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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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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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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

It's hard to believe that another season of Lent is here already. Each year, lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes right before the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Super on Holy Thursday evening. As you can see from being in church, the predominant color during this liturgical season is purple—a reminder to all of us that we are in a season of penance—asking the Lord to forgive our sins and to give us the courage and the strength to be faithful to the Gospel.

But exactly how did the Season of Lent develop? You see, by the end of the 2nd century, two great festivals were being celebrated in the Church: Pascha and Pentecost. The Pascha today refers to the Triduum (which begins Holy Thursday evening and concludes on Easter). Pentecost was a 50-day celebration which followed Pascha. This 50-day celebration remembered Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Lent was a later development. Initially, the Christian community prepared for the 50-day festival with fasting and penance. It was also a time where catechumens (persons preparing to enter the faith) began a more intense preparation in order to be baptized and welcomed into the faith at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. At the beginning, fasting for Christians only lasted about 1-2 days, and later was extended to one week—and they would begin their fasting by reading the Passion Account of Jesus. By the 4th century, the period of fasting was extended to 3 weeks, and later to 40 days.

The title LENT comes from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning "spring." It was often associated with the seasonal change from winter to spring. The old Latin Missal (Missale Romanum) calls this period "Tempus Quadragesimae," which means "40 day period of time." Our church defines Lent as "a preparation for the celebration of Easter, a time of renewal when members of the community recall their baptism, and a time of reconciliation with each other before the feast of Easter."

The central theme of the liturgical season of lent is CONVERSION: a radical redirection of one's whole life according to the Gospel of Jesus. Thus the season of lent affords us the opportunity for communal conversion and reflection on the demands of the Gospel—and this can only be achieved in the spirit of a prayerful heart.

Let us allow ourselves the opportunity to enter into this season of Lent with both feet on the ground and with a genuine desire to achieve that radical redirection of our lives based on the Gospel. It's not going to be easy (I know!), but let's give it a try. Good Luck!

Until next week, God Bless.

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.

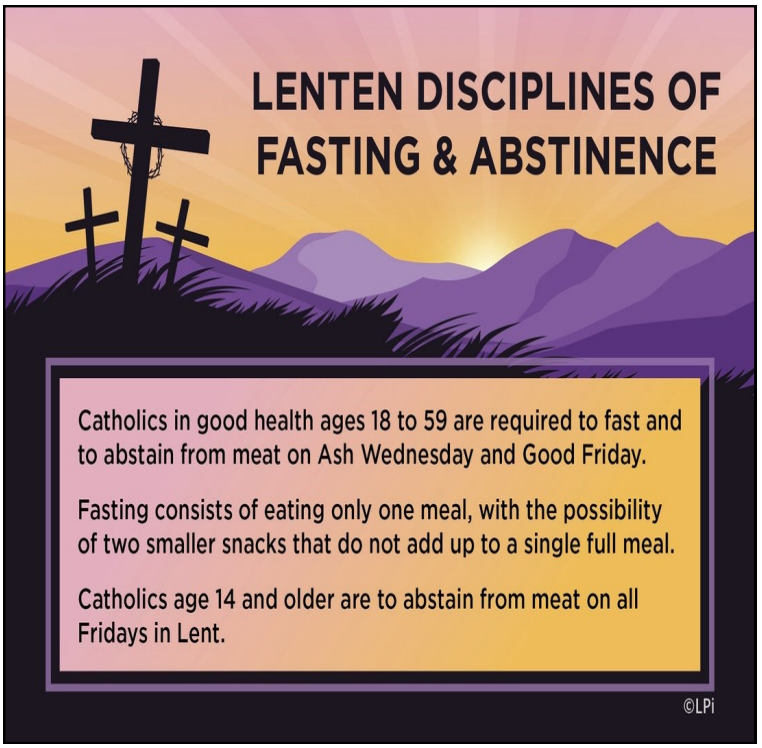
Please RSVP now for
Sunday, March 10

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.**



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.

