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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. 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

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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

I would like to begin this week by saying a great big "THANK YOU" to all the young people from our parish family who participated last Sunday in our Epiphany/Three Kings Procession at the beginning of our 9:30am Family Mass. It was wonderful seeing all our young people following the star carrying their little candles and following our three Magi down the center aisle and placing their little lights in the stable at the front of church. The Light of Christ is certainly burning brightly in the children and teens from our parish family! My thanks also to our "Three Kings" – Kay, Sal and Claramae – for leading our young people in our own little caravan and for bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh – in addition to leading our offertory procession. Finally, I need to thank Sister Mary for organizing our procession and making sure that every child had a candle to carry in procession. Last Sunday's Solemnity of the Epiphany certainly did challenge us to give the gift of ourselves to the Lord and to allow the light of Christ given to us on the day of our Baptism to shine forth on others and upon our world.

On Wednesday I had the opportunity to spend time with our first, second and third graders from Saint Saviour Catholic Academy. Our first graders joined us for our 8:30am Mass and then after Mass stayed in church and we all gathered around our Nativity Scene and talked about the Three Kings and all the people present at the birth of Jesus 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem. Then I went over to school and blessed the classrooms of the second and third grade with chalk and the initials 20+C+M+B+25 above the classroom door. This blessing is an old Polish cultural blessing asking the Lord to watch over and protect everyone present in the home/classroom. Once again, I was thrilled to see how much our children knew about the story of the first Christmas. My visit to school concluded with Miss Bandini's second grade class putting on their Epiphany/Christmas Pageant. This was a real treat! Every child in that class took their role very seriously. We had a narrator, Mary and Joseph, the baby Jesus, shepherds, angels, sheep, an inn keeper, someone holding up the star over the manger, and of course the three wise men. We even had music in between each scene. I smiled through their entire performance so proud of their faith and devotion and the seriousness with which they took their roles in the Christmas Story. I also kept reminding myself that this was exactly how the first Christmas took place 2,000 years ago. There was chaos and confusion and not everything went as planned or as neatly and perfectly as we might imagine – but this story of God's love for us and the promise of light, peace and redemption still plays on 2,000 years later. I am very grateful to the second grade for sharing their Epiphany/Christmas Pageant with me.

Finally, TODAY we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and with today's Feast our Christmas Season will be coming to an end. It is my prayer that today we will all recall the day of our own baptism, which for most of us occurred when we were little babies, and our parents and godparents made our baptismal promises for us. Now that we are older, may we today and everyday recommit ourselves to the Lord and allow the light of Christ to not only shine upon us each day, but may we also allow that light to be reflected on others by the way we live our lives as followers of Jesus the Christ.

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

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:
O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:
After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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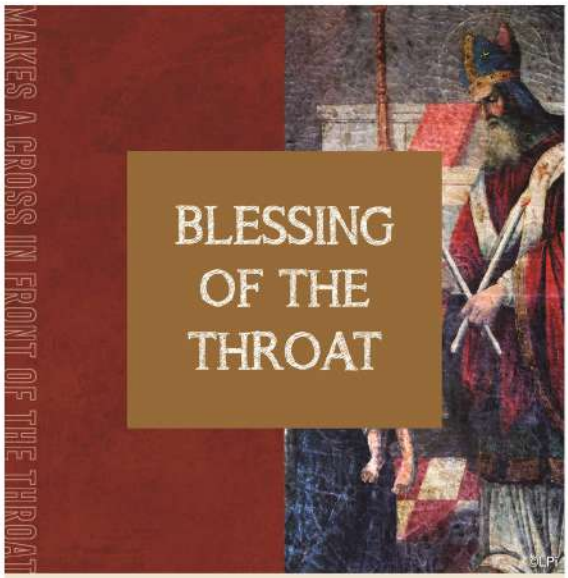
Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

"The people were filled with expectation," writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

Observances for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Monday:	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	St. Anthony, Abbot
Saturday:	January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

Prayer for Baptism

Oh God,
You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You.

Amen.

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

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December 18, 2024

Rev. Frank W. Spacek, D. Min
Church of St. Saviour
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Dear Father Frank,

Advent Greetings in the Lord.

Please forgive my delay in acknowledging the very generous response of $3,100 from your parishioners to the mission appeal preached on July 6-7 by Fr. Dominic Mutuku, O.P. as part of the diocesan Summer Mission Appeal. We received a check from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for the proceeds of the four appeals assigned to the Dominican Friars, at the conclusion of the appeal season.

