

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.

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!**

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
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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A FEW WORDS FROM FATHER FRANK

With today's celebration of Passion (Palm) Sunday, our Church begins the holiest week of its entire year. This week is different from all the rest. It has to be. This is the week in which our Lord and Saviour delivered over his spirit so that each of us might not only be forgiven of our sins—but that we might come to share in that new life that Jesus always promised to those who believe in him. This week is yet another opportunity for us to return to the Lord. For the last 40 days, we were given the opportunity to reflect upon our life and discern what it was that was preventing us from living a richer and fuller life in the knowledge and love of God. Each week at Eucharist, Jesus challenged us in terms of our response to his invitation to follow in his footsteps. Jesus brought us into the desert to remind us that temptation was always going to be a part of our life; and he showed us by example how to resist temptation and turn toward that which gives us life. Jesus also reminded us that we cannot live on bread alone—we needed to feast on God's word and allow that experience to transform us—the same way it transformed Peter, James and John on that mountain as they witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. For some of us, we felt God change and transform us, even if it was only a little bit. For others, they silently whisper to themselves, "There's always next year."

As we proceed with this holiest week of the year, allow yourself the gift of shifting gears and living your life a little differently this week. Be more attentive to the presence of God in your life. Be more attentive to the tremendous love our God has for YOU! Don't ever sell yourself short – God never does—so why should you? Allow yourself to enter into the Sacred Triduum with a clean and joyful heart. If you're feeling alienated from God, why not join us on Monday from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. as we celebrate Reconciliation Monday? Reconcile yourself with the Lord this week. If you often wonder how Jesus could ever love people like us, why not join us on Holy Thursday and Good Friday? Listen again to the story of a man who got down on his knees and washed the feet of his closest friends as a gesture of love and service commanding us to do the same. Listen again to the story of a man who willingly gave up his life so that you and I could have ours. It's a story of selfless, sacrificial love that our world so desperately needs to hear again—especially today!

That's what makes this week different from all the rest. As we are reminded in John 3:16, "for God so loved the world that God sent his only begotten Son, so that all who believe in him might not perish, but that we might have eternal life."

Have a holy and life-changing week everyone.

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

The centurion and the men with him who were
keeping watch over Jesus
feared greatly when they saw the earthquake
and all that was happening, and they said,
"Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our relationship with Christ should leave us mesmerized — "shaken," like Biblical Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It should leave our jaws hanging. If it does not, we should ask ourselves: what needs to change?

Observances for the week of April 2, 2023

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- Friday:** Good Friday
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday



Saint of the week

Saint Pedro Calungsod, a teenaged Filipino missionary to Guam, was murdered by the chief of Tumon after baptizing his children at the request of his Christian wife. He remains an inspiration of unwavering faith and loyal friendship to young Catholics everywhere.

Prayer

Prayer for St. Pedro Calungsod's intercession

Saint Pedro Calungsod, student, catechist, young migrant, missionary, faithful friend, martyr, you inspire us by your fidelity in time of adversity; by your courage in teaching the Faith in the midst of hostility; and by your love in shedding your blood for the sake of the Gospel.

We beg you, make our cares and troubles your own [here mention the special intention you are asking him to bring to the Lord] and intercede for us before the throne of Mercy and Grace, so that as we experience the help of Heaven, we may be encouraged and strengthened to proclaim and live the Gospel here on earth.
AMEN.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Easter has become known as the Feast of the Divine Mercy, or more commonly, Divine Mercy Sunday. This devotion to the divine mercy of Jesus has been celebrated for many years in many different parts of the world since the 1930s, yet it wasn't until Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000, that the Sunday after Easter became known as "Divine Mercy Sunday" in the General Roman Calendar. Saint Faustina was an uneducated Polish nun who kept a diary of about 600 pages telling the story of her revelations regarding the mercy of God. Devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus challenges us to arrive at a greater understanding that the love of God is both unconditional and never-ending, and is available to ALL people - and it challenges us even further to reciprocate that love and mercy to everyone whom we encounter throughout our life's journey. Here at Saint Saviour parish, there will be veneration of the divine Mercy image and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 3:00 p.m. on (Sunday, April 16, 2022). ALL the members of our parish family are invited to attend and share in God's Divine Mercy.

OFFERING FOR ALTAR MEMORIALS

\$25 per week

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Blessed Mother Candle

Saint Joseph Candle



FEET WANTED

We are in need of 24 feet (that's 12 persons) for the washing of feet at the MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER on Holy Thursday evening (April 6th) beginning at 7:30 p.m. ALL types of feet are welcome to apply. Warts and bunions will not disqualify you—we are an equal opportunity employer of feet. If you are interested in being one of our foot "washees" (remember, there are only 12 openings and they are sure to go fast!), please call Father Frank at the Rectory (718) 768-4055.

Please consider putting your feet in our hands!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop James Massa, CM, will be coming to Saint Saviour Parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our teenagers at our Saturday evening Mass on May 6th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the church. ALL the members of our parish family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Sacraments are communal celebrations of faith and ALL are invited to join us. We feel it is important that our entire parish come out and support our young people as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

"God spoke the loudest in the silence of Jesus on the cross." — Hans Urs Von Balthasar



Summer Youth Employment Program 2023

What is SYEP?

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is the nation's largest youth employment program, connecting NYC youth between the ages of 16 to 24 with career exploration opportunities and paid work experience for the summer. Participant can explore their interests and career pathways, develop workplace skills and engage in learning experiences that help in developing their social, civic and leadership skills. By participating in structured project and work-based opportunities, NYC Youth are better prepared for careers of the future.

How can you get a summer job through SYEP?

- Live in New York City
- Be between the ages of 16 to 24 years old (as of July 6th, 2023)



Apply online

<https://application.nycsyep.com>

Deadline: March 31, 2023

Choose

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services, Inc - BK

(as your Agency Provider.) or

Enter our pin number.

PIN # WPA394679

Attend an unpaid mandatory 8 hours orientation (if Chosen)

Program Dates: 6 weeks from July-August

Pay: \$15 an Hour

25 Hours per week

Any questions and FAQ

CCNS SYEP Brooklyn

Ccbq_SYEP@ccbq.org

718-722-6228

Your application goes into a lottery system.

Please note that the submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

If you are chosen, more information will be sent to your email.



UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Maintenance & Repair—This Weekend

Holy Land Shrines—Good Friday

Senior Priests—Easter Sunday



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.



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!

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 at 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!



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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!

STEWARDSHIP



March 25-26

Offertory \$5,570

Easter Flowers \$1,279

Children's Collection \$232

Attendance 294



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church

12:00 p.m. Children's Living Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
(Blessing of Easter Food)

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Family Mass

11:30 a.m. Choir Mass



Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30 a.m. Jerry Georges

11:30 a.m. Joseph N. Mastrota/Florence Judge/
Intentions of Anna Henry

Monday, April 3, Monday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. Edda Swart Gillen

Tuesday, April 4, Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. Thomas Ferris (Anniversary)

Wednesday, April 5, Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. Jerry Georges

Thursday, April 6, Holy Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7, Friday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church

12:00 p.m. Children's Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 8, Holy Saturday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church

8:00 p.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

11:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance



REQUEST
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MASS
INTENTION

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.

Sacrament of
RECONCILIATION
FORGIVENESS
Heals and
Renews

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

This year our diocese will once again celebrate Reconciliation Monday on April 3, 2023, which is the Monday of Holy Week. We will have confession here at St. Saviour from 2:00—4:00 p.m. AND 6:00—8:00 p.m. As in the past, we hope this will be a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to participate in this great Sacrament of Healing.