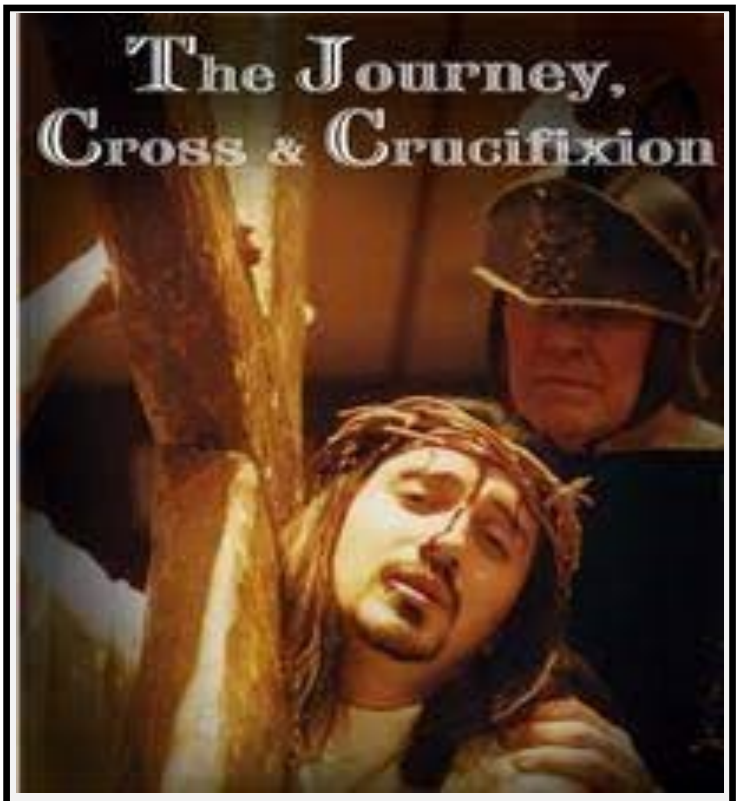
The Junior Lector Ministry prepares young parishioners to proclaim the Word of God at Mass. Lectors convey, through their readings, a better understanding of the scriptures. This communication of the scriptures draws parishioners closer to God, and contributes to the celebration of the Mass. Effective 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

FAITH FORMATION HAPPENINGS

Last Sunday, the 3rd and 4th graders from our Faith Formation program interviewed our Pastoral Associate Sister Mary Walsh, CSJ, to ask her questions about vocations to the Religious Life and her own personal vocation story that led her to the Sister of Saint Joseph in Brentwood, N.Y. Sister Mary gladly answered all their questions with joy and was honored to have been a part of this endeavor. Above is a picture of Sister Mary with our 3rd and 4th grade Faith Formation students. We all say "THANK YOU SISTER MARY" for answering God's call and for being here with us now at Saint Savior Parish Family. We're glad you're here!!

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.



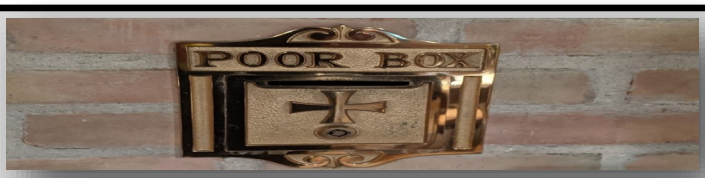
PRESENTED AT SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH
ON <u>SUNDAY, MARCH 10 at 3:00 P.M.</u>

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**



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!

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.

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March 10—Easter Flower Offering
March17—Catholic Relief Services

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.

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 March 6, we will be discussing Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe.* For the meetup location, group details, and complete schedule, please contact Betsy at ektbetsy@gmail.com.

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." - Pope Francis

Please be advised that the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th. for Presidents Day.

February 10-11

Offertory $5,277

Children's Collection $204

Fuel Collection $1,426

Attendance 232

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!

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!

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

Monday, February 19, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Tuesday, February 20, Lenten Weekday
9:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Wednesday, February 21, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Thursday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Friday, February 23, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, February 24, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. Mary & Joseph Thompson/
Marilyn Fiumefreddo

Sunday, February 25, Second Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. The People of The Parish
11:30 a.m. Thomas L. Miskel/Peter E. Joss/
Aida Conde

Candle Memorials - February 11-24

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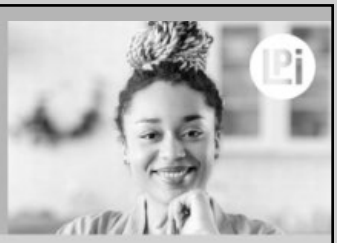

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