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.

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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:

"Your own issue shall be your heir."
The Lord took Abram outside and said,
"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."
(Gn 3:4-5)

Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

Second Reading:

By faith he received power to generate,
even though he was past the normal age
—and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.

Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday:	The Holy Family; New Year's Eve
Monday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
Tuesday:	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Wednesday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Friday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Saturday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Next Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord

Saint of the week

Venerable Mary Elizabeth Lange was a trailblazing black Catholic who founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first congregation of black religious sisters in the USA. Her faith and perseverance helped break down barriers and create new opportunities for black Catholics.

Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endow her with humility, courage, holiness, and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and the sick. You enabled her to fund the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provided educational, social, and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange's love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision.

Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and more fervent love of You.

Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart by granting also this favor (state your request) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://nolacatholic.org/news/black-catholic-history-month-mother-mary lange#:~:text=Prayer,the%20poor%20and%20the%20sick.)

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.

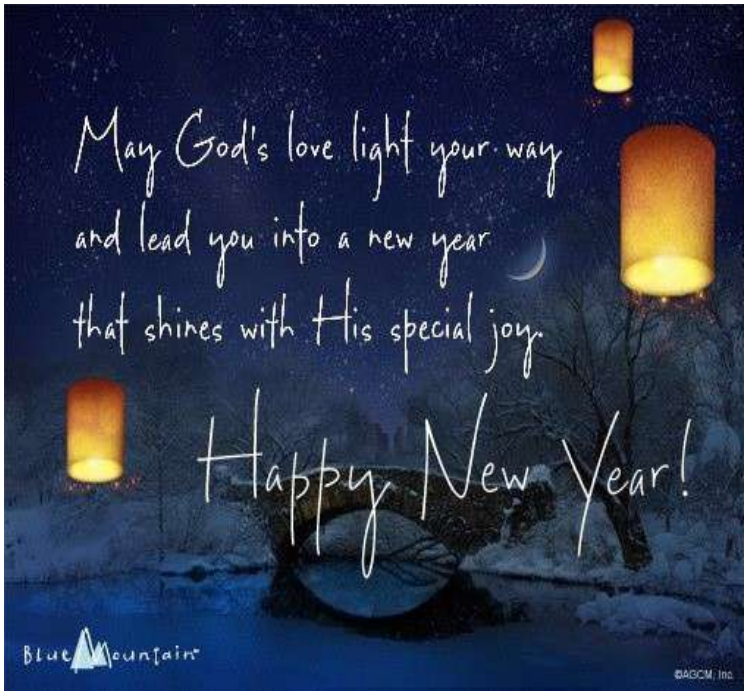
Please RSVP now for
Sunday, January 21

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

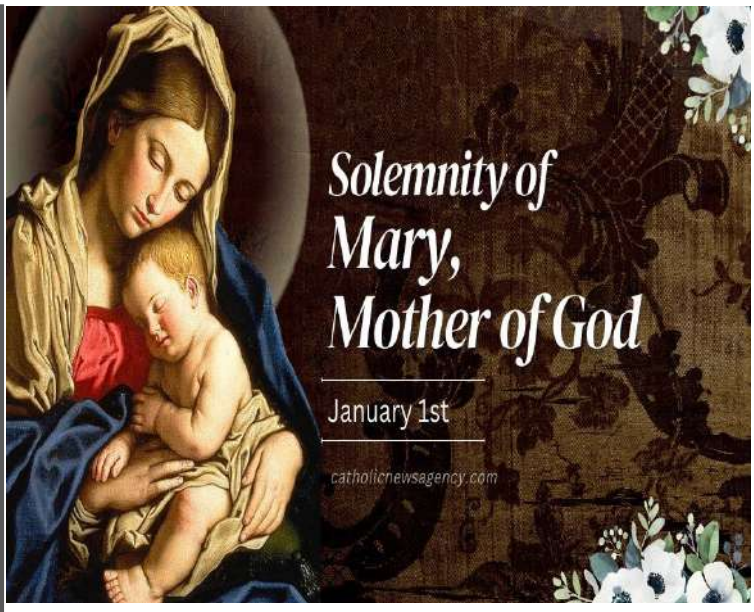
Please consider donating warm socks, hats or gloves into the Brownbaggers Donation Box which will be located in the vestibule of the church after every Mass. Any donations received will be distributed at that month's Brownbagger event. Also, financial donations used to purchase food items can be made in the Parish rectory.
Thank you for your support.

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



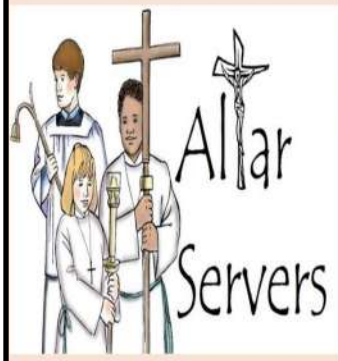
Book Group

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.



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.

