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**
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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!**

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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

It seems hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of February and soon we will be entering into the liturgical season of Lent, a period of 40 days where we are called to conversion while opening our hearts, minds and lives to the Lord. The purple box is back in the vestibule of our church for you to return last year's palm, which we burn prior to Ash Wednesday to create the ashes that will be imposed on our foreheads on March 5th (Ash Wednesday). You will find the schedule of Masses for Ash Wednesday within the pages of this week's parish bulletin. The students from Saint Saviour Catholic Academy will be joining us for our 8:30am celebration of Eucharist and the students from Saint Saviour High School will be joining us for our 12:05pm celebration of Eucharist and our Gospel Choir will be leading us in song at the 12:05pm celebration. Of course, ALL the members of our parish family are invited to join us at any of our three celebrations of Eucharist, which will include the imposition of blessed ashes.

On Saturday, March 8th, our second graders from both our Faith Formation Program and from Saint Saviour Catholic Academy will be receiving the Sacrament of First Penance. I know some of them are a little nervous but I also know they are well-prepared to receive God's forgiveness, mercy and grace in this important sacrament. Please pray for our young people as they finalize their preparations to receive the healing power of God as they celebrate their First Penance.

On Sunday, March 9th, our parish will be welcoming back Creative Ministries, who will be doing their Lenten production of "JORNEY, CROSS & CRUCIFIXION." For those of you who might have missed them last year, Creative Ministries is a theater troupe from Long Island who goes to various parishes to present a living stations of the cross in word, song, and gesture. They are phenomenal! So many of you last year really enjoyed them and asked that we invite them back to Saint Saviour. I am grateful to Sister Mary for arranging this and I am grateful to Creative Ministries for accepting our invitation to return this year. Please check out the full-page flyer in this week's bulletin and plan on joining us March 9th at 3:00pm.

We also received word two weeks ago that Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, the Bishop Emeritus of our Diocese, will be coming to Saint Saviour Parish on Saturday, May 3rd, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 8th graders. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at our Saturday 5:00pm celebration of Eucharist. We invite ALL the members of our parish family to mark their calendars and plan on joining us for this significant milestone in the faith journey of our teenagers. Once again, we are partnering with the teenagers from Saint John the Evangelist – Saint Rocco Parish for this Sacrament. No tickets are necessary. I believe strongly that the sacraments are public celebrations of faith and it's important for our young people to see the other members of our parish family present at these celebrations praying for them and encouraging them in their commitment to follow Jesus the Christ.

Work is progressing nicely on our new bathrooms being installed in the Parish Hall. I am looking forward to the completed work and I am hoping it will all be completed by the end of this month. I think everyone will be pleased with the finished product.

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

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp,
I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

Psalm:
The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:
Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one,
we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.
(1 Cor 15:49)

Gospel:
"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?

