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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.

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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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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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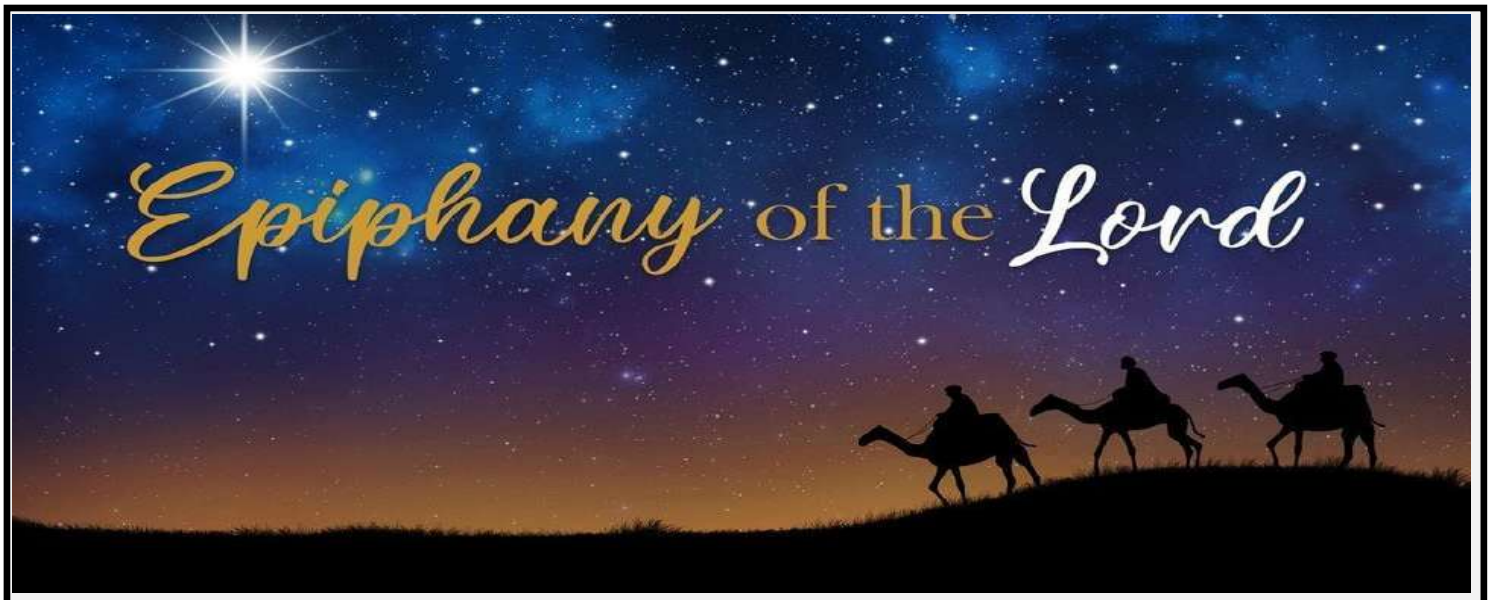

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is the third major celebration of Christmastime (following the Incarnation and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God).

The term "EPIPHANY" means "manifestation." What we celebrate on this day is the manifestation of Christ to the nations. It's a reminder to us that the glory of God shines forth to ALL peoples—not just a select few.

This day also reminds us of the Magi (also known as kings or astrologers or wise men), those mysterious visitors from the East (probably modern-day Iran) who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ-Child. The story of the Magi is recounted for us in Matthew's Gospel (2:1-12). Traditionally, there is said to have been three Magi present at the stable in Bethlehem—but it's interesting to note that the Scriptures do not tell us how many Magi there actually were. We say there were "three" because of the number of gifts that were presented to the Christ-Child. The adoration of the Magi was prophesied in the Old Testament (Micah 5:1-3), yet, there is so much about them that we do not know. Matthew's Gospel does not tell us where their home country was, their status, or their religion. We don't even know their names. St. Bede the Venerable (c. 735 C.E.) mentions an early legend with the names Balthasar, Melchoir and Gaspar. We refer to them as "kings" because of a verse from the Psalms which says, "The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts" (72:10).

Today's solemnity is one which originated in the East. It is believed that the Epiphany might have been modeled after the pagan festival of the new year and the winter solstice (which usually fell on January 6th.). In its fullest meaning, this solemnity commemorates the coming of the Word into the world of God's revelation to people of ALL nations. This is an important fact to remember, because like 2,000 years ago—there are some people today who still believe that Jesus only came for a select group of people—while today's feast reminds us that Jesus came for EVERYONE—regardless of who they are or where they came from! Jesus is the Lord and Saviour of us all.

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, 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.**

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:
It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the
same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint of the week

St. Tarcisius was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,
With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

©LPi SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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 Feb. 7, we will be discussing Louise Erdrich's *The Sentence: A Novel*. For the meetup location, group details, and complete schedule, please contact Betsy at ektbetsy@gmail.com.

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

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

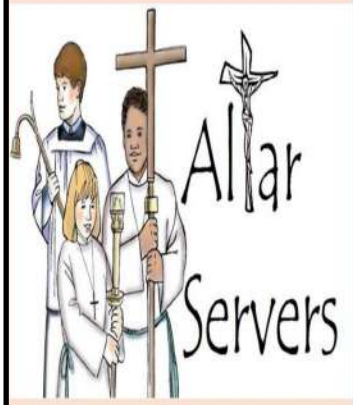
Join us as we Praise God through the gift of Song at the 11:30 am Adult Choir Mass

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.

ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

Please remember to take your 2024 offering envelopes which can be found in alphabetical order on the tables in the back of church. Also, please remember to take our new 2024 wall calendar generously donated by Duffy & Leone Funeral Homes. Please feel free to take as many calendars as you would like. Thank 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 & Repairs
January 13-14—Diocesan Mission
January 27-28—Aid for the Church in Europe, Latin America & Africa

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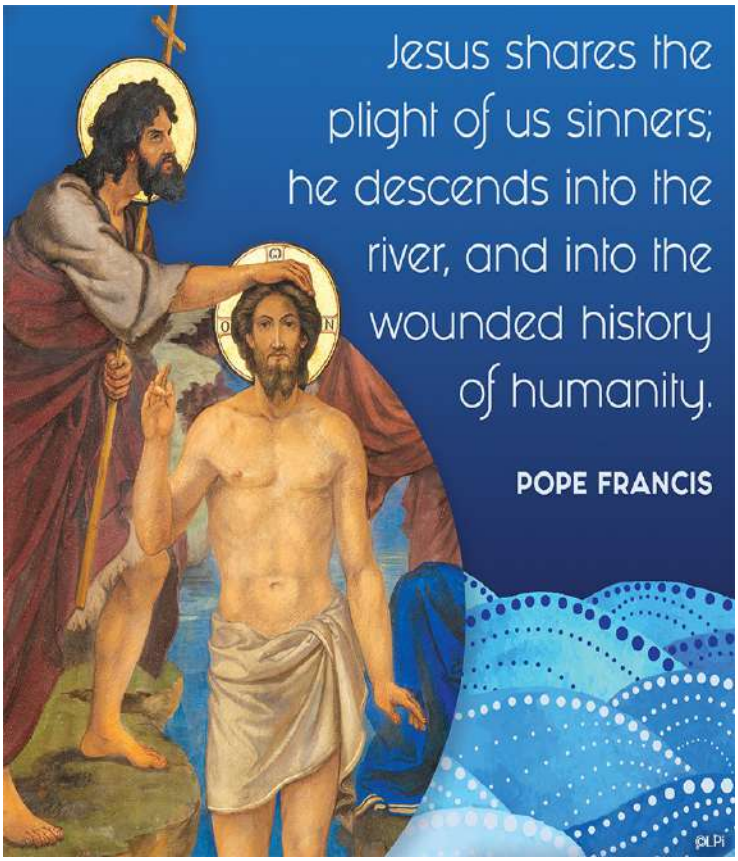

The St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry is always in need of the following items: oatmeal, white or brown rice, pasta, evaporated milk, canned or dried black beans, canned tuna, salmon or chicken, bar soap, and shampoo.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
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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:** $93,425

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.

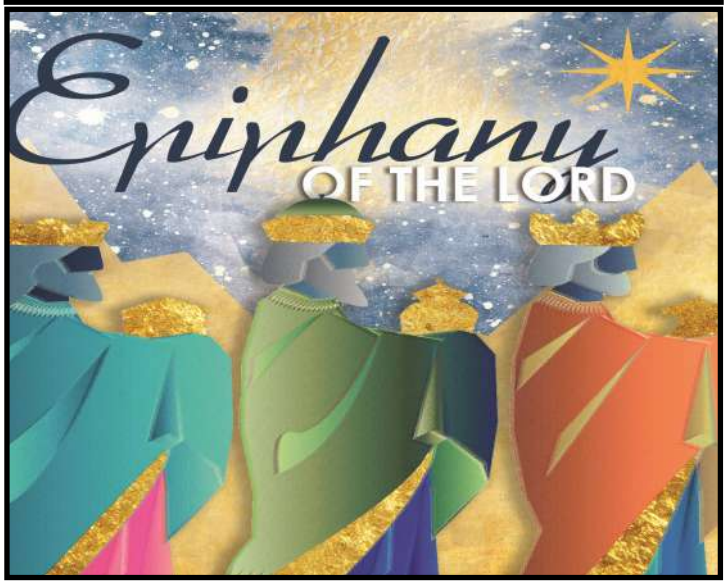
"For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man."
— St John Chrysostom

December 23-24-25

Offertory $4,840
Children's Collection $76
Catholic Charities $3,058
Christmas Gift to My Parish $10,505
Christmas Eve/Day Collection $3,166

December 30-31

Offertory $6,109
Children's Collection $180
Mary, Mother of God $1,018



Candle Memorials
December 29-January 12

SANCTUARY LAMP:
Mario Lombardi

OUR LADY'S ALTAR
Mario Lombardi

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR:
Mario Lombardi

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

Monday, January 8, The Baptism of the Lord
10:00 a.m. Gunter Cantore Daly

Tuesday, January 9, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Sr. Barbara Hanlon, CSJ

Wednesday, January 10, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Edward Paszkowski

Thursday, January 11, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Rosa Johnson

Friday, January 12, Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 13, Weekday
5:00 p.m. Warren Pusz/Alice Wilkinson/
Francis Rudloff

Sunday, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Dolores Garcia Romero/Gertrude Gloviak
11:30 a.m. Marion Cappiello (Anniversary)/
Peter E. Joss

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