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

Mrs. Susan McCabe-Walsh, **Principal**
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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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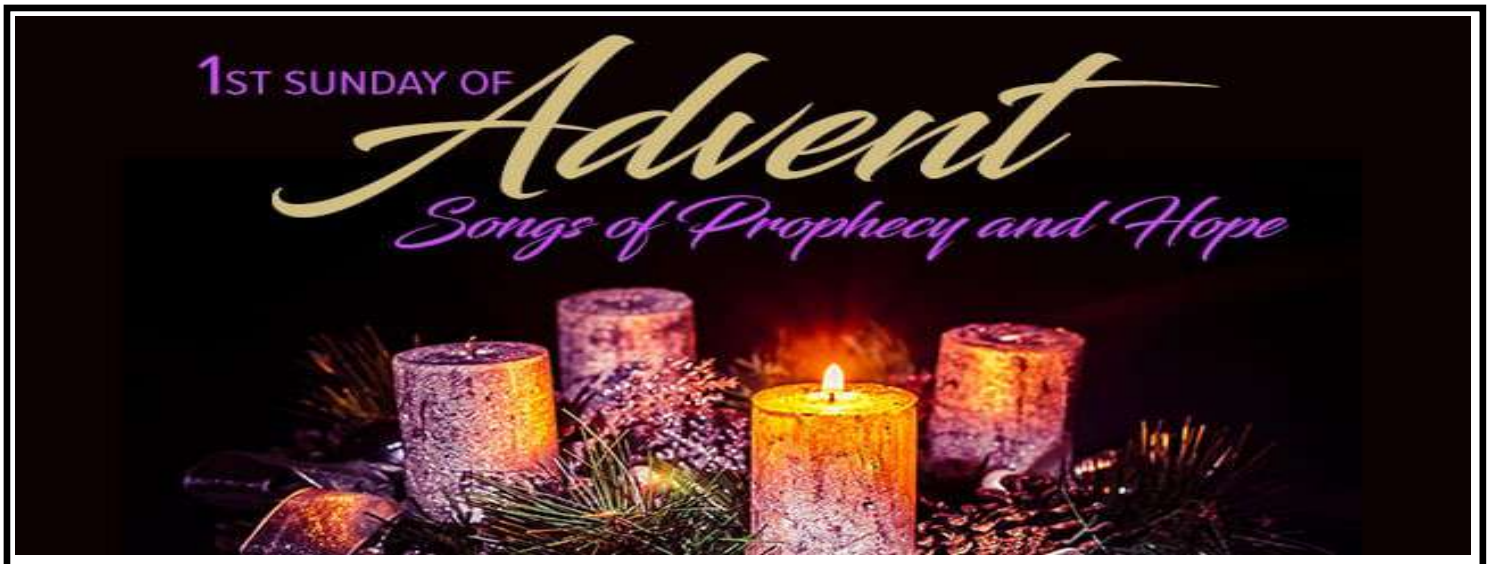


A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

As you walked into church today, chances are you knew something different was going on this week. The presider was wearing vestments that were a bluish hue of violet; the music was somewhat different—more hopeful and penetrating with a flare of joyful expectation; and in our church once again was a wreath with different colored candles. Yes, by now you've probably guessed it—Advent is here once again! Today we not only begin a new church year, but the beginning of our preparations for the birth of the Christ child.

This week I would like to dedicate this column reflecting on the history of the Advent Wreath, which has become a common sight in most churches today. The Advent Wreath originated among German Lutherans during the 16th century. It was then brought over to the United States by German immigrants, and was originally used in the home. As time progressed, it was introduced into both Catholic and Protestant Churches, and today can often be found in both homes and churches.

Customarily, the advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles. The candles represent the four Sundays of Advent, and each week another candle is lit. The pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, otherwise known as Gaudete Sunday.

The Advent Wreath is a public symbol, and it is symbolic in many ways, although many of the prayers that could be used for the blessing of an Advent Wreath tend to focus on the "light" symbolism. For example, the prayer for the Blessing of an Advent Wreath found in the Book of Blessings prays that *"as we light the candles of this wreath, may their light reflect the splendor of Christ…"* and later on prays that *"the candles of this wreath remind us that Jesus the Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to led us into the light of God's glorious kingdom."*

The Advent Wreath is not only a way of "counting down" the weeks until Christmas, but also a sign of Christ's light among us—and may that light continue to grow brighter with each passing week of Advent this year. Remember, we only have four weeks to prepare ourselves for Christ's birth, so let's allow ourselves to be changed by Christ's light! Happy Advent!

Have a great week everyone.

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, 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.

