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**
TEL 718.768.4406 · WEB www.stsaviour.org

ST. SAVIOUR CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Mrs. Susan McCabe-Walsh, **Principal**
TEL 718.768.8000 FAX 718.768.0373
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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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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

I do hope that everyone will have a great time this Christmas with family and friends. Don't forget that while the rest of the world would have us believe that Christmas ends on Monday evening (December 25th), in reality, OUR celebration of Christmas has really just begun, and it will continue right through to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (celebrated this year on January 8, 2024). I lament the fact that any inkling of Christmas music on the radio will be history by Christmas night, but we can certainly continue our celebration of Christmas knowing that our Saviour is with us (and we can certainly still make use of our Christmas CDs)! Make the most of this Christmas Season by allowing yourself to become everything our God created you to be. The Christmas Season always brings out the best in people, but that shouldn't end the day after Christmas. As Christians, our belief in Jesus should always bring out the best within us, for we consistently pray that we might be more like Christ. I can think of no better time than the present to continue our spirit of merriment, refreshed in the reality that God is indeed with us! Don't forget, being a Christian is a life-long process. It's not something we do only on special occasions or high holy days like Christmas. I want to say a great big "THANK YOU" to Father Kevin for putting together our annual Christmas party for all the children in our Faith Formation Program last Sunday morning. I think he did a great job not only setting everything up and decorating the High School cafeteria, but he also made sure that every child left that party last week with a really nice Christmas gift (as well as a goody bag of treats and a Christmas ornament). I also want to thank all our catechists and aids for assisting us in making last Sunday's Christmas party a memorable experience for our young people.

Finally on behalf of Father Kevin, Sister Mary, Deacon Paul, myself and the entire Pastoral Staff of Saint Saviour Parish Family, I want to wish you and your family a happy, holy and blessed Christmas! You know the deal—no fighting with the relatives on Christmas! It's the day of our Saviour's birth—a day of peace and love and friendship. We can't pray and sing and celebrate while in church—only to go home and get frustrated and angry at the people who mean so much to us. Allow the Christ-Child to touch your heart this Christmas in a way it has never been touched before.

Have a great week everyone, and Merry Chirstmas!!

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
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.

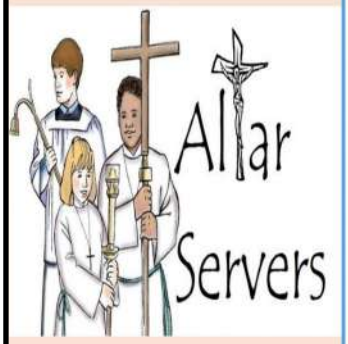
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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.

Join us as we Praise God through the gift of Song at the 9:30am Family Mass

New Choir Members Welcome!

Please see our Director of Music Ministry, Dr. Nicholas Nicassio after any weekend celebration of Eucharist!

Join us as we Praise God through the gift of Song at the 11:30 am Adult Choir Mass

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Christmas Gift to the Parish—This week

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

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ANY CONDITION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

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:** $92,925

The Meaning of the Candy Cane

Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are Red
Like the blood shed
for me
White is for my Savior
Who's sinless and pure!
"J" is for Jesus
My Lord, that's for sure!
Turn it around
And a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd
Was born for Me!

Merry Christmas!

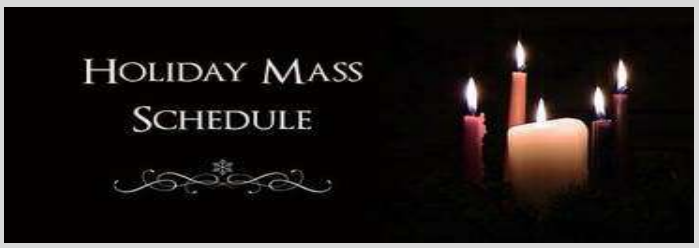
The St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry is always in need of the following items: oatmeal, white or brown rice, pasta, evaporated milk, canned or dried black beans, canned tuna, salmon or chicken, bar soap, and shampoo.

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.

"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice." - Pope Paul VI

The rectory office will be closed for Christmas on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th. We will be closed for New Year's Day on Monday, January 1st.

December 16-17
Offertory $4,824
Children's Collection $209
Attendance 241



CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24
5:00 p.m.
12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25
10:00 a.m.

NEW YEARS DAY
10:00 a.m.

This week's Advent candle was donated by
Sophia Romero and Family
In Honor of
Redentor Romero and Dolores Garcia

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

Monday, December 25, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass Remembrance

Tuesday, December 26, Saint Stephen
8:30 a.m. Susan Forbes

Wednesday, December 27, Saint John, Apostle
8:30 a.m. Chispina Pastrana Zuniga

Thursday, Decemeber 28, The Holy Innocents
8:30 a.m. Nancy Kinane

Friday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Ruth Steeley

Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:30 a.m. Geri Anne O'Beirne
11:30 a.m. Antonio Rivera

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!