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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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!**

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

I would like to begin this week by saying a great big "THANK YOU" to all the members of our parish family who came out last Sunday afternoon to join us for "JOURNEY, CROSS AND CRUCIFIXION" performed by Creative Ministries. It was an incredibly moving and powerful experience of the living Stations of the Cross done in word, gesture, song and dance. I promised everyone last weekend that they would not be disappointed and I was thrilled that everyone had such a positive experience. Many of us were left with tears in our eyes as we sat in the midst of Jesus walking around the church carrying his cross and encountering the various people who helped him and supported him along the way toward his crucifixion. Even our experience of being able to venerate the cross as a community was incredibly moving. Everyone who joined us commented how powerful the experience was for them and how happy they were to come and be a part of it. Even the troupe from Creative Ministries commented to Sister Mary and I afterward how wonderful and welcoming and appreciative the people from Saint Saviour were toward them during their time with us. I want to give a special shout-out to everyone who helped in making things go smoothly, especially our young people who handed out programs, greeted people coming into church, took up the free-will offering at the end, or just hung around to assist in cleaning up. It truly was a tremendous day of prayer for our parish community. We even had some people come from Staten Island and New Jersey to experience "JOURNEY, CROSS AND CRUCIFIXION."

On Tuesday, March 19th, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Joseph, and we want to wish our very own Sister Mary Walsh, CSJ, a very happy Feast Day, along with all the Sisters of Saint Joseph who have served the Church most faithfully throughout the years. May the Lord continue to bless them as they continue their ministry among God's people.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a special "THANK YOU" to Sister Barbara Mackiewicz, CSJ, and her Confirmation Class from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish here in Brooklyn for collecting several large bags of brand new socks which they donated to Saint Saviour for our Brown Baggers Ministry. These socks will be put to good news and distributed to those most in need. We are so grateful these young people thought of us as they live out the works of mercy while preparing to be sealed with the gift of God's Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sister Barbara is a wonderful woman and a great teacher and we thank her for sharing her ministry with the teens from IHM.

Finally, don't forget that Bishop Robert Brennan (our Diocesan Bishop) will be returning to Saint Saviour Parish on Saturday afternoon, April 13th, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 8th Graders at our 5:00pm celebration of Eucharist. Once again, we will be partnering with the parish of Saint John the Evangelist-Saint Rocco for this special moment in the life of our teens and our parishes. ALL the members of our parish are invited to join us for the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 13th. No tickets are necessary. The Sacraments are communal celebrations of faith and it would be wonderful for our young people to see as many people as possible present at their Confirmation knowing you are all praying for them.

Have a great week everyone – please stay safe and healthy!

Father Frank

THANK YOU FROM BROWBAGGERS

We are incredibly grateful for all the support you have given to Brownbaggers. So many of you have donated food, clothing, money, and your time to help our outreach project. Thanks to our parish community, we were able to deliver hundreds of lunches to our neighbors in need throughout the fall and winter months. Your generosity and enthusiasm have been a blessing to us. We hope you will join us again when we resume our work this fall.

Thank you all, and God bless!

Sincerely,

Saint Saviour's Brownbaggers

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE & EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Easter Mass Remembrance Envelopes and Easter Flower Offering Envelopes are now available at the front doors to the church. If you wish to have a loved one remembered at each of our celebrations of Eucharist on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, please take an envelope, write their names on the envelope, enclose your offering and return it as soon as possible either in the Sunday collection or at the Rectory. In addition, we hope to decorate our church as beautifully as last Easter with various flowers around our sanctuary. If you with to make a contribution, please use one of the Easter flower Offering Envelopes available in the back of church.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Easter has become known as the Feast of the Divine Mercy, or more commonly, Divine Mercy Sunday. This devotion to the divine mercy of Jesus has been celebrated for many years in many different parts of the world since the 1930s, yet it wasn't until Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000, that the Sunday after Easter became known as "Divine Mercy Sunday" in the General Roman Calendar. Saint Faustina was an uneducated Polish nun who kept a diary of about 600 pages telling the story of her revelations regarding the mercy of God. Devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus challenges us to arrive at a greater understanding that the love of God is both unconditional and never-ending, and is available to ALL people - and it challenges us even further to reciprocate that love and mercy to everyone whom we encounter throughout our life's journey. Here at Saint Saviour parish, there will be veneration of the divine Mercy image and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 3:00 p.m. on (Sunday, April 7, 2024). ALL the members of our parish family are invited to attend and share in God's Divine Mercy.