SAINT SAVIOUR HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY MARKET

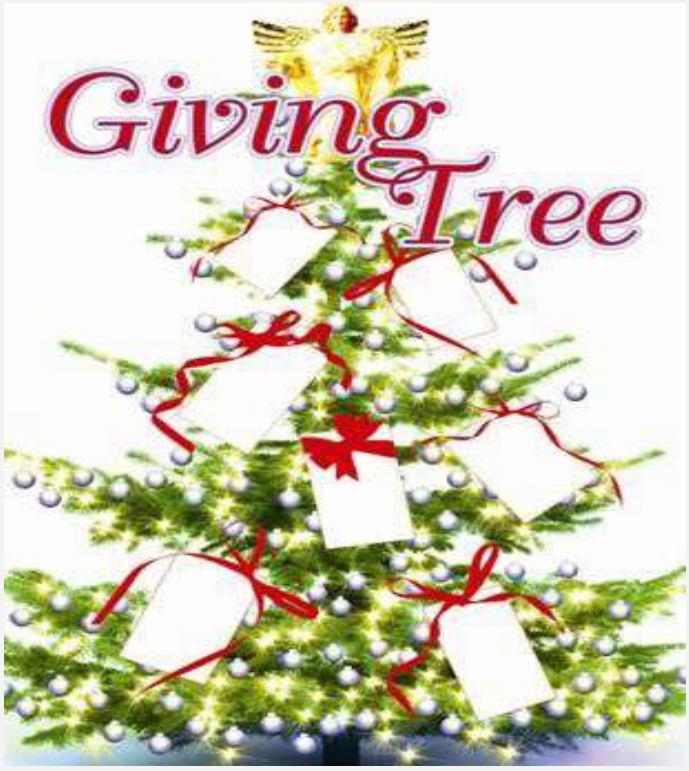
St. Saviour High School will host it's 3rd annual Holiday Market this Sunday, December 3 from 10 AM--5 PM in the school gym.

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.

Book Group

St. Saviour Church 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 Dec. 6, we will be discussing **J. Warner Wallace's *Cold-Case Christianity (Updated & Expanded Edition): A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels.*** *For the meetup location, group details, and complete schedule, please contact Betsy at* ***ektbetsy@gmail.com***.



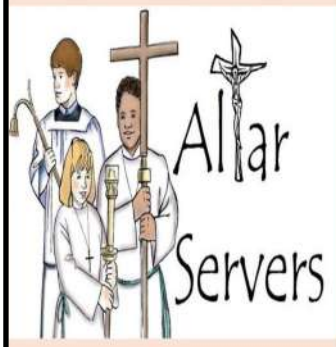
The Giving Tree

Christmas is the time of year when we begin to turn our thoughts to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Beginning this Sunday, November 26th. the **Giving Tree** will be 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 **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.

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

Maintenance & Repair—Today
Immaculate Conception—December 8
Retired Religious Collection—December 9-10
Christmas Mass Remembrance—December 16-17
Christmas Gift to the Parish—December 23-24

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

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.

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!

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:** $90,375

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." – Pope Benedict XVI

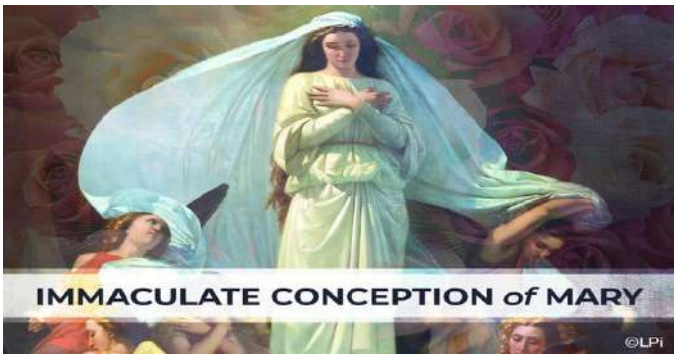
November 25-26

Offertory $4,741

Children's Collection $95

Christmas Flowers $876

Attendance 201



FEAST DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24

5:00 p.m.
12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25

10:00 a.m.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Ewert Seales
11:30 a.m. Jerry Georges

Monday, December 4, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Richard & Teresa Carter

Tuesday, December 5, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. For Our Priests

Wednesday, December 6, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jerry Georges

Thursday, Decemeber 7, Saint Ambrose
8:30 a.m. Jerry Georges
7:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Friday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish

Saturday, December 9, Advent Weekday
5:00 p.m. Ann W. Dorney

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

This week's Advent candle was donated by Patrick O'Beirne in memory of

Frank Spacek