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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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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

With today's celebration of Passion (Palm) Sunday, our Church begins the holiest week of its entire year. This week is different from all the rest. It has to be. This is the week in which our Lord and Saviour delivered over his spirit so that each of us might not only be forgiven of our sins—but that we might come to share in that new life that Jesus always promised to those who believe in him. This week is yet another opportunity for us to return to the Lord. For the last 40 days, we were given the opportunity to reflect upon our life and discern what it was that was preventing us from living a richer and fuller life in the knowledge and love of God. Each week at Eucharist, Jesus challenged us in terms of our response to his invitation to follow in his footsteps. Jesus brought us into the desert to remind us that temptation was always going to be a part of our life; and he showed us by example how to resist temptation and turn toward that which gives us life. Jesus also reminded us that we cannot live on bread alone—we needed to feast on God's word and allow that experience to transform us—the same way it transformed Peter, James and John on that mountain as they witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. For some of us, we felt God change and transform us, even if it was only a little bit. For others, they silently whisper to themselves, "There's always next year."

As we proceed with this holiest week of the year, allow yourself the gift of shifting gears and living your life a little differently this week. Be more attentive to the presence of God in your life. Be more attentive to the tremendous love our God has for YOU! Don't ever sell yourself short – God never does—so why should you? Allow yourself to enter into the Sacred Triduum with a clean and joyful heart. If you're feeling alienated from God, why not join us on Monday from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. as we celebrate Reconciliation Monday? Reconcile yourself with the Lord this week. If you often wonder how Jesus could ever love people like us, why not join us on Holy Thursday and Good Friday? Listen again to the story of a man who got down on his knees and washed the feet of his closest friends as a gesture of love and service commanding us to do the same. Listen again to the story of a man who willingly gave up his life so that you and I could have ours. It's a story of selfless, sacrificial love that our world so desperately needs to hear again—especially today!

That's what makes this week different from all the rest. As we are reminded in John 3:16, "for God so loved the world that God sent his only begotten Son, so that all who believe in him might not perish, but that we might have eternal life."

Have a holy and life-changing week everyone.

Father Frank

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.

Bishop Robert Brennan, will be coming to Saint Saviour Parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our teenagers at our Saturday evening Mass on April 13, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the church. ALL the members of our parish family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Sacraments are communal celebrations of faith and ALL are invited to join us. We feel it is important that our entire parish come out and support our young people as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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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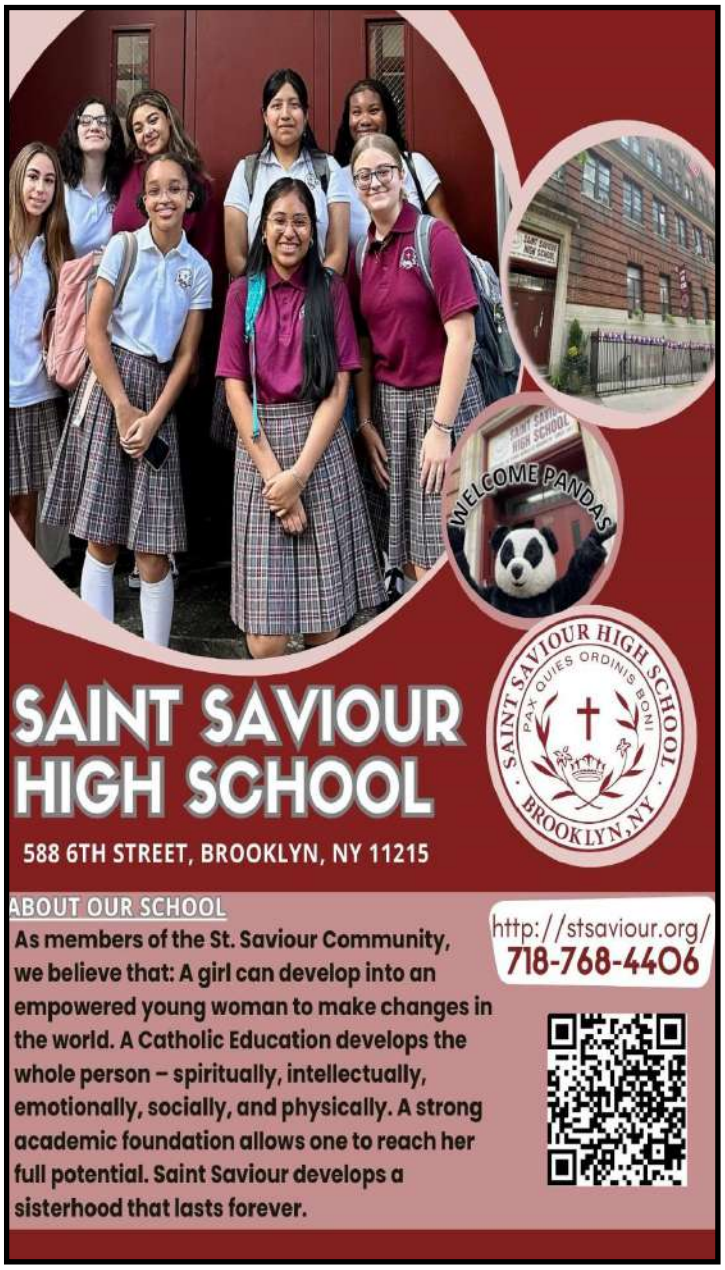

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Calling all SSCA Alumni!

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.

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.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
Friday, March 29, 2024

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

March 24—Easter Gift to My Parish
March 29—Holy Land Shrines
March 31—Easter Offering for Senior Priests
April 7—Maintenance & Repair

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, **Celebration of Eucharist and on Good Friday at 12:00 noon.**

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!

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.

"Let the branches of palm trees be the victory banners of our faith, and let our hearts echo the shouts of 'Hosanna' as we welcome Christ into our lives anew." — Pope Francis

Stewardship

March 16 & 17

Offertory $4,806

Children's Collection $196

Catholic Relief Services $564

Attendance 236

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

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

Monday, March 25, Monday of Holy Week
8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Chadwick Family

Tuesday, March 26, Tuesday of Holy Week
8:30 a.m. Elaine Cappiello

Wednesday, March 27, Wednesday of Holy Week
8:30 a.m. Christopher Roazzi

Thursday, March 28, Holy Thursday
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29, Friday of the Passion of the Lord
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

Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church and Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 p.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Sunday, March 31, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
9:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance
11:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

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