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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**
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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.

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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

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is the third major celebration of Christmastime (following the Incarnation and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God).

The term "EPIPHANY" means "manifestation." What we celebrate on this day is the manifestation of Christ to the nations. It's a reminder to us that the glory of God shines forth to ALL peoples—not just a select few.

This day also reminds us of the Magi (also known as kings or astrologers or wise men), those mysterious visitors from the East (probably modern-day Iran) who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ-Child. The story of the Magi is recounted for us in Matthew's Gospel (2:1-12). Traditionally, there is said to have been three Magi present at the stable in Bethlehem—but it's interesting to note that the Scriptures do not tell us how many Magi there actually were. We say there were "three" because of the number of gifts that were presented to the Christ-Child. The adoration of the Magi was prophesied in the Old Testament (Micah 5:1-3), yet, there is so much about them that we do not know. Matthew's Gospel does not tell us where their home country was, their status, or their religion. We don't even know their names. St. Bede the Venerable (c. 735 C.E.) mentions an early legend with the names Balthasar, Melchoir and Gaspar. We refer to them as "kings' because of a verse from the Psalms which says, "The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts" (72:10).

Today's solemnity is one which originated in the East. It is believed that the Epiphany might have been modeled after the pagan festival of the new year and the winter solstice (which usually fell on January 6th.). In its fullest meaning, this solemnity commemorates the coming of the Word into the world of God's revelation to people of ALL nations. This is an important fact to remember, because like 2,000 years ago—there are some people today who still believe that Jesus only came for a select group of people—while today's feast reminds us that Jesus came for EVERYONE—regardless of who they are or where they came from! Jesus is the Lord and Saviour of us all.

Finally, just remember that while there might not be any hint of Christmas whatsoever in the stores, as a Church we continue to celebrate Christmas until next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!

Have a great week everyone.

Father Frank

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Friday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard travel to be laid at the feet of Jesus. What gifts do we bear through the journey of life to lay at the feet of the King? Do we protect them as we should?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saving over 14,000 Korean refugees during the Korean war in what is still the largest marine rescue in the history of the world, Servant of God Leonard LaRue's bravery and love of the Lord inspired his cause for sainthood to be opened in 2021.

PRAYER

God, our Father, Creator of the seas, Protector of refugees, and all those in need, You called Captain Leonard LaRue to recognize Your Son Jesus Christ in the faces of the Korean refugees, and led him as Brother Marinus to a life of prayer and service in the tradition of St. Benedict.

May his life be an inspiration to us and lead us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the people of the sea, welcoming those who are refugees from war, and deepening all the faithful in their prayer and work of service.

We humbly ask that You glorify Your servant Captain Leonard LaRue/ Brother Marinus, O.S.B. on earth according to the design of Your holy will, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: http://www.aos-usa.org/pdf/Capt.-LaRue-Bro.-Marinus-O.S.B.-Prayer-for-the-Cause.pdf)

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

We just want to say a great big "THANK YOU" to everyone who gave so generously to our parish this year at Christmas. Thanks to your contributions, we are able to continue providing the many programs and services we offer here at St. Saviour Parish. We are also grateful to everyone who gave so generously in the "Flower Offering" envelopes. Our church looked as beautiful as it did thanks to YOUR generosity.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT…

Today's Feast of the Epiphany reminds us of the gifts brought by the Magi to the Christ child—but what about our gifts? What gift will we present to the Christ this year? What gift will we present to the Christ this year? Our God has blessed each one of us with many gifts, yet often times we fail to share those gifts with others. Perhaps this year we can make a conscious effort to share our God-given gifts with others. You'll be amazed at how much better our world can become if we only share with others what has been given to us by God.

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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 St. Thomas Aquinas Food 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.

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.

Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman's arms.

— St Augustine

STEWARDSHIP

December 24-25

Offertory $5,856

Children's Collection $176

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Christmas Collection $25,465

Attendance 596

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December 31-January 1

Offertory $7,818

Children's Collection $158

Mary Mother of God $1,194

Attendance 220

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.

Mass INTENTIONS

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 8, Epipany of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Jerry Georges
11:30 a.m. Mary Puydak Velez

Monday, January 9, The Baptism of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Sr. Katherine Kirwin, OP

Tuesday, January 10, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Gerard Lang

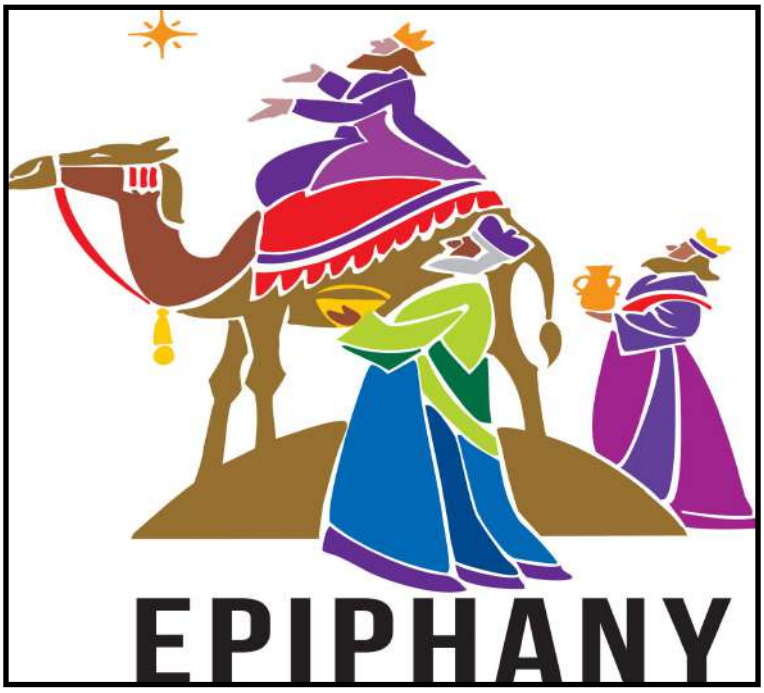
Wednesday, January 11, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Gerard Lang

Thursday, January 12, Weekday
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday, January 13, Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 14, Weekday
5:00 p.m. Marion Cappiello (Anniversary)/
Alice Wilkinson

Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Edward & Jeanette Rybacki
11:30 a.m. Brian Rydarczyk



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