CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR

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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.

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–4:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
Saturday No Office Hours
Sunday No Office Hours

To speak with a priest, please call for an appointment. For sick calls, phone anytime.

ST. SAVIOUR HIGH SCHOOL
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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!

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Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

One of the traditional practices in the Catholic Church during Lent is almsgiving. Please remember the poor today as you leave church by perhaps giving alms and placing a donation in one of our poor boxes. Everything collected is given to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, which assists those in need of food or clothing. Thank you!
WeShare allows parishioners a safe and easy way to donate online. If you’ve never donated online before, signing up is easy!

Visit our website: www.stsaviourchurch.org and click “Give Online.”

Click on the collection you wish to donate to.

Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you’ve added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It’s that easy!

### LENTEN PRAYER
with Sister Mary Walsh

Our God is a “God who is rich in Mercy and has Great Love” Ephesians 2:4

I invite you to spend an hour praying together with me as we explore our relationship with God over this past year. There will be time for prayer and reflection.

**Saturday, March 13th**  10-11 AM
**Monday, March 15th**  7-8 PM

Both sessions are the same and will be on line using zoom. If you wish to participate please email me and I will send you the zoom invitation.

**My email: mwalishesj@gmail.com**

### MAINTENANCE & REPAIR COLLECTION
This month’s maintenance and repair collection will take this weekend
**March 6th & 7th**

### EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE & EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Easter Mass Remembrance Envelopes and Easter Flower Offering Envelopes are now available at the front doors to the church.

If you wish to have a loved one remembered at each of our celebrations of Eucharist on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, please take an envelope, write their names on the envelope, enclose your offering and return it as soon as possible either in the Sunday collection or at the Rectory. In addition, we hope to decorate our church as beautifully as last Easter with various flowers around our sanctuary. If you wish to make a contribution, please use one of the Easter flower Offering Envelopes available in the back of church.
Annual Catholic Appeal 2021
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Each year St. Saviour and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the Annual Catholic Appeal which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods in addition to benefitting our parish.

How Does Our Parish Benefit?

In order for our parish to function, we need well trained priests and deacons who can celebrate the sacraments and administer the parish. Without the $2.5 Million from the Appeal allocated to vocations, we would not have the clergy our parish needs.

Our Children are the future of our parish and we are called to support them as they grow in faith. The Appeal provides funding which supports every parish religious education program as well as tuition assistance to those seeking Catholic Education at Catholic Academies and Schools. Over $2 million from the Appeal is invested in the faith of our children in addition to also providing adult faith formation. Instruction programs for lay people, including those in our own parish, provide training in ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors or prepare others for sacraments.

The Appeal also provides the salaries for the trained Youth Ministers working in parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens. $150,000 each year from our donations sustains the Youth Ministry Initiative, which has been supported by Generations of Faith, ensuring that young people encounter Christ through the Church, forming lifelong bonds of faith which will sustain our parishes for years to come.

Christ Himself has called all of us to care for those among us in need, but as one parish we lack the time, space, skills and volunteers that it takes to address the needs of our brothers and sisters who need our help. This is why, through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish supports the work of Catholic Charities and Catholic Migration Services which receive a total of $1.4 million from the Appeal. Together we are able to welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, feed the hungry and shelter the homeless in the name of our Church.

In our efforts to spread the Gospel of Christ we also have a responsibility as Catholics to minister to those who are ill, students in high schools and colleges as well as those who are imprisoned, just as Christ directed us to. The Appeal provides $1.9 million to ensure that chaplains bring the sacraments of the church to those who are ill, imprisoned or are studying in high school and college.

Why is my participation important?

As followers of Jesus here at St. Saviour, we understand our responsibility to our parish implies a responsibility to the diocese which unites us together with the entire Catholic community as the one body of Christ.

When one part of the body does not participate, the entire body suffers and makes it harder to function. Likewise, your participation in this Appeal, over and above your regular Sunday offering, will determine the ability of St. Saviour to faithfully support the mission of Christ while also providing the needed support we receive as one parish, which is part of the larger Catholic Church.

What is next for the Annual Catholic Appeal and how can we help?

Please join with us to respond as the Church of Christ together in Brooklyn and Queens through a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal today at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text ACA to 917-336-1255.

Thank you and God bless you.

1215 - St. Saviour
HOLY THURSDAY
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

HOLY SATURDAY
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
(Blessing of the Food)
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY
9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

For centuries, one common practice during the season of Lent has been the praying of the Stations of the Cross. This prayer has enabled people to walk with Jesus toward Calvary and share in His passion and death. We invite ALL members of our parish family to join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross together this Lent. Here at Saint Saviour Parish, we will pray the Stations of the Cross each Sunday morning during Lent.
(March 7; March 14; and March 21) immediately following our 9:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist.

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