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 & Thursday

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 Sister Mary. 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 PASTORAL 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**
Emily SanPietro, **Administrative Assistant**
Sister Mary R. Walsh, CSJ, **Pastoral Associate**
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!**

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

This piece has been around for a while, and I thought I would share it with you since we celebrate this week a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-24). Enjoy this brief introduction to the origins of some other religious denominations!

HOW OLD IS OUR CHURCH?

IF YOU ARE a Lutheran, your religion was founded by Martin Luther, an ex-monk of the Catholic Church, in the year 1517.

IF YOU belong to the Church of England, your religion was founded by King Henry VIII in the year 1534 because the Pope would not grant him a divorce with the right to re-marry.

IF YOU ARE a Presbyterian, your religion was founded by John Knox in Scotland in the year 1560.

IF YOU ARE a Protestant Episcopalian, your religion was an off-shoot of the Church of England founded by Samuel Seabury in the American colonies in the 17th century.

IF YOU ARE a Congregationalist, your religion was originated by Robert Brown in Holland in 1582.

IF YOU ARE a Methodist, your religion was launched by John and Charles Wesley in England in 1744.

IF YOU ARE a Unitarian, Theoephilus Lindley founded your church in London in 1774.

IF YOU ARE a Mormon (Latter Day Saints), Joseph Smith started your religion in Palmyra, New York in 1829.

IF YOU ARE a Baptist, you owe the tenets of your religion to John Smyth, who launched it in Amsterdam in 1605.

IF YOU ARE of the Dutch Reformed Church, you recognized Michaelis Jones as founder, because he originated your religion in New York in 1628.

IF YOU worship with the Salvation Army, your sect began with William Booth in London in 1865.

IF YOU ARE a Christian Scientist, you look to 1879 as the year in which your religion was born and to Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy as its founder.

IF YOU belong to one of the religious organizations known as “CHURCH”, “Pilgrim Holiness Church”, or “Jehovah’s Witnesses,” your religion is one of the hundreds of new sects founded by men within the past fifty years.

IF YOU ARE Roman Catholic, you know that your religion was founded in the year 33 by Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, and is still the same Church.

Have a great week everyone.

Father Frank

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 NS 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Wednesday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Friday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Saturday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

John the Baptist had been told that he would see the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. He listened, he believed, and he kept his eyes open. He was ready when God revealed the truth. Let's ask ourselves: are our eyes open? Are we ready?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Known as the Snowshoe Priest, Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga, was a lifelong missionary to the Native American people of the upper Midwest. He loved the people he served, knew their languages, and even published the first Ojibwe-English dictionary!

PRAYER

Prayer for the Cause of V. Frederic Irenaeus Baraga

O God, thank you for the life and holiness of your servant, Frederic Baraga.

I pray you will honor him by the title of Saint. He dedicated himself completely to missionary activity to make you known, loved, and served by the people who you love. As a man of peace and love, Baraga brought peace and love wherever he traveled.

Lord, grant Venerable Bishop Baraga the grace of beatification.

We ask this in Christ name.

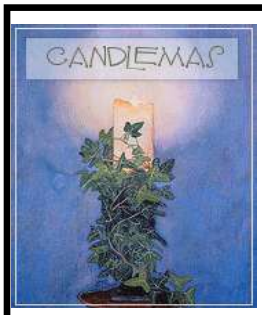
Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://bishopbaraga.org/cause/)

BLESSING OF THROATS

As we are all aware, on February 3rd, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Blasé (Bishop and Martyr). Saint Blasé has long been associated with the healing of throats. This year Father Frank will bless our throats at the conclusion of the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 4th and at the conclusion of the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, February 5th, If anyone wishes to have their throat blessed, simply stick around after Mass and everyone will have the opportunity to have their throat blessed.

CANDLEMAS DAY



On Thursday, February 2nd, the church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—the day on which Jesus was presented in the Temple 40 days after his birth, in accordance with Jewish law. This day has also become commonly known as "Candlemas Day," the day on which candles are blessed. If anyone has candles at home that they would like to have blessed, please bring them to church with you on the weekend of February 4&5 and we will be more than happy to bless them for you at the conclusion of each of our Sunday celebrations of Eucharist.

LENT IS COMING—ARE YOU READY?

