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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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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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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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"Thus says the Lord: This rather is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly; untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed; breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry; sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your wounds shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help and the Lord will say: HERE I AM!" (Isaiah 58:6-9)

What a wonderful passage from Scripture to meditate upon as we begin this holy season of Lent this Wednesday! After all, this is what it's all about, isn't it? This is what we are called to do, are we not? Yet– if all we do is read these words and not allow them to jump off the page and never into our hearts—they really aren't going to bring about much of a change in us—are they?

Our season of Lent begins this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday). I can't wait to see how many times the phone is going to ring with people inquiring, "When are you giving out ashes?" I often wonder if people really understand the significance of receiving ashes. I am amazed at how people will go to great lengths to receive ashes—but could care less about receiving the Eucharist. The ashes we receive on our forehead every year are the remains of burned palm branches from the previous year. The custom of placing ashes on the heads of people is an ancient penitential practice among the Hebrew people. At one time, people even had to walk around wearing nothing but sack cloth. We find evidence of this in our Scriptures (see 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 42:6; 1 Macc. 3:47 and 4:39; Lam. 2:10; Jonah 3:5-9; Jer. 6:26 and 25:34; Matt.11:21). It's also interesting to note how by the year 300 A.D., ashes were placed on the heads of public sinners who were excommunicated or expelled from the community because of public sins or scandals such as apostasy, heresy, murder and adultery. By the 7th century, persons wearing sackcloth and ashes were recognized as persons doing penance for previous public sins. They would often live apart from both their families and their community. Sometimes a penance could last several years, while others lasted a lifetime. By the 11th century, however, the customs of Ash Wednesday had pretty much evolved into what we celebrate and recall today; that we are a human and sinful people in need of reconciliation, love and forgiveness. That's what we remember on Ash Wednesday—and that is what we celebrate throughout these 40 days of Lent. It's not a very long period of time, but is a start, so let's make a promise that THIS LENT we're going to make a difference!

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, March 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.**

Join us on **Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m.** for Mass followed by prayer and reflection offered by Sr. Maria Pascuzzi, CSJ on "St. Paul and the Eucharist." more details to follow.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

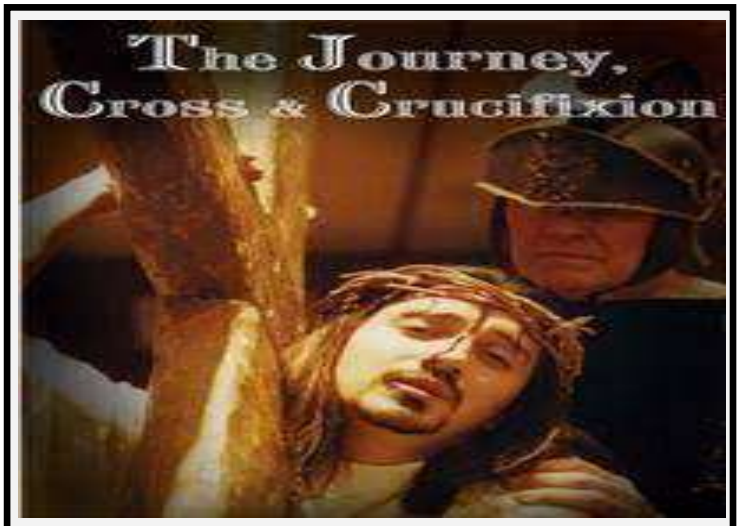
We kindly ask ALL the members of our parish family to remember the poor as they leave church each Sunday. The monies collected in our poor boxes are used to assist in the ministry of our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. These monies enable us to provide food, clothing, and other essential needs to people who come to us seeking assistance. Sadly there are too many Sundays where there is very little in our poor boxes a the back of church. With the season of Lent fast approaching, let's ALL make a commitment to take a little more seriously one of the traditional disciplines of Lent—PRAYER, ALMSGIVING, and FASTING. Thank you so much!

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Special Fuel Collection

February 14—Ash Wednesday

February 18—Black & Native American Missions



PRESENTED AT SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10 at 3:00 P.M.

The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion is a journey back through time. It is an opportunity to walk with Christ and become one with Him. For many who have shared the Journey it is almost as if it were happening now for the first time.

The music, narration, dialogue and poignant silences all add to the power of this prayerful mediation. To be part of the Journey, Cross, and Crucifixion is to experience the complete and utter frustration devastation of Mary, the frustration of Simon, the loneliness and desolation of John, Pilate's struggle between justice and expediency and the excruciation pain and degradation Jesus suffered on the way to Calvary and His ultimate death on the Cross.

For the past 37 years, the members of CM Performing Arts Center, Creative Ministries have been presenting this powerful presentation to the churches and schools throughout Long Island, leading people of all ages in a powerful prayerful Lenten experience. The troupes are made up of volunteer actors, singers and musicians who use their gifts to bring the Passion Story to life.

