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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

Rev. Frank W. Spacek, D. Min., **Pastor**
Rev. Daniel S. Murphy, **Pastor Emeritus**
Rev. Kevin P. Cavalluzzi, D. Min., **In Residence**
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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

"Thus says the Lord: This rather is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly; untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed; breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry; sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your wounds shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help and the Lord will say: HERE I AM!" (Isaiah 58:6-9)

What a wonderful passage from Scripture to meditate upon as we begin this holy season of Lent this Wednesday! After all, this is what it's all about, isn't it? This is what we are called to do, are we not? Yet– if all we do is read these words and not allow them to jump off the page and never into our hearts—they really aren't going to bring about much of a change in us—are they?

Our season of Lent begins this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday). I can't wait to see how many times the phone is going to ring with people inquiring, "When are you giving out ashes?" I often wonder if people really understand the significance of receiving ashes. I am amazed at how people will go to great lengths to receive ashes—but could care less about receiving the Eucharist. The ashes we receive on our forehead every year are the remains of burned palm branches from the previous year. The custom of placing ashes on the heads of people is an ancient penitential practice among the Hebrew people. At one time, people even had to walk around wearing nothing but sack cloth. We find evidence of this in our Scriptures (see 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 42:6; 1 Macc. 3:47 and 4:39; Lam. 2:10; Jonah 3:5-9; Jer. 6:26 and 25:34; Matt.11:21). It's also interesting to note how by the year 300 A.D., ashes were placed on the heads of public sinners who were excommunicated or expelled from the community because of public sins or scandals such as apostasy, heresy, murder and adultery. By the 7th century, persons wearing sackcloth and ashes were recognized as persons doing penance for previous public sins. They would often live apart from both their families and their community. Sometimes a penance could last several years, while others lasted a lifetime. By the 11th century, however, the customs of Ash Wednesday had pretty much evolved into what we celebrate and recall today; that we are a human and sinful people in need of reconciliation, love and forgiveness. That's what we remember on Ash Wednesday—and that is what we celebrate throughout these 40 days of Lent. It's not a very long period of time, but is a start, so let's make a promise that THIS LENT we're going to make a difference!

Have a great week everyone.

Fr. Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
I am the LORD." (Lv 19:18)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

All belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God. (1 Cor 3:22-23)

Gospel:

"You have heard that it was said,
You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.
But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:43-44)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Want to be a real revolutionary? Defy the fallen impulses of human nature. Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor. Give to those who would take. We can do hard things, Christians. We aren't perfect, but our God is.

Observances for the week of February 19, 2023

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day
Tuesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
Thursday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Saint of the week

Venerable Félix Varela was a thought leader, professor, scholar, political leader, and cultural champion for immigrant families. Originally from Cuba, he served in Spain and in the United States as a pastoral luminary in every community he engaged.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Félix Varela y Morales's intercession

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image.

Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and make no peace with oppression.

Help us, like your servant Venerable Felix Varela,

to work for justice among people and nations, to the glory of your name,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: –Adapted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), page 60

https://neatnik2009.wordpress.com/2016/12/10/feast-of-venerable-felix-varela-february-25/)

DAY OF LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION

On Saturday morning, February 25th, Father Pat Griffin will be here at Saint Saviour Parish to lead us in a morning of prayer and reflection. We will begin our time together at 10:00 a.m. in the church with the celebration of Eucharist, followed by Father Pat Griffin's talk and reflections. The theme for Fr. Griffin's Lenten Reflection will be "Carrying Our Lenten Cross." We are confident this will be a spiritually uplifting experience for everyone. ALL the members of our Parish Family are invited to join us for this special morning of prayer and reflection. Fr. Griffin grew up here in Park Slope and attended St. Saviour School. In 1979, he was ordained a Vincentian Priest and earned a Doctorate in Biblical Studies. (He even taught both Fr. Frank & Fr. Kevin Sacred Scripture while they were still Seminarians!) Fr. Griffin later served his community in both Rome and Paris before returning to New York in 2014 where he serves at St. John's University as the Executive Director for the Vincentian Center for Church & Society. We are thrilled to welcome Fr. Griffin home to Park Slope and St. Saviour to lead us in our Lenten Morning of Eucharist, Prayer and Reflection on Saturday morning, February 25th beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Mass in church. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

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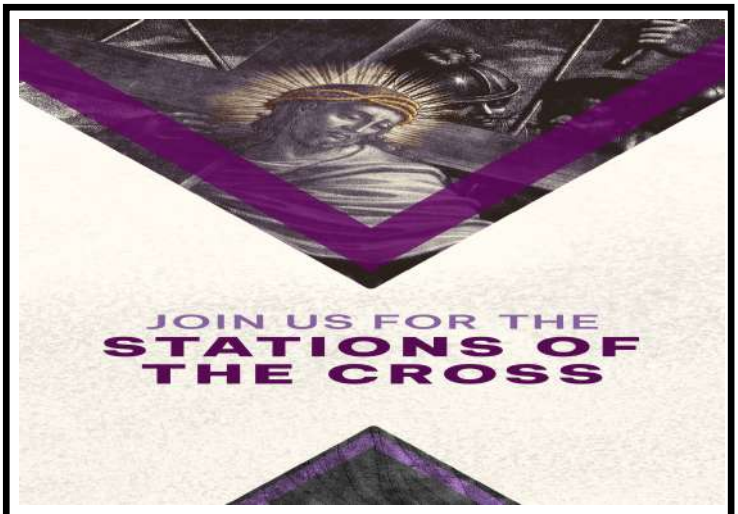
Ash Wednesday—February 22

Fuel Collection—February 25-26

Maintenance & Repair—March 4-5



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 the following Sundays during Lent.

