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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ST. SAVIOUR CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Mr. Dean J. Fusto, M.A.T., M.A., **President**
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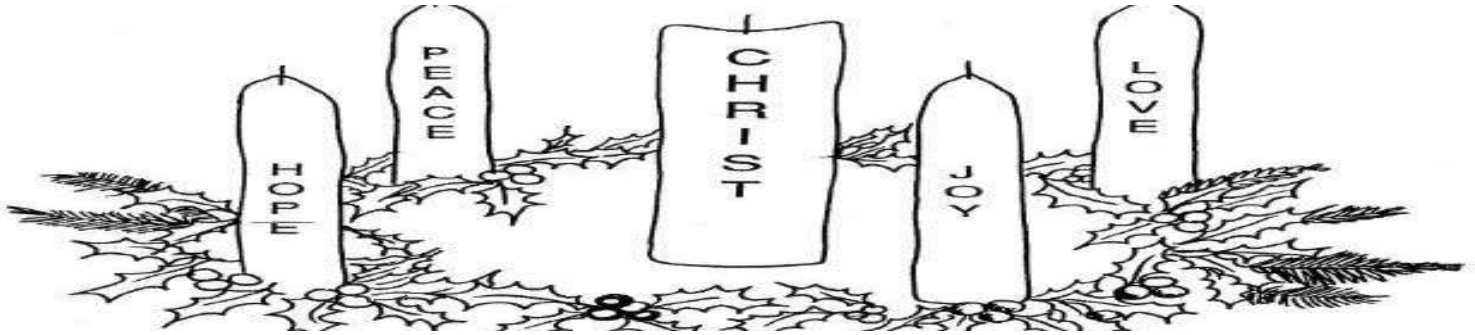
WHO IS WELCOME IN ST. SAVIOUR CHURCH?

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 generously donated in last weekend's Maintenance and Repair Collection. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a total of $13,355.00, which will be used to help us in making the necessary repairs to the two bathrooms in the parish hall. I am overwhelmed by your generosity and your love for Saint Saviour Parish. Our Parish Finance Council has given their approval to this project, and as soon as Bishop Brennan gives his approval, work will begin soon thereafter on the two bathrooms and we will be back to using the parish hall when all the work is completed.

THIS WEEKEND (December 14 & 15), we will be taking up the Annual National Collection for Retired Religious. As we are all aware, the number of retired religious sisters and brothers continues to grow exponentially. Many of us were taught by religious Sisters and Brothers while we were growing up. I personally was taught by Religious Sisters and Brothers and remain eternally grateful to them for the education they provided and the Catholic values they instilled in me. This weekend, our own Sister Mary will speak to us at each of the Masses and explain the importance and necessity of this national collection to assist in the care of our elderly religious who have served the Church (and us) so faithfully for so many years. This collection is our opportunity to say "Thank You" to them for their service among us and an opportunity for us to now assist them in their senior years. Please be generous in this special national collection for Retired Religious this weekend.

TODAY we will also be blessing the images of the baby Jesus you will be placing under your tree or on a bookshelf or perhaps your mantle. Please remember to bring them with you to church for this special blessing. This is a tradition that was started by the late Pope John Paul II on the Third Sunday of Advent many years ago when he invited the people of Rome to bring their images of the baby Jesus to the piazza outside Saint Peter Basilica and he offered his blessing upon those images and everyone carrying them, signifying how we are called to bring Jesus with us back to our homes and live our lives as disciples of the One whose birth we will soon celebrate.

TODAY is also the day we are reminding everyone their gifts from our Advent Giving Tree are due! Please do your best to get them to us ASAP as we want to make sure all the gifts are delivered in enough time so that these gifts will be distributed on Christmas Day. We are extremely grateful to ALL of our parishioners who participated this year. Thanks also to Sister Mary for coordinating this project and our thanks to the students from Saint Saviour High School who helped in creating and organizing each of the ornaments placed on the Giving Tree. It's always a good sign when you have to go back and make more ornaments because the first batch were all taken off the trees!

Finally, our very own Sister Mary will be celebrating a birthday this Wednesday, December 18th. On behalf of ALL of us here at Saint Saviour Parish Family, we want to wish her a very Happy Birthday and we pray God blesses her with many more years of health, happiness and joy! We are so blessed to have her here with us at Saint Saviour.

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

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

Psalm:
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

Second Reading:
The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:5-6)

Gospel:
The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

Observances for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Saint of the week

Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa (1904-1955) became paralyzed after jumping from a window to escape an attack. She suffered the passion of Jesus each Friday for several years and would survive on the Holy Eucharist alone for 13 years until her death.

Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community.