While we have just concluded our Christmas Season, it might be a good time to remind everyone that the liturgical season of Lent will be starting in just 5 1/2 weeks. Lent arrives on February 22nd and we want ALL the members of our parish family to know that we are planning a number of events, services and activities that will enrich us spiritually throughout this sacred season of penitence and prayer. We do hope you will consider joining us for some (or all) of the many opportunities we have planned this Lent—so keep your eyes open for more information in the next few weeks!

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!

The Season of ORDINARY TIME

This week we celebrate a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Unity was something that Jesus himself prayed for—and unity is something we ourselves strive for each day. This week, let's make a conscious effort to say a prayer that one day ALL Christians will be united as one body in praying to the one God who has given life to us all!

Become a Lector at St. Saviour! Proclaiming the Word of God to His people is a wonderful and humbling privilege. To proclaim The Word of God well and meaningfully is to make it come alive for the congregation. Any parishioner at St. Saviour who is 16 years or older is welcome to join the Adult Ministry of the Word.

Prospective ministers should be comfortable speaking to a large audience and should have a clear, strong voice. Becoming a lector at St. Saviour is easy: you will be given individual training on the lector's responsibilities in the Mass, from your place in a procession to becoming familiar with speaking from the ambo. In addition, you will be provided with a workbook and various support materials that will aid you in your ministry.If you have ever felt the desire to participate in this wonderful ministry, please contact Craig Jordan at the Rectory.

Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach

The Brownbaggers project serves the poor in NYC during the winter months. Since 2009 we have delivered thousands of lunches. Meeting monthly in the Parish Hall at 12:30pm, we assemble 100 brown bag lunches with food and clothing items donated by our volunteers. We then travel via subway to multiple Manhattan parks to distribute our lunches to those most in need, returning to Brooklyn by 3:30 pm. Dave Beaudry is the current director of our Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach Program.

Volunteers can reach Dave at:davebeaudry@gmail.com

Please RSVP now for
January 22, 2023

Children under the age of 18 must to be accompanied by an adult. Please wear comfortable shoes and have your metro card charged.

Twenty-five volunteers are needed for this event. RSVP to: davebeaudry@gmail.com

Please consider donating warm socks, hats or gloves into the Brownbaggers Donation Box which will be located in the vestibule of the church after every Mass. Any donations received will be distributed at that month's Brownbagger event. Also, financial donations used to purchase food items can be made in the Parish rectory.

Just a reminder that all adults must be VIRTUS trained to attend.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., our Rectory Office will be CLOSED on MONDAY, January 16th. Let us remember in prayer this weekend ALL those people who have fought for justice and peace among ALL God's people throughout history.

STEWARDSHIP

January 7-8

Offertory $6,827
Children's Collection $261
Maintenance & Repair $2,169
Attendance 264

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We still have Mass Intentions available for both weekday AND weekend celebrations of Eucharist. Please consider having a Mass celebrated for a loved one or family member—either living or deceased. We are ALL in need of prayers, and there is no greater prayer than the celebration of Eucharist. Each Mass Intention is only $15.00. If you are interested in having a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of someone who is living, please call Emily at the Rectory and she will be more than happy to assist you.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Edward & Jeanette Rybacki
11:30 a.m. Brian Rybarczyk/Alfredo Diaz, Sr.

Monday, January 16, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jerry Georges

Tuesday, January 17, Saint Anthony
8:30 a.m. Andy Santos

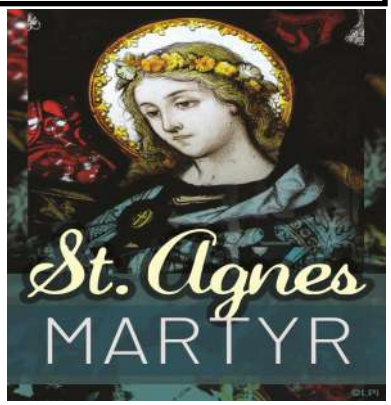
Wednesday, January 18, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Barry Hanratty

Thursday, January 19, Weekday
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday, January 20, Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 21, Saint Agnes
5:00 p.m. Florence Campesi

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. George Chambers



Food Pantry

Please continue to support the food pantry at St. Thomas Aquinas. We are especially in need of hot cereal, soup and toiletries, but whatever you give will be most appreciated!