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
Friday No Office Hours
Saturday & 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!**

Sunday, November 24, Our Lord Jesus Chirst, King of the Universe

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

Today the Church throughout the world celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. It also happens to be the last Sunday of our present Church year. Now you might be asking yourselves, "What is it that we celebrate today?

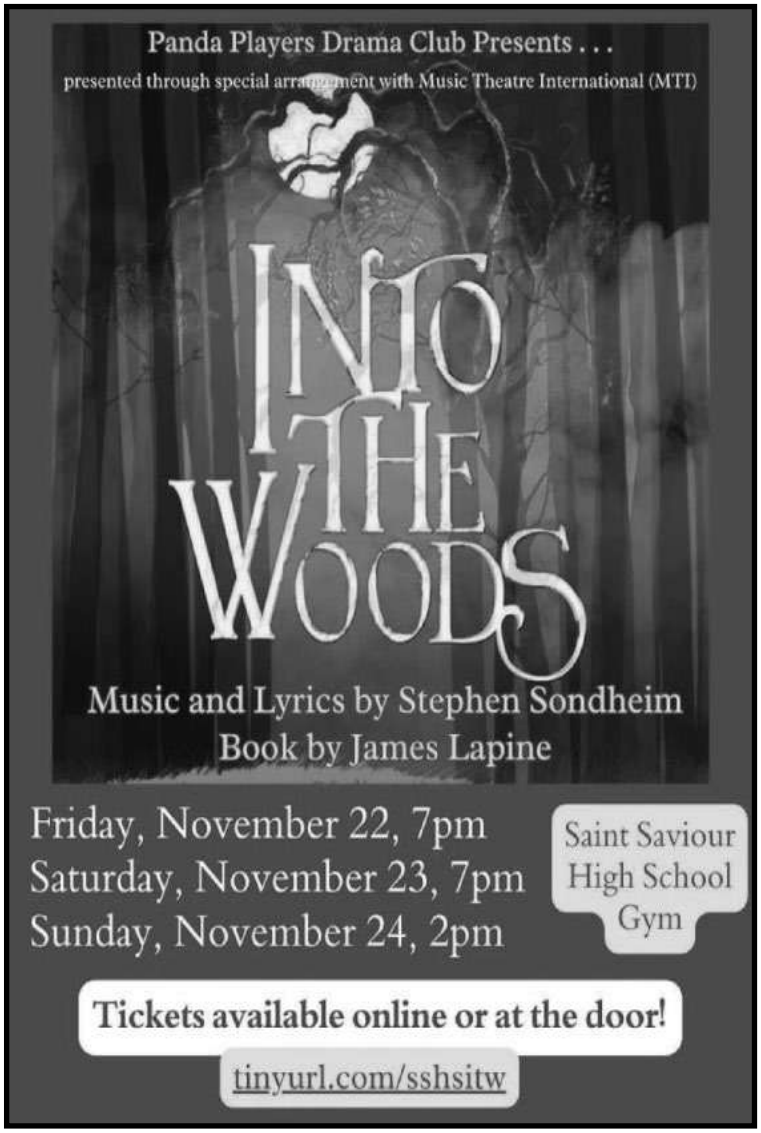
The Feast of Christ the King was established in 1923 by Pope Pius XI in an attempt to counteract the influence of totalitarian forms of government like Communism, Nazism and Fascism. Bear in mind what was happening in our world during this period of time. It wasn't a pretty time in history! At any rate, what Pope Pius XI wanted to do was show people that it was Jesus the Christ who is sovereign over both human history and human life. Some people were beginning to forget that. Even today, some people misinterpret or misunderstand what we mean when we say that Christ is King! If we just think for a moment back in time when they crucified Jesus, we read "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Even then people thought Jesus was going to be a king who had political power. They did not understand that the Christ's kingdom was not of THIS world. What we need to remember is that if we want to be a part of God's kingdom, then we need to accept God's rule over our lives. We have been listening to the Word of God for an entire Church Year now, and at this time we are being asked once again if we are willing and able to share in Christ's glory and kingship. The only difference is that the Christ's kingship does not involve precious gems and jewels, places of honor or titles of respect—but rather, a sharing in the Gospel and sufferings of Jesus.

It is no mistake that the church saves this feast day of Christ the King for the very last Sunday of the church year, right before the start of Advent, because we believe as a Church that God's kingdom will not be fully visible until the end of time, when Jesus returns once again in glory. If we have allowed ourselves to enter God's kingdom spiritually, then we will also enter into the physical reality of God's kingdom through a resurrection like Jesus the Christ's.

Finally, on behalf of Father Kevin, Sister Mary, Deacon Paul and myself—we want to wish ALL of you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. While our lives may not always be perfect or have turned out the way we had hoped they would—we sill have so much to be thankful for—so don't forget to say "Thanks" to God and each other this week! And don't forget—No fighting with the family!!

Have a great week everyone.

Father Frank



The Giving Tree

Christmas is the time of year when we begin to turn our thoughts to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Beginning today the **Giving Tree** will be decorated with "gift tag ornaments" that are marked with gender, age and gift suggestions. This year the gifts are being collected for Providence House.