***Good Will Offering**

THE 2024 NEW YORK ENCOUNTER

"Tearing Open the Sleeping Souls", will take place **February 16-18** in person at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street in Manhattan and live-streamed from Encounter website. The Encounter is a three-day cultural event organized by members of **Communion and Liberation** featuring panel discussions, artistic performances, and exhibits to witness the Catholic faith in the public square. Some highlights from the program: eyewitness accounts of the current life of Christians in the Holy Land with **Card. Pizzaballa**, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and **Fr. Gabriel Romanelli,** Pastor of Holy Family Catholic Parish in Gaza; a dialogue on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* with **Card. Christophe Pierre**, papal nuncio to the U.S.; a conversation on the war between Israel and Hamas, and any conceivable road to peace, with journalists from *The Washington Post* **Shadi Hamid**, and *Tablet* **Jacob Siegel**; a presentation by experts **on artificial intelligence** and a conversation with legal scholars on the role and **future of the U.S. Supreme Court**; a discussion on education in the current ideological environment in light of the pedagogy of the Servant of God Fr. Giussani, founder of Communion and Liberation. The Encounter will end with **witnesses on hope** with journalist **Gilbert King**, and **Rachel Muha**, author of "A Legacy of Mercy", who forgave the killers of her son Brian. These events and many others can be foundat http://www.newyorkencounter.org.

All events are FREE and no registration is required.

All are invited!

Please continue to support the food pantry at St. Thomas Aquinas. We are especially in need of hot cereal, soup and toiletries, but whatever you give will be most appreciated!

For centuries, one common practice during the season of Lent has been the praying of the Stations of the Cross. This prayer has enabled people to walk with Jesus toward Calvary and share in His passion and death. We invite ALL members of our parish family to join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross together this Lent. Here at Saint Saviour Parish, we will pray the Stations of the Cross the following Sundays during Lent.

(February 25th; March 3rd; March 10th and March 17th) immediately following our 9:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist.

This Wednesday, the world celebrates Valentine's Day, that day on which we get to tell that special someone how important they are to us and how grateful we are to have them in our lives. Yet the person known as Saint Valentine is really shrouded in mystery, as we don't know very much about him. We believe he was a holy priest who was beaten with clubs and beheaded because he was caught marrying Christian couples at a time when being Christian was not tolerated. Other than this, nothing is known about the man whose name people honor on February 14th each year.

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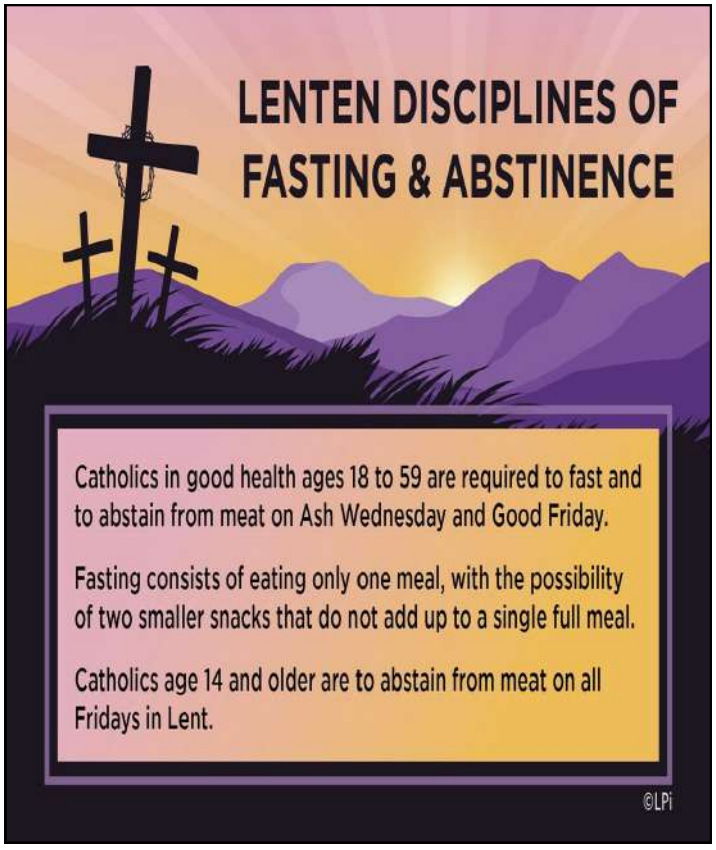
This week begins the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. We encourage everyone to view the 2024 ACA Video online at

www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo.

Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal make a significant impact, aiding individuals in Brooklyn and Queens in ways beyond the capacity of any single parish. Let us pray for the success of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, envisioning a triumph that not only empowers us to extend love to those in need but also enables our hearts to respond to Jesus, who calls us to be in Communion, Participation and Mission. We invite you to stand with St. Saviour in supporting the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

To donate, visit www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text DONATE to 917-336-1255.



"Ash Wednesday is full of joy... The source of all sorrow is the illusion that of ourselves we are anything but dust." - Father Thomas Merton

February 3-4

Offertory $5,524

Children's Collection $158

Maintenance & Repair $3,333,00

Attendance 241

This Wednesday, February 14th, we begin the liturgical season of Lent with our observance of Ash Wednesday. Our schedule for distribution of ashes is as follows:

8:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist

12:05 p.m. Celebration of Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Celebration of Eucharist

*Ashes will NOT be distributed at any other time on Ash Wednesday – so please make every effort to join us for one of these three opportunities being offered in church this year.

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Sunday, February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Eddie Pacheco
11:30 a.m. Peter E. Joss/Dolores Toolan/
Raymond M. Ciafardini

Monday, February 12, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for the gift of life

Tuesday, February 13, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Thursday, February 15, Thursday after Ash Wedmesday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Friday, February 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, February 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday
5:00 p.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli/
William Greene

Sunday, February 18, First Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Della O'Meara/Elaine Spacek
11:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli/
Peter E. Joss/Raymond M. Ciafardini

Candle Memorials—February 11-24

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