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. 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**
TEL 718.768.4406 · WEB www.stsaviour.org

ST. SAVIOUR CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Mr. Dean J. Fusto, M.A.T., M.A., **President**
Mr. Matthew Artigas, **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

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is the third major celebration of Christmastime (following the Incarnation and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God).

The term "EPIPHANY" means "manifestation." What we celebrate on this day is the manifestation of Christ to the nations. It's a reminder to us that the glory of God shines forth to ALL peoples—not just a select few.

This day also reminds us of the Magi (also known as kings or astrologers or wise men), those mysterious visitors from the East (probably modern-day Iran) who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ-Child. The story of the Magi is recounted for us in Matthew's Gospel (2:1-12). Traditionally, there is said to have been three Magi present at the stable in Bethlehem—but it's interesting to note that the Scriptures do not tell us how many Magi there actually were. We say there were "three" because of the number of gifts that were presented to the Christ-Child. The adoration of the Magi was prophesied in the Old Testament (Micah 5:1-3), yet, there is so much about them that we do not know. Matthew's Gospel does not tell us where their home country was, their status, or their religion. We don't even know their names. St. Bede the Venerable (c. 735 C.E.) mentions an early legend with the names Balthasar, Melchoir and Gaspar. We refer to them as "kings" because of a verse from the Psalms which says, "The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts" (72:10).

Today's solemnity is one which originated in the East. It is believed that the Epiphany might have been modeled after the pagan festival of the new year and the winter solstice (which usually fell on January 6th.). In its fullest meaning, this solemnity commemorates the coming of the Word into the world of God's revelation to people of ALL nations. This is an important fact to remember, because like 2,000 years ago—there are some people today who still believe that Jesus only came for a select group of people—while today's feast reminds us that Jesus came for EVERYONE—regardless of who they are or where they came from! Jesus is the Lord and Saviour of us all.

Have a great week everyone.

Father Frank

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Maintenance & Repair
January 12—Diocesan Mission
January 26—Eastern Europe/Latin America/Africa

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.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry is 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.

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.

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.**

"Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman's arms." - Saint Augustine

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

To those of you who are relatively new to the neighborhood, to those of you who are church shopping, to those of you who came in just because you saw an open door, welcome to St. Saviour. We are a diverse, inclusive, post Vatican II Roman Catholic parish where people of all backgrounds have gathered to pray for over 100 years. For whatever reason you were drawn to St. Saviour, it is our hope and prayer that you will be spiritually nourished here. And please know that you are always welcomed back.

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, January 5, Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Father Danny Murphy
11:30 a.m. Mary Puydak Velez/Marion Cappiello

Monday, January 6, Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. Father Bob Frueh

Tuesday, January 7, Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mary Gallahue

Wednesday, January 8, Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. Lorrain Foley

Thursday, January 9, Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jerry Georges

Friday, January 10, Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 11, Christmas Weekday
5:00 p.m. Florence Campesi/Alice Wilkinson

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

Candle Memorials—January 3-9

SANCTUARY LAMP:
Mario Lombardi

OUR LADY'S ALTAR
Mario Lombardi

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR:
Mario Lombardi

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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 115 donors who have made a generous commitment to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Parish Goal: $64,900
Raised: $104,599