Amen.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

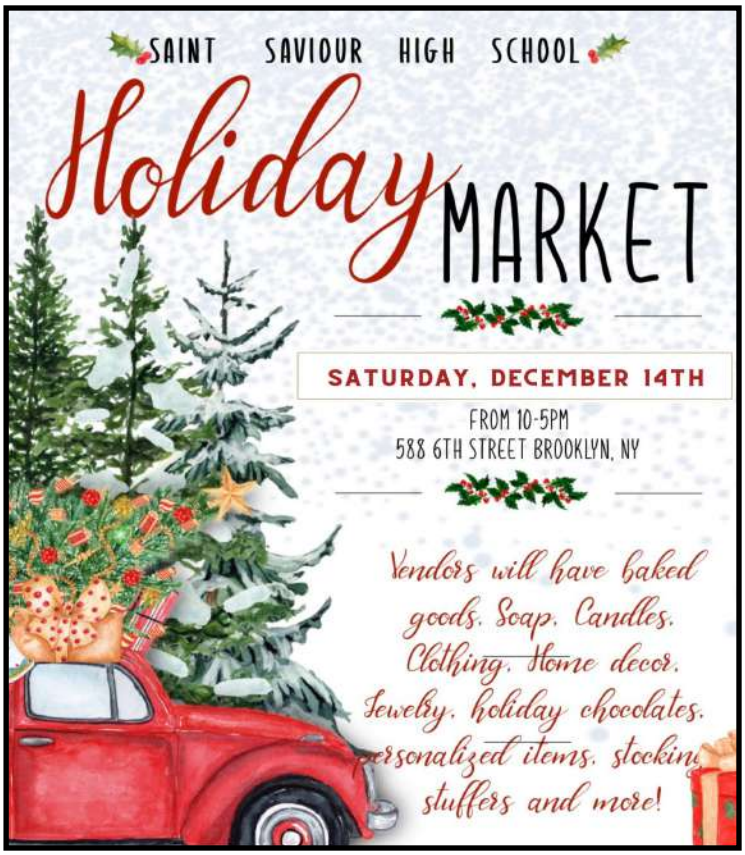
Today—Retirement Fund for Religious
December 22—Christmas Mass Remembrance
December 25—Christmas Offering/Catholic Charities
January 7—Maintenance & Repair

St. John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy where he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent during his Angelus address. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home.
John Paul II blessed the figurines of those present and told them to assemble before the manger scene with their family in a spirit of prayer.
It is a beautiful Advent tradition, one that sanctifies the home with the baby Jesus and makes his arrival in the manger scene an even more joyous event.
Please bring your figure of the Christ Child to be blessed by Fr. Frank

THIS WEEKEND
December 14-15 at all the Masses

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.

Confession will be offered in all Parishes throughout the entire Diocese of Brooklyn on Monday, December 16, 2024. Here at St. Saviour we will have confession from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.



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

THIS SUNDAY, December 15th.

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, January 12

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.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

Called to Communion, Participation & Mission

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. We are grateful to the 111 donors who have already made a generous commitment to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Parish Goal: $64,900
Raised: $93,429

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.

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." – St. Teresa of Calcutta

December 7-8

Offertory $4,885

Immaculate Conception $745

Maintenance & Repair $13,355

Children's Collection

Attendance 329

CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24
5:00 p.m.
12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25
10:00 a.m.

This week's Advent candle was donated by Yunah Hong

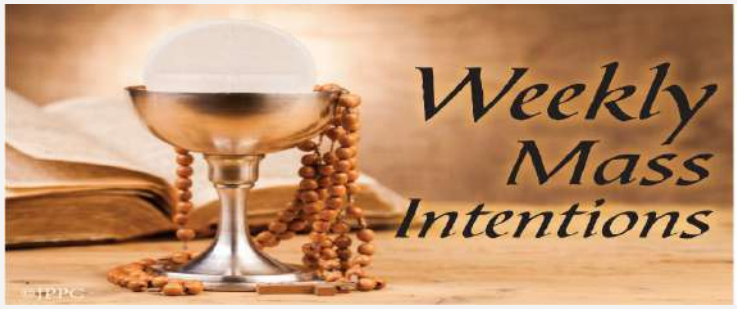
In loving memory of her parents Suh Chungseok & Hong Jaeeog

CANDLE MEMORIALS

Blessed Mother Candle

December 13-19

In Loving Memory of Shirley Radaker



Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Christopher Raozzi
11:30 a.m. Mafalda Cento/ Hendrick Rillen/ Madeline Lee

Monday, December 16,Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory of the Tannenbaum-Martinez Family

Tuesday, December 17, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Edward & Julia Rybacki

Wednesday, December 18, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Maria & Carmine Fischetti

Thursday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday
10:00 a.m. Jerry Georges

Friday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday
5:00 p.m. Edward & Catherine Lombardi/ Angela Nielsen/George Boolbol

Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Henry O'Meara
11:30 a.m. Jerry Georges/George Boolbol

ONLINE GIVING
By WeShare

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 and click "Give Online."
2. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
3. Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

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