The **unwrapped** gifts with the tags taped to them should be placed under the Giving Tree no later than **Sunday, December 15th**.

God Bless you & Happy Advent

WeShare allows parishioners a safe and easy way to donate online.
If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

1. Visit our website: www.stsaviourchurch.org
2. and click "Give Online."
3. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
4. Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you've added your information, donations will automatically deduct from your account.

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. We are grateful to the 108 donors who have already made a generous commitment to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Parish Goal: $64,900

Raised: $92,579

You may also make your gift online now at **annualcatholicappeal.org** or text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255** or call 718-965-7375 and have a pledge card mailed to your home.

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, December 8

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.**

UPCOMING PARISH COLLECTIONS

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

Included with the monthly contributions envelopes is a special envelope for the Christmas Mass remembrance. Please use this envelope for your special intentions, which will be remembered at each of our celebrations of Eucharist this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY PARISH

At this time of the year we all receive many requests from worthy charities and soon realize that we can't respond to them all. However, one appeal that hopefully everyone will respond to is the annual **Christmas Gift to My Parish Collection.** A year-end Christmas gift is your chance to go beyond the day-to-day support of your parish that you fund through your weekly support in the Sunday collection.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Each year we take great pride in the beautiful Christmas decorations in our church. Contributions to help defray the expense of decorating the church for the holiday season may be made in memory of deceased relatives or friends, or in honor of the living. There are envelopes for this purpose in the set of monthly envelopes or you may obtain one in the vestibule of the church. Please help the Altar Guild in creating a beautiful setting for our liturgical celebrations during the Christmas season.

The St. Thomas 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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Christmas Flowers
November 28—Thanksgiving
December 1—Christmas Gift to My Parish
December 8—Maintenance & Repair
December 9—Immaculate Conception
December 15—Retirement Fund for Religious

St. Saviour's Annual Food Drive

During the month of November, please help support our Annual Food Drive as an act of charity to help stockpile and distribute foodstuffs to people who cannot afford food. By doing so we carry out the Church's mission in helping to alleviate the growing tide of hunger.

Please place your nonperishable contributions in the baskets placed in front of the Blessed Mother's Altar.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

AN EARLY ADVENT MORNING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

All the members of our parish family are invited to join us in welcoming back Fr. Patrick Griffin, CM, who will be leading us once again in a morning of Prayer and Reflection as we get ready to begin our celebration of the Advent Season and a new liturgical year. Fr. Griffin was with us last Advent and many of you really enjoyed his talk and we are thrilled he is able to be with us again as we get ready to celebrate Advent. Our morning of prayer and reflection will be held on Saturday, November 30th , beginning with Mass at 10:00 a.m., followed by Fr. Griffin's talk and reflections. His theme for our morning of prayer together will be *"LUKE'S STORY OF JESUS,"* with particular emphasis on the telling of events leading to the Nativity (the birth of Jesus). We do hope you will mark your calendars now and plan on joining us November 30th.

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"Christ, has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped but His, by essence and by nature." St Cyril of Alexandria

In observance of our great celebration of Thanksgiving Day, the Rectory Office will be closed Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. Enjoy the holiday weekend!

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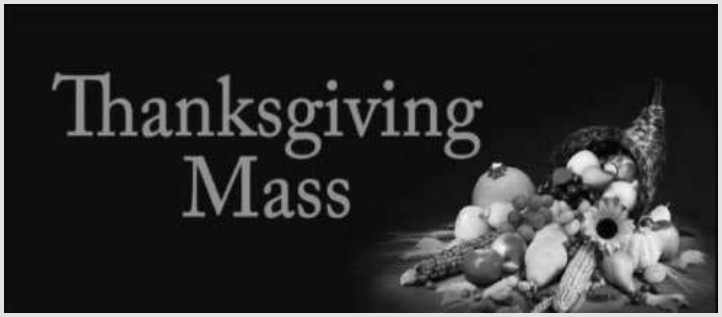
November 16-17

Offertory $6,066
Children's Collection $243
Campaign for Human Development $559

Attendance 293



On Thursday morning, November 28th (Thanksgiving Day), we will be celebrating a special Mass at 10:00 a.m. in church. In addition to the opportunity to give thanks to God for so many blessings with the context of Eucharist (our Church's great prayer of Thanksgiving), we invite you to bring any food which you will be preparing (except live turkeys please!) for a special blessing which will be extended over the food you bring at the conclusion of Eucharist. ALL the members of our parish family are invited and most welcome to join us!

*Please note that there will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

Sunday, November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:30 a.m. The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Jerry Poe

Monday, November 25, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Rose & Eugene Finn

Tuesday, November 26, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Intentions of Doris Wasserman

Wednesday, November 27, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Joseph Campesi

Thursday, November 28, Weekday
10:00 a.m. Rita & Frank Parnese

Friday, November 29, Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, November 30, Saint Andrew
5:00 p.m. Andrew & Janice Loyal/
Paul & Daniel Steeley

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Lamy& Winn Families
11:30 a.m. Ken Corey

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.

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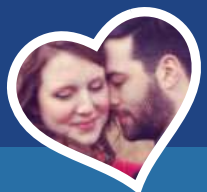

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