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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!

We are in need of 4 feet (that's 2 people) for the washing of feet at the MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER on Holy Thursday evening (March 28th) beginning at 7:00 p.m. ALL types of feet are welcome to apply. Warts and bunions will not disqualify you—we are an equal opportunity employer of feet. If you are interested in being one of our foot "washees" (remember, there are only 5 openings and they are sure to go fast!), please call Father Frank at the Rectory (718) 768-4055. Please consider putting your feet in our hands!

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

This year our diocese will once again celebrate Reconciliation Monday on March 25, 2024, which is the Monday of Holy Week. We will have confession here at St. Saviour from 2:00—4:00 p.m. AND 6:00—8:00 p.m. As in the past, we hope this will be a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to participate in this great Sacrament of Healing.

Use this QR code to check out St. Saviour and The Brownbaggers on Currents: Pulse of the Parish

Saint Saviour Catholic Academy

Calling all SSCA Alumni!

We are in the process of updating our alumni records. If you would like to ensure that we have your most up to date contact info, or be added to our mailing list, please scan the QR code or email fmehrotra@sscaparkslope.org.

We would love to keep you in the loop about upcoming events, school announcements, and ways to support the school.

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!

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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—March 17—Catholic Relief Services
March 24—Easter Gift to My Parish
March 29—Holy Land Shrines
March 31—Easter Offering for Senior Priests

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 today, **(March 17th) immediately following our 9:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist and on Good Friday at 12:00 noon.**

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 April 3, we will be discussing Brian Sonia-Wallace's *The Poetry of Strangers: What I Learned Traveling America with a Typewriter.* For the meetup location, group details, and complete schedule, please contact Betsy at ektbetsy@gmail.com.

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst…He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."– Saint Teresa of Calcutta

March 9 & 10

Offertory $5,579

Children's Collection $190

Easter Flowers $626

Attendance 263

HOLY THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until **10:00 p.m.**

GOOD FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church with Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Family Mass
11:30 a.m. Choir Mass

Sunday, March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Rev. James F. Marron
11:30 a.m. Elaine Cappiello/
Raymond M. Ciafardini /Mark Rillen

Monday, March 18, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mary Hogan

Tuesday, March 19, SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:30 a.m. Intentions of Sr. Mary Walsh, CSJ

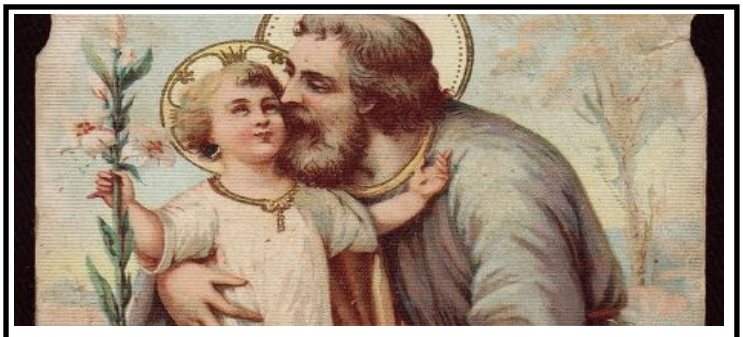
Wednesday, March 20, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jacinta Henry

Thursday, March 21, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Sr Patricia Rutter, CSJ

Friday, March 22, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, March 23, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. Mario Lombardi

Sunday, March 24, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
9:30 a.m. Edward & Carol Norman
11:30 a.m. Eda M. Duggan/Miguel Acevedo/
Evelio Conde



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