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

Rev. Frank W. Spacek, D. Min., **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.

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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!**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

It's hard to believe that another season of Lent is here already. Each year, lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes right before the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. As you can see from being in church, the predominant color during this liturgical season is purple—a reminder to all of us that we are in a season of penance—asking the Lord to forgive our sins and to give us the courage and the strength to be faithful to the Gospel.

But exactly how did the Season of Lent develop? You see, by the end of the 2nd century, two great festivals were being celebrated in the Church: Pascha and Pentecost. The Pascha today refers to the Triduum (which begins Holy Thursday evening and concludes on Easter). Pentecost was a 50-day celebration which followed Pascha. This 50-day celebration remembered Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Lent was a later development. Initially, the Christian community prepared for the 50-day festival with fasting and penance. It was also a time where catechumens (persons preparing to enter the faith) began a more intense preparation in order to be baptized and welcomed into the faith at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. At the beginning, fasting for Christians only lasted about 1-2 days, and later was extended to one week—and they would begin their fasting by reading the Passion Account of Jesus. By the 4th century, the period of fasting was extended to 3 weeks, and later to 40 days.

The title LENT comes from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning "spring." It was often associated with the seasonal change from winter to spring. The old Latin Missal (Missale Romanum) calls this period "Tempus Quadragesimae," which means "40 day period of time." Our church defines Lent as "a preparation for the celebration of Easter, a time of renewal when members of the community recall their baptism, and a time of reconciliation with each other before the feast of Easter."

The central theme of the liturgical season of lent is CONVERSION: a radical redirection of one's whole life according to the Gospel of Jesus. Thus the season of lent affords us the opportunity for communal conversion and reflection on the demands of the Gospel—and this can only be achieved in the spirit of a prayerful heart.

Let us allow ourselves the opportunity to enter into this season of Lent with both feet on the ground and with a genuine desire to achieve that radical redirection of our lives based on the Gospel. It's not going to be easy (I know!) , but let's give it a try. Good Luck!

Until next week, God Bless.

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground
and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm:
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:
For just as through the disobedience of the one man
the many were made sinners,
so, through the obedience of the one,
the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:
At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.
He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

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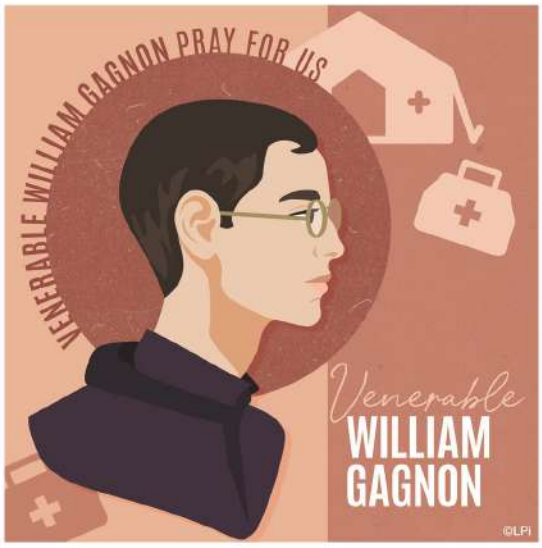


Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

We worship a God who understands human limitation. A God who has felt the pangs of fasting and the enticements of the tempter. Our God, hungry and tired and weakened, has stared into the face of the devil and said: "I am stronger than you."

Observances for the week of February 26, 2023

Sunday:	1st Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Saturday:	St. Casimir
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Lent

Saint of the week

Venerable Brother William Gagnon cared for every victim of war who entered his hospital regardless of military affiliation. A missionary to Vietnam between 1952 and 1972, he is remembered as a true servant leader who loved Jesus and his fellow man.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Brother William Gagnon's intercession

Lord, Jesus, your mercy inspired the Venerable William Gagnon, O.H., to live hospitality with the ill, the refugees and the poor. Grant that we may always minister to all suffering people with charity, as did this son of St. John of God. Lord, hear the prayer that we address to you [personal intention] by the intercession of the Venerable William Gagnon, in order that we may be affirmed in our faith and that your glory and the joy of the Church be proclaimed.

