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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**
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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.

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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!**

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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

I would like to begin by saying a great big "THANK YOU" to all the members of Saint Saviour Parish Family for your prayers, condolences and heartfelt-kindness at the recent passing of my father. My dad died November 16th after an 18-month battle with cancer (Mesothelioma) and a ruptured gall bladder. As I mentioned at his Mass of Christian Burial, he would have been very overwhelmed and slightly embarrassed at how many people came out to pray for him and celebrate his life. I am so grateful to everyone who came to the wake at the funeral home, the Funeral Mass here at Saint Saviour, to everyone who made his Mass of Christian Burial such a beautiful celebration of faith, to the people who made or brought tons of food for my family which lasted us all week, to the students from our Faith Formation Program and our Academy who made Sympathy Cards, to all the adults who sent cards and notes and words of great comfort – please know my family and I appreciated EVERYTHING you did. I am also grateful to Bishop DiMarzio for being present at the funeral Mass (and for graciously celebrating the 8:30am Mass beforehand for me) and to Bishop Brennan for his prayers and phone call offering his condolences and support and even coming over to speak with me this past Wednesday following a Pastors Meeting to assure me of his continued prayers and fraternal support. My dad loved coming to Saint Saviour every week for Mass and he seemed to even develop his own little fan club! My thanks to those people who brought him food and made him food during his illness. He was always so grateful to be remembered.

Today we begin the Second Week of Advent. I hope you were able to spend a little time this week keeping alive that "joyful expectation" of this sacred season as we prepare to welcome Christ once again into our hearts, lives and homes. Remember what I said last Sunday during my homily, don't keep putting off working on your relationship with Jesus! This year the season of Advent is the shortest it can ever be – 3 weeks and a couple hours! Normally we get 4 weeks (which still isn't enough time, but it is a start). Don't allow the craziness of the season or the world ruin your Advent spirit. Remember what Jesus said last weekend – "WATCH!"

As we grow closer to the end of December, I want to again thank EVERYONE who made a pledge in the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you haven't had the opportunity to do so yet – you have a little time left. Please consider making a pledge. You will not only be helping to support the many ministries conducted by our Diocese, but you will also be helping to support our own parish of Saint Saviour as well.

THIS WEEKEND our own Sister Mary will speak to us at all the Masses about this weekend's special second collection for the Religious Retirement Fund. These monies go to support our senior Religious Sisters and Brothers who served the Catholic Church so faithfully for countless generations. Many of us (myself included) were taught by and educated by Religious Sisters and Brothers – and now they need our assistance! What a great way for us to say "Thank You" to them for their many years of service and dedication to Jesus and the Gospel. Please be generous in this Special Collection this weekend.

Have a great week everyone – please stay safe and healthy!

Father Frank

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.

Please RSVP now for
This Sunday, December 10

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.
Thank you for your support.

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

UPCOMING PARISH COLLECTIONS

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

Included with the monthly contributions envelopes is a special envelope for the Christmas Mass Remembrance. Please use this envelope for your special intentions, which will be remembered at each of our celebrations of Eucharist this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY PARISH

At this time of the year we all receive many requests from worthy charities and soon realize that we can't respond to them all. However, one appeal that hopefully everyone will respond to is the annual **Christmas Gift to My Parish Collection.** A year-end Christmas gift is your chance to go beyond the day-to-day support of your parish that you fund through your weekly support in the Sunday collection.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Each year we take great pride in the beautiful Christmas decorations in our church. Contributions to help defray the expense of decorating the church for the holiday season may be made in memory of deceased relatives or friends, or in honor of the living. There are envelopes for this purpose in the set of monthly envelopes or you may obtain one in the vestibule of the church. Please help the Altar Guild in creating a beautiful setting for our liturgical celebrations during the Christmas season.

On Saturday, December 2nd Saint Saviour Catholic Academy held their annual Breakfast with Santa event! Our second graders from the academy took part in a service project this year. The children created handmade holiday cards and Christmas ornaments. At the event, the children took the lead and sold their creations! They were so proud and raised $137. All of the proceeds will donated to the Saint Saviour Brown Baggers.