(March 5th; March 12th; March 19th and March 26th) immediately following our 9:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

We kindly ask ALL the members of our parish family to remember the poor as they leave church each Sunday. The monies collected in our poor boxes are used to assist in the ministry of our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. These monies enable us to provide food, clothing, and other essential needs to people who come to us seeking assistance. Sadly there are too many Sundays where there is very little in our poor boxes a the back of church. With the season of Lent fast approaching, let's ALL make a commitment to take a little more seriously one of the traditional disciplines of Lent—PRAYER, ALMSGIVING, and FASTING. Thank you so much!

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
March 12, 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.

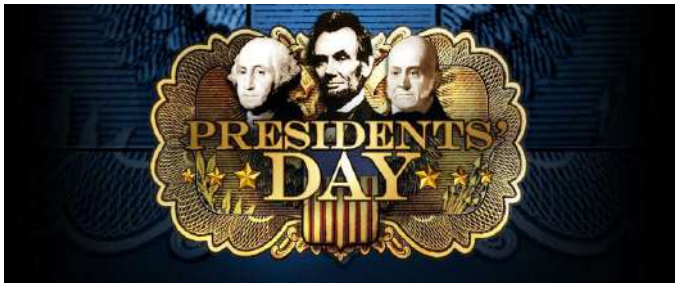
Just a reminder that all adults must be VIRTUS trained to attend.

Saint Thomas 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!

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.

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." ~ Pope Francis



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th. for Presidents Day.

STEWARDSHIP

February 11-12

Offertory $5,105
Children's Collection $212
Black & Indian Missions $845
Attendance 277

This Wednesday, February 22nd, we begin the liturgical season of Lent with our observance of Ash Wednesday. Our schedule for distribution of ashes is as follows:

8:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist

12:05 p.m. Celebration of Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Celebration of Eucharist

*Ashes will NOT be distributed at any other time on Ash Wednesday – so please make every effort to join us for one of these three opportunities being offered in church this year.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli
11:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli/
Intentions of Judy Judge

Monday, February 20, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Tuesday, February 21, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli/Nicola Marinelli
12:05 p.m. Intentions of Sara Diaz & Family
7:30 p.m. Elaine Spacek

Thursday, February 23, Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Friday, February 24, Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, February 25, Saturday after Ash Wednesday
10:00 am. Lenten Mass
5:00 p.m. Eileen O'Donovan/Vera DiGregorio

Sunday, February 26, First Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Richard Bast/Frank Perez
11:30 a.m. Evelio Conde (Anniversary)/
Aida Conde (Birthday Remembrance)/

Candle Memorials - February 10-24

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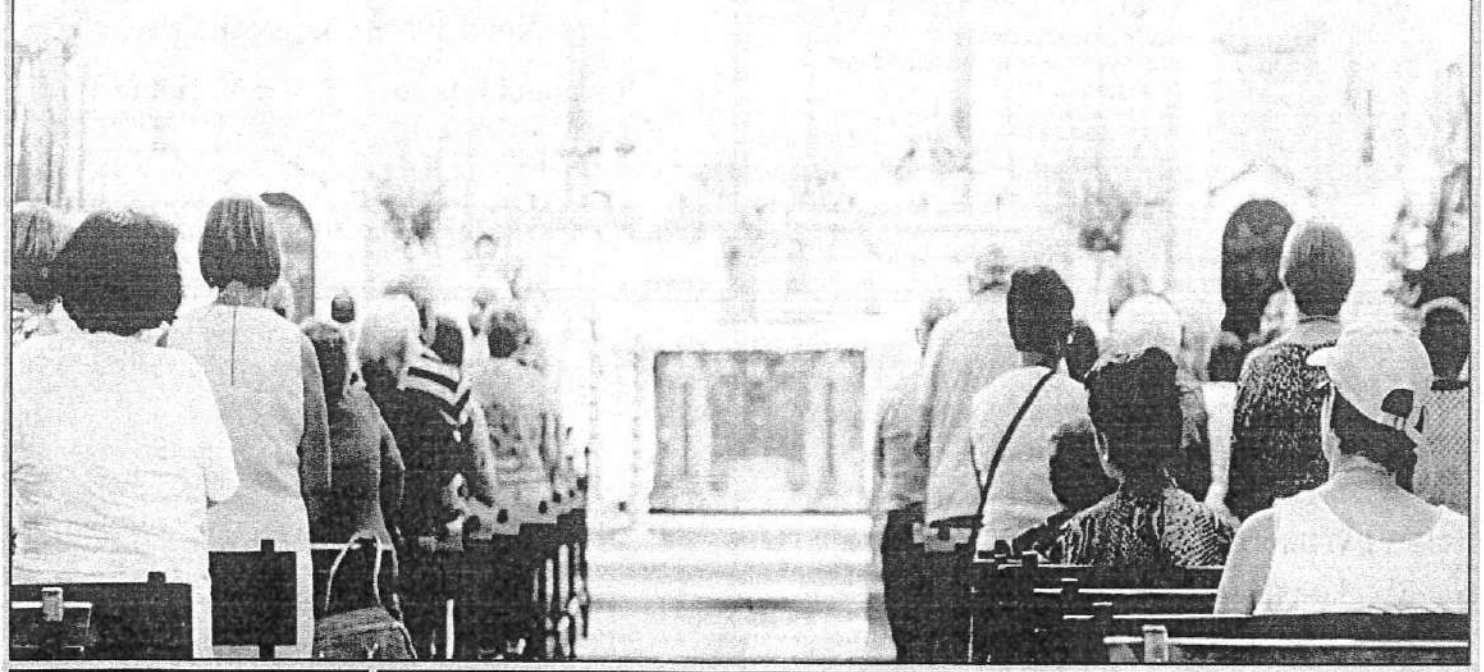

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