Amen.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

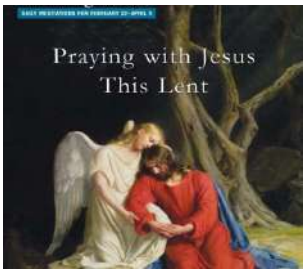
Fuel Collection—This Weekend

Maintenance & Repair—March 4-5

Catholic Relief Services—March 18-19

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. During this season of Lent, 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!



THE WORD AMONG US

Please remember to take a copy of the Lenten edition of The Word Among Us Daily Meditations which can be found in the back of church.

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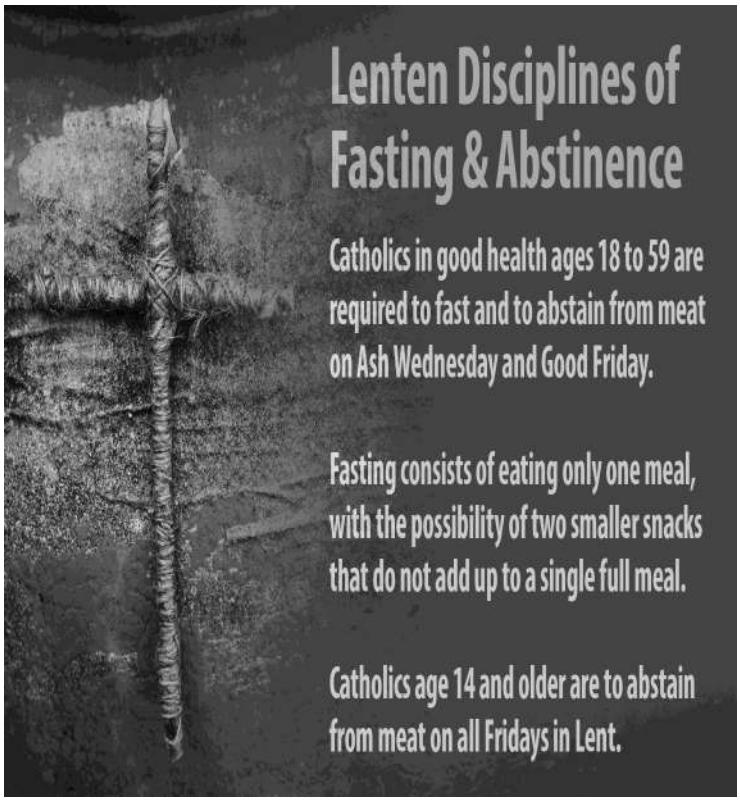
Visit our website: www.stsaviourchurch.org and click "Give Online."
Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.
Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

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.



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.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

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None of us alone can make a full impact on the needs of our diocese. But, united, we can make great things happen! The Annual Catholic Appeal provides us with an opportunity to continue to provide hope through its mission of spreading Christ's love throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

This year, you are encouraged to be a beacon of light and hope to those less fortunate. By taking a leadership role in giving to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal and setting an example of Christian Stewardship for others to follow. Much has been given to us. In turn, we should give thanks by showing sincere concern for the mission and work of the Diocese in bringing the Gospel to those who need it most. Our world remains upended by economic uncertainty, political and social unrest. We stand in need of the gifts that only God can give us—the gifts of Unity and Hope! We ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal.

You will be helping the mission of the Church even further if you choose to make this gift as a sustaining donor by selecting the "Recurring/ Ongoing" option when making your pledge online. The monthly commitment you select will automatically renew each year until you decide to stop this commitment.

We are grateful for your partnership in the Lord's work and invite you to unite with your neighbors again this year in the Annual Catholic Appeal.

If you have any questions regarding your pledge or donation, please contact the Annual Catholic Appeal office at appeal@cfbq.org or call (718) 965-7375 x 1602.

"Lenten fasts make me feel better, stronger, and more active than ever." - Catherine of Genoa

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Please be advised that beginning next week our new Rectory office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP

February 18-19

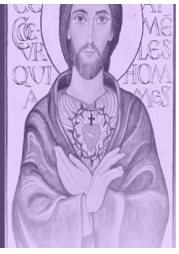
Offertory $5,257
Children's Collection $64
Earthquake/Turkey &Syria $3,153
Attendance 188

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 with to make a contribution, please use one of the Easter flower Offering Envelopes available in the back of church.