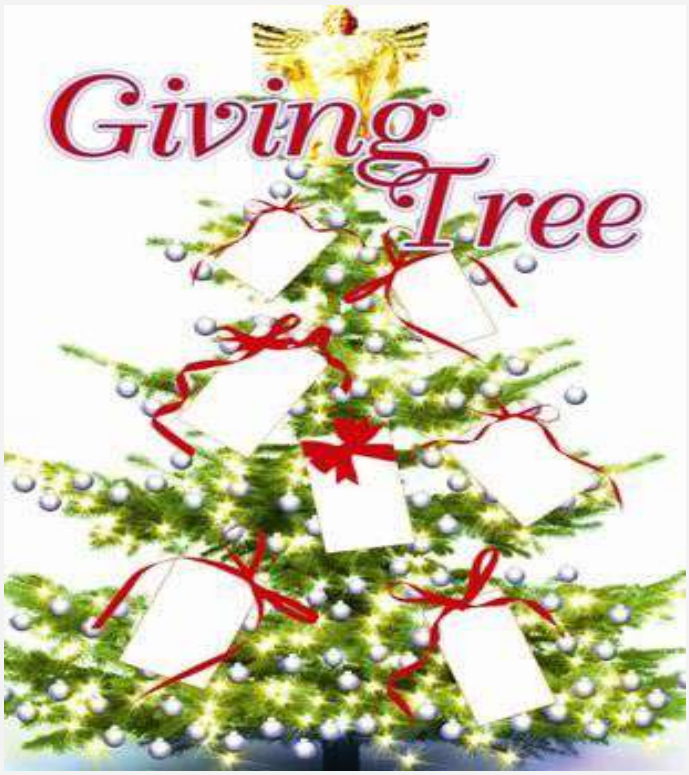
Calling all youth..... Is God inviting you to Ministry????

This ministry seeks to encourage the youth of our parish, grade 3 and older, to fully engage in our faith through their service to the Church as altar servers. Serving at the altar gives youth a hands-on, personal experience of God's work in the liturgy. It also can be an opportunity for them to work alongside other children and adults and be edified by their witness of faith. Through their service, altar servers provide the parish with an example of service, witness to the seriousness and solemnity of the liturgy, and inspire those who come to Mass with hope for the future of our Church.

The Junior Lector Ministry prepares young parishioners to proclaim the Word of God at Mass. Lectors convey, through their readings, a better understanding of the scriptures. This communication of the scriptures draws parishioners closer to God, and contributes to the celebration of the Mass. Effective proclamation is intrinsic to the celebration of the Mass. As a part of the Liturgy of the Word we are called to convey the transforming Word of Christ

For more information and application forms, please contact Sr. Mary Walsh at St. Saviour Rectory 718-768-4055 or after Sunday Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word



The Giving Tree

Christmas is the time of year when we begin to turn our thoughts to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The **Giving Tree is now** decorated with "gift tag ornaments" that are marked with gender, age and gift suggestions. This year the gifts are being collected for Providence House.

The **unwrapped** gifts with the tags taped to them should be placed under the Giving Tree no later than this **Sunday, December 10th**. God Bless you & Merry Christmas!

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.

It's Bring Your Baby Jesus to Church Day!

The Third Sunday of Advent marks John Paul II's beloved tradition of 'Bambinelli Sunday.'

St. John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy where he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent during his Angelus address. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home.

St. John Paul II blessed the figurines of those present and told them to assemble before the manger scene with their family in a spirit of prayer.

It is a beautiful Advent tradition, one that sanctifies the home with the baby Jesus and makes his arrival in the manger scene an even more joyous event.

Please bring your figure of the Christ Child to be blessed by Fr. Frank on Sunday, **December 17, 2023** during all the Masses

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Immaculate Conception—Today
Retired Religious Collection—December 9-10
Christmas Mass Remembrance—December 16-17
Christmas Gift to the Parish—December 23-24

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Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

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The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens. All donations made to the ACA **above** our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements**.**

Parish Goal: $64,900 **Raised:** $90,475

Book Group

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, please consider joining the St. Saviour Church book group. We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. On Jan. 3, we will be discussing Wendell Berry's *How It Went: Thirteen More Stories of the Port William Membership*. For the meetup location, group details, and complete schedule, please contact Betsy ektbetsy@gmail.com.

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." - Mother Teresa

December 2 & 3

Offertory $4,815
Children's Collection $445
Maintenance & Repair $1,806

Attendance 211

CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24

5:00 p.m.
12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25

10:00 a.m.

This week's Altar candles were donated by
The Leopoldi Family
The Advent candle of peace was donated by
The Bandini Family for the intentions of
The Families of Saint Saviour

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Frankie Norton/ Frank Spacek, Sr.
11:30 a.m. The Intentions of Marguerite Corey

Monday, December 11, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Coreen Bilello

Tuesday, December 12, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Thomas Ferris

Wednesday, December 13, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Christopher Roazzi

Thursday, Decemeber 14, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. For Protection of Police

Friday, December 15, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, December 16, Advent Weekday
5:00 p.m. Catherine & Edward Lombardi/
Hendrick Rillen

Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Frank Spacek, Sr.
11:30 a.m. Benji Sanchez/George Boolbol

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