Observances for the week of February 23, 2025

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

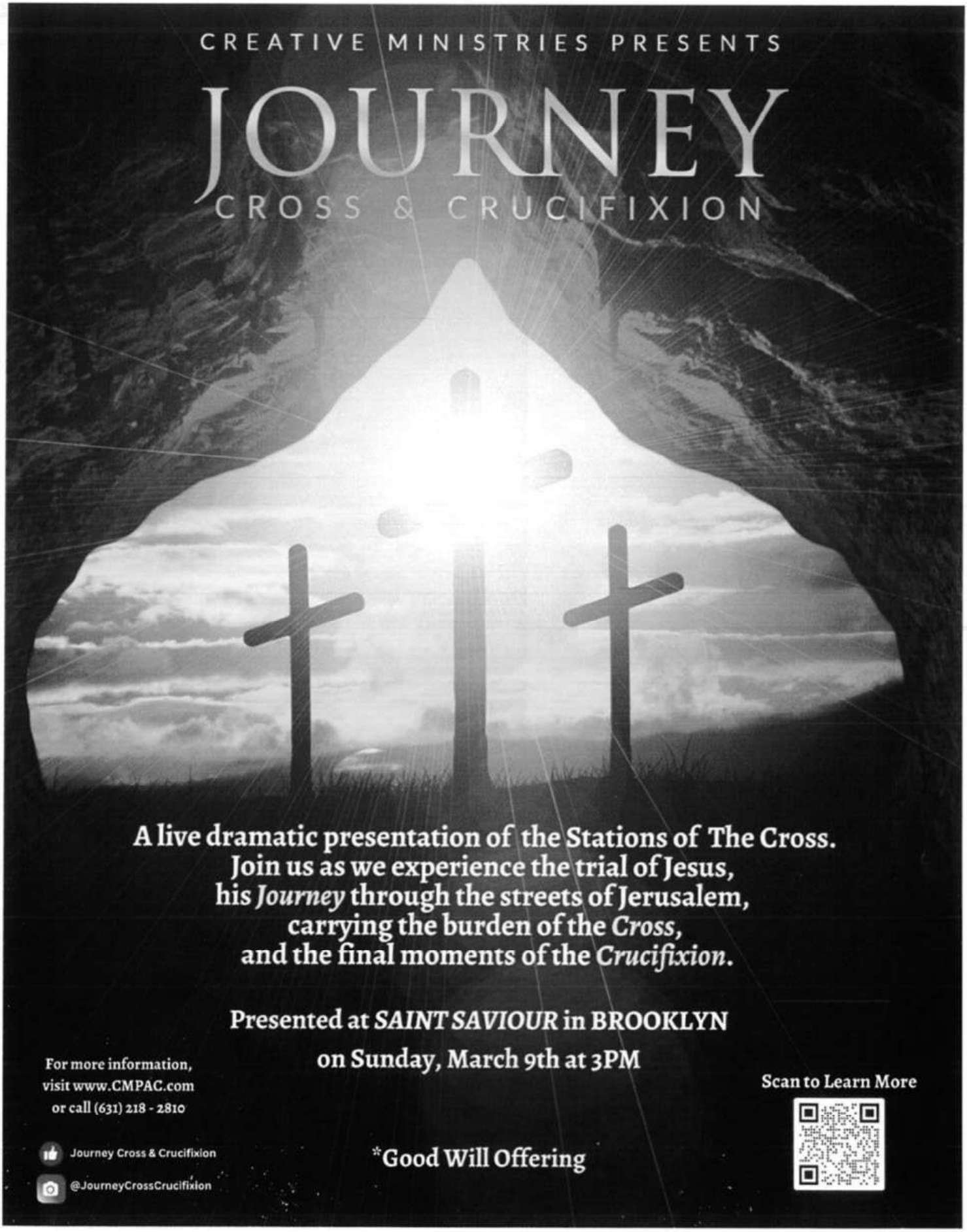
Next Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Devotions, *Explained!*

Fasting was practiced by righteous men and women of the Old Testament and later by Christ himself. It remains an important part of the Christian devotional life today, being most strongly associated with the penitential season of Lent.

Prayer of Christian Life

Dear Jesus,
Help me to pray for and bless everyone I encounter, whether that be easy or hard. Help me to act in the mercy I have known through you. Help me to demonstrate generosity, as you have given so much to me. Amen.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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, March 9

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 COLLECTIONS

March 2—Maintenance & Repair
March 5—Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, March 5th, we begin the liturgical season of Lent with our observance of Ash Wednesday. Our schedule for distribution of ashes is as follows:

8:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist

12:05 p.m. Celebration of Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Celebration of Eucharist

*Ashes will NOT be distributed at any other time on Ash Wednesday – so please make every effort to join us for one of these three opportunities being offered in church this year.

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 AL L in need of p rayers, and there is no greater p rayer 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.

"Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness." – St. John Chrysostom

February 15-16

Offertory $6,248

Children's Collection $50

Maintenance & Repair $2,177

Fuel Collection $1,905

Attendance 203

BRING BACK THAT OLD PALM!

Everyone wonders what to do with that old palm they received year on Palm Sunday. Well, wonder no more! We invite ALL members of our parish family to bring back their old palm right here. You may bring back old palm to create the ashes that will be distributed here in church on Ash Wednesday—which happens to fall this year on March 5th.

Visit our website: www.stsaviourchurch.org and click "Give online."

Click on the collection you wish to donate to. Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you've added your information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

Please continue to support the food pantry at St. Thomas Aquinas. We are especially in need of hot cereal, soup and toiletries, but whatever you give will be most appreciated!

Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Elaine Spacek
11:30 a.m. Aida Conde/Gisela Ciron/
Intentions of Nicole Victoria Fell

Monday, February 24, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Theresa Brennan

Tuesday, February 25, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Christopher Roazzi

Wednesday, February 26, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Maria & Carmine Fischetti

Thursday, February 27, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Clifford Mulqueen

Friday, February 28, Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, March 1, Weekday
5:00 p.m. Josephine McNally

Sunday, March 2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Gisela Ciron

If you know of any parish members who are ill and need our prayers, please email the rectory at stsaviourchurch@aol.com to add their name & how many weeks they should be added to our newly formed list. This list will appear in the weekly bulletin. If you do not have access to email please call Emily at the rectory at 718-768-4055.

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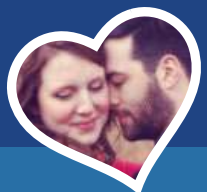

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