WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST:

WEEKEND MASSES
5:00 pm: Saturday Evening
9:30 am: Sunday Morning
11:30 am: Sunday Morning

WEEKDAY MASSES
8:30 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

SACRAMENTS
Baptisms We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at 1:00 PM on the first Sunday of each month. Arrangements must be made in advance with a member of the Pastoral Staff. Please note that there are no baptisms during Advent and Lent.

Marriages Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and participation in the Diocesan Pre-Cana Program is required. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with Fr. Frank who will discuss the necessary details.

Sacrament of the Sick In the event of serious illness, please call the Rectory and request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Communion for the Homebound Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to those unable to join us for Eucharist. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Confessions First Saturday of the month in the church from 4:00-4:30 PM. By appointment for all other times.

WHO IS WELCOME IN ST. SAVIOUR CHURCH?
Are you a sinner? Have you been away from the church for a long time? Are you divorced or separated? Are you physically or mentally challenged? Are you from a different culture? Are you not accepted because of your sexual orientation? Are you elderly, a teen or young adult? Are you discriminated against because of your color? Are you feeling broken? Are you poor or out of work? Have you been imprisoned? Have you a feeling that you are left out? You are welcome here! This is your home, and we are your family!

ST. SAVIOUR STAFF
Very Rev. Frank W. Spacek, D. Min., V.F., Pastor
Rev. Daniel S. Murphy, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Kevin P. Cavalluzzi, D. Min., in Residence
Rev. Terrence M. Curry, SJ, Weekend Presider
Emily SanPietro, Administrative Assistant
Sister Mary R. Walsh, CSJ, Pastoral Associate
Sister Patricia M. Rutter, CSJ Pastoral Associate
Geri Anne O’Beirne, Youth & Family Ministry
Deacon Paul E. Norman, Faith Formation
Dr. Nicholas J. Nicassio, Music Ministry

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Thursday 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
Saturday No Office Hours
Sunday No Office Hours
To speak with a priest, please call for an appointment. For sick calls, phone anytime.

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SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING:
I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10a)

PSALM:
My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

SECOND READING:
May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

GOSPEL:
"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" (Jn 1:23)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020
Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

The desire for God is written in the human heart.

(CCC 27)

REFLECT

FIRST READING
Isaiah shares his understanding of his prophetic call and his experience of the Lord as a God of justice and compassion. As we continue in the season of Advent, what new spiritual insights are you discovering?

SECOND READING
Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be thankful to God and be active in their newly found faith in Christ by following his moral imperatives. How are you putting your faith into practice during this Advent?

GOSPEL READING
John tells us that the religious leaders in Jerusalem questioned the identity of John the Baptist, wondering if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet who Moses prophesied would come. John the Baptist responds in humility, with a clear sense of his own call. Do you humbly accept God’s call in your life?
Dear Friends and Members of our Parish,

Over the past several months, we have come together to reflect on our blessings and consider how we can share our time, talent, and treasure with our friends, family, and broader parish community.

Through this process of discernment, we have invited each of you to invest in the future of St. Saviour through our Parish Stewardship Program.

I am proud to say that last Sunday, we gathered response cards from an overwhelming number of parishioners. These families have indicated their intention to sustain their commitment to our parish and in some cases, increase their weekly offertory to invest in our vibrant ministries, maintain our beloved Church, form our young people, and sustain the great works of our parish community.

I am truly grateful for your vision and your commitment to maintaining our parish as a beacon of faith for others. Thank you for your support and prayers through this endeavor. I look forward to sharing updates of our continued success in the weeks ahead. For those that still wish to participate, please complete a form online at www.cfbq.org/PSP.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Reverend Frank W. Spacek

I WISH TO PARTICIPATE!

If you were unable to submit a response card during our Stewardship Weekend and would like to join our efforts, please fill one out at www.cfbq.org/PSP or mail the card to our parish office.

INTERESTED IN ONLINE GIVING???
Online Giving is a fast and secure way to support our parish.
You can access our E-Giving Page at: www.stsaviourchurch.org
CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24
  4:00 p.m.
  6:00 p.m.
  12:00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25
  9:30 a.m.
  11:30 a.m.
*Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we will not have our Nativity Pageant this year.

ADVENT CANDLES
This year, we would like to offer YOU the opportunity to memorialize our Advent Candles, which will grace our sanctuary here in church for the four weeks of Advent. Each Advent Candle in the church can be memorialized in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of someone who is living for an offering of $75.00. Please remember there are only four (4) candles. If you are interested in memorializing one of our Advent Candles this year, please call Emily at the Rectory during normal office hours.

We have received word that we can resume collecting for St. Thomas Food Pantry. Your faithful support is needed now more than ever. The most needed items now are peanut butter, tuna, soap, toothpaste and toilet paper.

OUR GIVING TREE
Pandemic Version
Christmas is the time of year when begin to turn our thoughts to those who are less fortunate than us. The Pandemic has caused all of us to rethink even our simplest of interactions and we need to be creative in how we can share the Christmas Spirit with those families who need our help the most. This year due to the pandemic we need to change how we provide Christmas joy with our Giving Tree. In discussion with our three organizations Hour Children, Providence House & Chips, we will share our Christmas Spirit in a Gift Card/Cash/Check manner this Christmas. Parishioners will be able to place monetary gifts in Baby Jesus’ crib located in the sanctuary. Collection will run through Sunday, December 20th. Please feel free to use any store or general gift cards, or checks which can be made payable to Saint Saviour Church. We will issue one total check to each charity at the end of the drive. Please be as generous as you always have been. Our gifts may look different but their impact will be the same to those who need to feel the Spirit of Christmas!

ACA UPDATE
Saint Saviour Parish Goal = $68,316.00
Amount Pledged So Far = $39,620.00
Amount Received = $38,932.00
Donors So Far = 72
THANK YOU to those of you who have already made a pledge!
The Reopening of Saint Saviour Church for Mass

Bishop DiMarzio has issued directives stating that churches of the Diocese MAY begin to reopen for the celebration of weekday Mass on June 29th and for the celebration of Sunday Mass on the weekend of July 4th – 5th. For the reopening the Bishop has issued the following directives that must be strictly adhered to:

- ALL MASSES are limited to an attendance of 25% of the capacity of the church while still adhering to the norms of social distancing.
- If you are advanced in age and have health problems please stay home*.
- If you feel sick or have a fever over 100 degrees please stay home*.
- If you are health compromised please stay home*.
- If you wish to enter the church you must bring a mask and wear it.
- You may be seated ONLY in the designated pews.
- To protect you and your fellow worshippers, receive Communion in the hand.
- Please do not touch or kiss any of the statues or sacred images in the church.
- There are to be no group gatherings/or/ communal devotions until further notice.

(*Bishop DiMarzio has absolved older adults with health problems and ANYONE with compromised health from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass. You may watch the Celebration of Mass on television on the Diocesan Channel NET-TV:

*Spectrum (channel 97), Optimum (channel 30) and FIOS (channel 48).

The Celebration of Mass may also be viewed online at: www.netny.tv).
UPCOMING PARISH COLLECTIONS

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

Included with the monthly contributions envelopes is a special envelope for the Christmas Mass remembrance. Please use this envelope for your special intentions, which will be remembered at our celebrations of Eucharist this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY PARISH

At this time of the year we all receive many requests from worthy charities and soon realize that we can’t respond to them all. However, one appeal that hopefully everyone will respond to is the annual Christmas Gift to My Parish Collection. A year-end Christmas gift is your chance to go beyond the day-to-day support of your parish that you fund through your weekly support in the Sunday collection.