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
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

Mrs. Carolann Timpone, **Principal**
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ST. SAVIOUR CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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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!**

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

Psalm:
My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading:
May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel:
"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not
recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
(Jn 1:23)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life — someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else.

Observances for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Saint of the week

Blessed Maria Franziska Schervier was a German Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor and the sick. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Aachen and began chapters in the United States where she and her sisters also founded a number of hospitals.

Prayer

Almighty, just and merciful God, Blessed Frances Schervier spent her whole life giving back to You all the gifts that You had given her. She cared for the poor and the sick and radiated Your loving presence to all that she met. We beseech You now to glorify your servant, Frances. Give her the honor of sainthood if it is in accordance with Your will.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

(Prayer Source: http://franciscansisters-en.sfp-poor.org/images/stories/2016/PDF_2016/pr_canoniz_en.pdf)

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
Sunday, January 21

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.

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.

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

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.

GIVING TREE UPDATE
THANK YOU SAINT SAVIOR PARISH!

Once again you have shared the Miracle of Christmas with your generous hearts. We collected close to 500 gifts this year! This year we supported Providence House.

May you all share in God's Blessings this Christmas & throughout the coming New Year!

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

Christmas Mass Remembrance—This Week

Christmas Gift to the Parish—December 23-24

Maintenance & Repair—January 6-7

ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES OF BROOKLYN GIVES BACK FOR EACH CAR, TRUCK, OR VAN RUNNING OR NOT THE ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES WILL GIVE BACK TO YOUR PARISH $100/$1000 PER VEHICLE

IF YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER , OR FRIEND HAVE AN OLD OR NEGLECTED VEHICLE THAT IS NOT BEING USED, PLEASE CALL (718) 491-2525

SVDPAUTO-BROOKLYNQUEENS.ORG

IRS TAX DEDUCTION
FREE TOWING
ANY CONDITION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

The St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry is always 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.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

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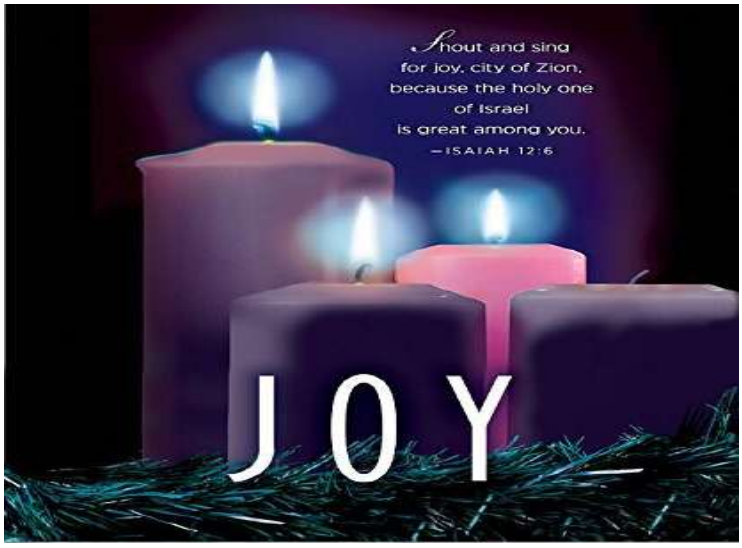
The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens. All donations made to the ACA **above** our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements**.**

Parish Goal: $64,900 **Raised:** $92,475



"Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." - Psalm 51:12

December 9-10

Offertory 5,885
Children's Collection $267
Religious Retirement $6,193
Immaculate Conception $805

Attendance 258

CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24

5:00 p.m.
12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25

10:00 a.m.

This week's Advent candle donated by
The Bandini Family for the intentions of
The Families of Saint Saviour

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

Monday, December 18, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. For Protection of Firemen

Tuesday, December 19, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Joseph Glass

Wednesday, December 20, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jerry Georges

Thursday, Decemeber 21, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Henry O'Meara

Friday, December 22, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, December 23, Advent Weekday
5:00 p.m. Christina Greene / Ruth &
Margaret Steeley

Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Sahwell
11:30 a.m. Mrs. Virginia Agar
5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass Remembrance
12:00 a.m. Christmas Mass Remembrance

ONLINE GIVING
By WeShare

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 information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!