"During this Lent,
let us all ask the Lord:
Make our hearts like yours."

-Pope Francis



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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)/ Cliff Mulqueen

Monday, February 27, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jerry Georges

Tuesday, February 28, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Eddie Pacheco

Wednesday, March 1, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jerry Georges

Thursday, March 2, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Intentions of Charlyvia Contrave

Friday, March 3, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, March 4, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. Maria Competiello

Sunday, March 5, Second Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Jerry Geoges/ Bishop David O'Connell/Leonidas Moreno
11:30 a.m. Eda M. Duggan (Anniversary)/ Jerome U. Charles (Anniversary)/ Victor Ohaya, Jr. (Anniversary)

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.

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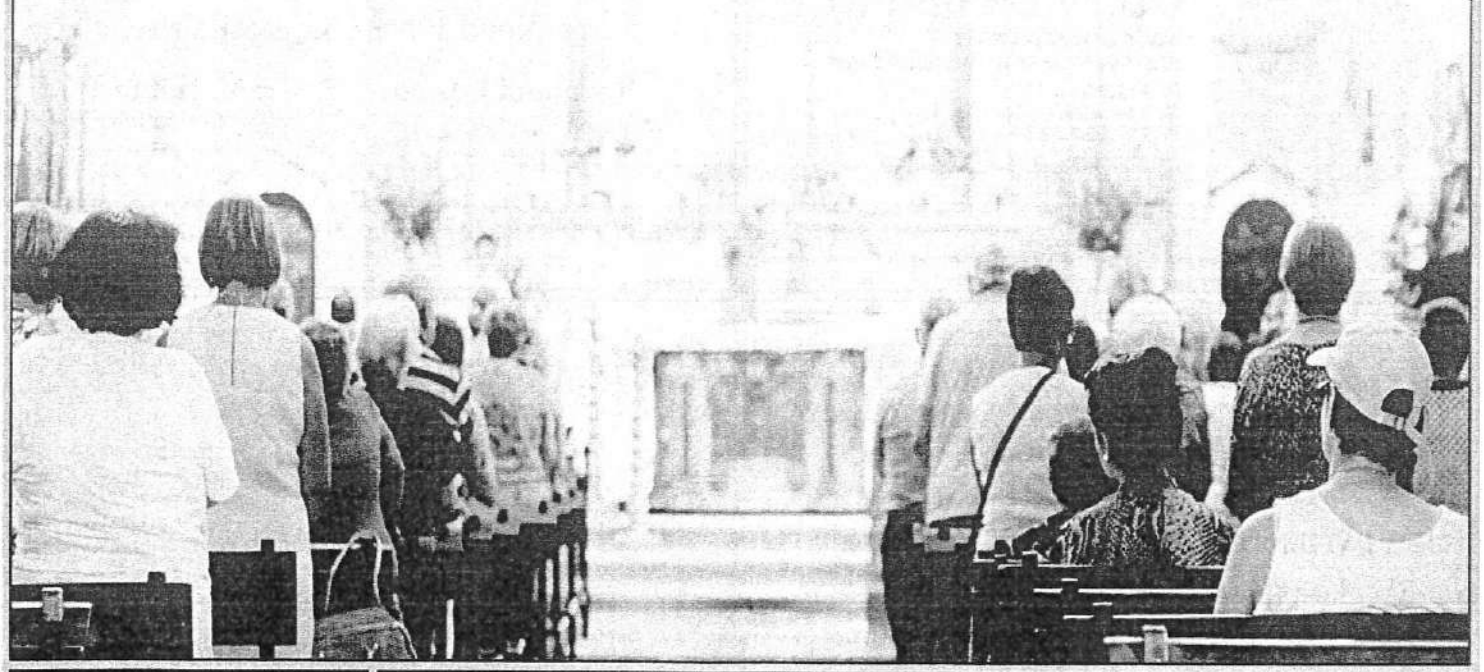

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