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

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

January 6-7—Maintenance & Repair
January 13-14—Diocesan Mission
January 27-28—Aid for the Church in Europe, Latin America & Africa

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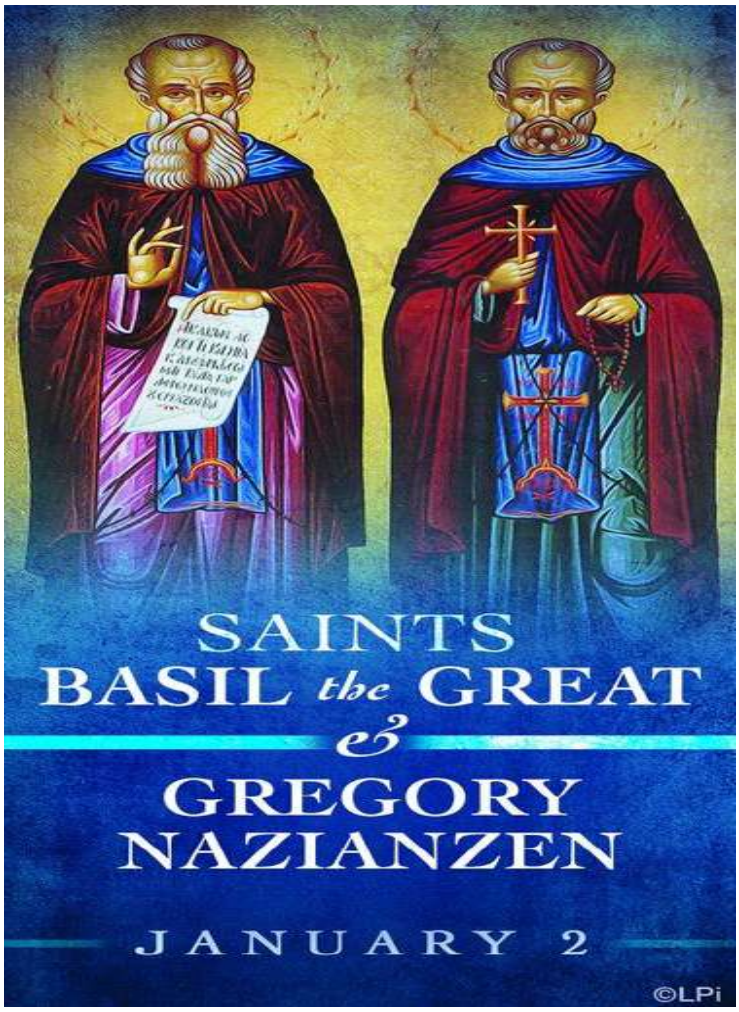


The St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry is always in need of the following items: oatmeal, white or brown rice, pasta, evaporated milk, canned or dried black beans, canned tuna, salmon or chicken, bar soap, and shampoo.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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

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.

"I have the opportunity, once more to right some wrongs, to pray for peace, to plant some trees, and sing more joyful songs." - ***William Arthur Ward***

The rectory office will be closed on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st .

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

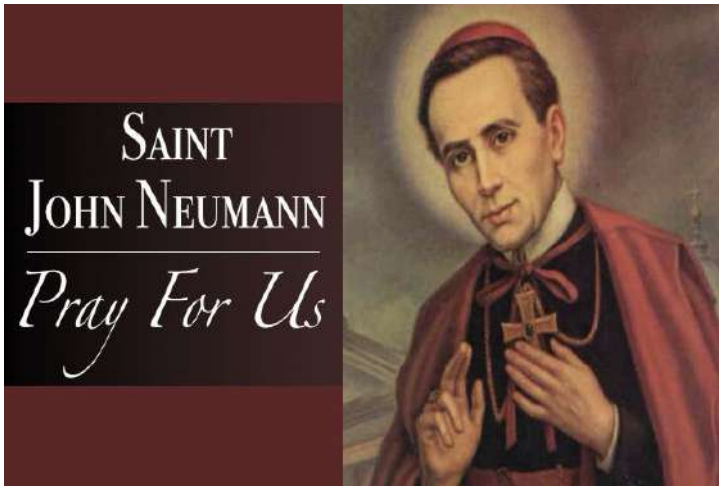
NEW YEAR'S EVE—DECEMBER 31st.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY—JANUARY 1st.

10:00 a.m. (ONE MASS ONLY)



Candle Memorials
December 29-January 12

SANCTUARY LAMP:
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Mario Lombardi

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR:
Mario Lombardi

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

Monday, January 1, Mary Mother of God
10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 2, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
8:30 a.m. Anthony Staiano

Wednesday, January 3, Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. The Diaz Family

Thursday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:30 a.m. Mario Lombardi

Friday, January 5, Saint John Neumann
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 6, Christmas Weekday
5:00 p.m. Mario Lombardi / Steeley Family

Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Patricia Holton
11:30 a.m. Mary Puydak Velez

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