We appreciate the opportunity to share the good work of our friars in the mission in East Africa and are most grateful for the enthusiastic response of your parishioners to Fr. Dominic's appeal. They were able to see first-hand the opportunity that their support provides to young men, like Fr. Dominic, who have discerned a call to the priesthood. Their generosity inspires me as it does all our Dominican Friars, especially our dedicated friars overseas. It is a concrete sign and indeed manifestation of God's Providence to support us in our mission of proclaiming Jesus Christ to the new faithful in East Africa.

My sincere thanks to you for welcoming Fr. Dominic on appeal weekend and for the generous support of the good people of St. Saviour Parish.

May the Lord continue to bless you in your pastoral ministry and may the celebration of Christ's birth bring each one of us renewed hope and peace.

In the love of Jesus Christ and St. Dominic,

Fr. David Adiletta, O.P.
Director, Mission Office

Join us as we Praise God through the gift of Song at the 9:30am Family Mass

Please see our Director of Music Ministry, Dr. Nicholas Nicassio after any weekend celebration of Eucharist!

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February 9—Special Fuel Collection

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New Choir Members Welcome!

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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, February 2

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.**

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." - *St. Gianna Molla*

STEWARDSHIP

December 24-25

Christmas Offering $8,277
Children's Christmas Collection $608

December 28-29

Offertory $4,569
Children's Collection $86
Catholic Charities $3,059
Attendance 233

January 1
Mary, Mother of God $2,269

January 4-5

Offertory $5,257
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Attendance 308

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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Parish Goal: $64,900
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ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

Please remember to take your 2025 offering envelopes which can be found in alphabetical order on the tables in the back of church. Also, please remember to take our new 2025 wall calendar generously donated by Duffy & Leone Funeral Homes. Please feel free to take as many calendars as you would like. Thank you.

Sunday, January 12, Baptism of the Lord
9:30 a.m. The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Joan Perchman

Monday, January 13, Weekday
8:30 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory of the Tannenbaum-Martinez Family

Tuesday, January 14, Weekday
8:30 a.m. The Intentions of the Diaz Family

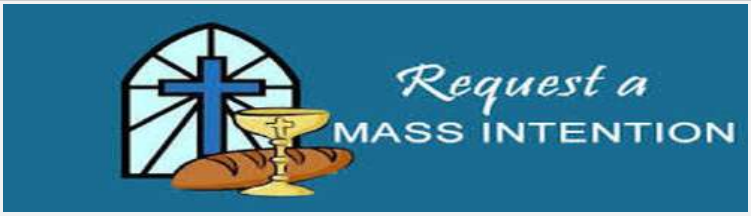
Wednesday, January 15, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Hong Jaeeog

Thursday, January 16, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jim & Monica Edgell

Friday, January 17, Saint Anthony
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 18, Weekday
5:00 p.m. Andy Santos

Sunday, January 19, Second Sunday in Ordiary Time
9:30 a.m. The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Lois Voyticki



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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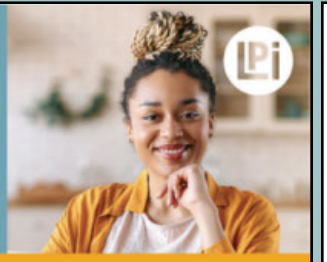

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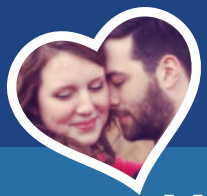

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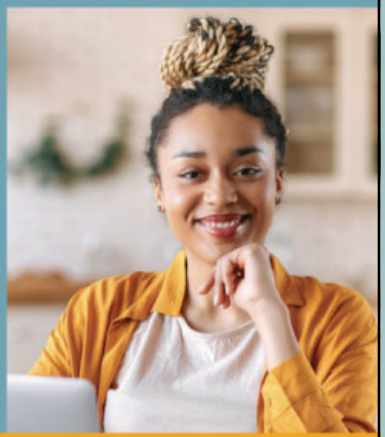

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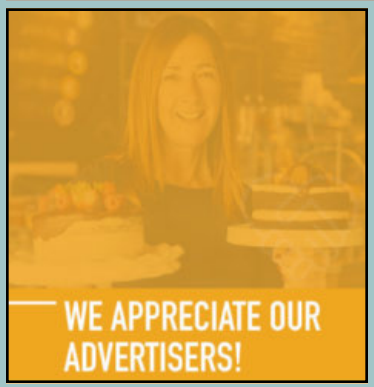

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