveling in the U.S. to seek the funding that keeps Damien House open.

Through this organization, Sister Annie Credidio has brought hope and dignity to the lives of many. Please help her continue to help others by [making a donation](#) .





## Food Collection

### Items Needed:

Tea (regular or decaf), jelly or jam, peanut butter, shelf stable milk (similar or equal to Parmalat), canned tuna fish, black beans (canned or dry), red beans, (canned or dry), Garbanzo beans (canned or dry), rice (one or two pound bags), mac & cheese, oatmeal, dry cereal, and tomato sauce.

**For Donation Drop Off :** The Church is opened daily until 2:00PM, please utilize the large plastic containers inside the rear parking lot doors.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH & PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY CLOTHING IN OUR FOOD BINS.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the rectory.  
718-357-8888

**Next Food Distribution: Wednesday, June 24th 9:35am-11:30am or 5:30pm-7:00pm**



*The Columbiettes  
Returns to  
St. Kevin Church!!*

*We are restarting the Columbiettes at St. Kevin! If you are over the age of 18 and interested in joining please contact Helen DiScala at : (917)282-8017 or HelenD1119@Verizon.Net. We will schedule an informational meeting shortly. All previous members as well new members are welcome. We look forward to hearing from you.*

*God Bless*

# Sacred Heart Prayer Service



**Join St. Kevin Council #18180**

**Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**

**in  
St. Kevin Church**

**For the**

**Feast of the Sacred Heart  
Prayer Service**



The Knights of St. Kevin Council 18180 look forward to spending time with everyone!

**"Ice Cream Bar"** and **"Light Refreshments"**  
will follow in the  
Msgr. Finnerty Parish Center

**All are Welcome!**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## PARISH BARBECUE

Sunday, September 13th, 12:00pm

## JUBILEE DINNER DANCE

Sunday, October 18th, Il Bacco, 3:00pm-8:00pm

## CLOSING JUBILEE YEAR MASS

Sunday, December 6th, 11:00am



## A Once-in-a-Generation Opportunity for Catholic Schools and Families

We need Governor Hochul to opt-in to unlock millions in privately funded scholarships, strengthening Catholic schools and expanding access for New York families.

**Tell Governor Hochul you want access to private scholarships!**

### What is the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit (FSTC)?

If you pay federal income tax, the FSTC lets you redirect up to \$1,700 of what you already must pay to help families afford Catholic education. **That's up to \$1,700 going to a scholarship granting organization like Futures in Education instead of the IRS - at no extra cost to you.**

### Who Would Benefit?

- Families earning up to **300% of the regional median income**, meaning **more than 90% of K-12 families** would qualify.
- Scholarships could be used for:
  - Catholic school tuition
  - Tutoring and academic supports
  - Special needs services
  - Education technology and supplies
- Public schools would also benefit

### Why This Matters for Catholic Schools

For Catholic schools, this program represents stability, affordability, and hope - helping keep classrooms filled, schools strong, and Catholic education within reach for working families. If New York opts in, millions of dollars in private scholarship support could be unlocked for families to attend NY schools, including Brooklyn and Queens Catholic Elementary and Catholic High Schools.



### Why Action Is Urgent


**This opportunity exists only if Governor Hochul opts New York into the program.**

Her decision will be made soon. If New Yorkers do not speak up now, these scholarships may never reach our students or schools.

If Catholics across Brooklyn and Queens and the rest of New York State raise their voices together, this opportunity cannot be ignored.

### Act Now - It Takes Less Than One Minute

1. Visit [www.nycatholic.org](http://www.nycatholic.org)
2. Click Action Center → Latest Action Alerts
3. Select "Will Governor Hochul Opt-In to Support Kids and Schools?" and send your message of support.

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