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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.

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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.

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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

It has been another very busy week here at Saint Saviour Parish. On Monday we celebrated the Feast of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, and we blessed the throats of all our students, faculty and staffs of both the Academy and our High School. I was very happy with how everyone wanted to have their throat blessed as we prayed together that our throats be healed of any disease or infirmity. It seems as if so many people these days have sore throats, which as we know are often the first sign of the flu, or Covid, or RSV. We pray that everyone do their best to remain healthy during these lingering days of winter.

On Tuesday, we welcomed back Bishop Robert Brennan, our Diocesan Bishop, to Saint Saviour Parish. Bishop Brennan was here bright and early for his pastoral visit to Saint Saviour High School. He greeted our high school students outside of school as they arrived at 7:30am, followed by breakfast with the faculty, a tour of the school, and visiting the Religion classes. It was a good visit and we are extremely grateful to Bishop Brennan for visiting us once again. My thanks to our principal, Mrs. Carol Timpone, our assistant principal, Miss Jennifer Maurer, and all our faculty, students and staff for making Bishop Brennan's pastoral visit a memorable one.

This week we also received word 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. Today's Maintenance and Repairs Collection will go toward defraying the cost of our new bathrooms so I kindly ask you to be generous in this weekend's Maintenance and Repair Collection.

Next Weekend we will have our annual Fuel Collection. I have tried my best to keep the temperature in church at 65 degrees most of the winter so that we might be able to conserve fuel and expenses. However, we are still using fuel.

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

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Psalm:
In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:
Therefore, whether it be I or they,
so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel:
Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men."
When they brought their boats to the shore,
they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

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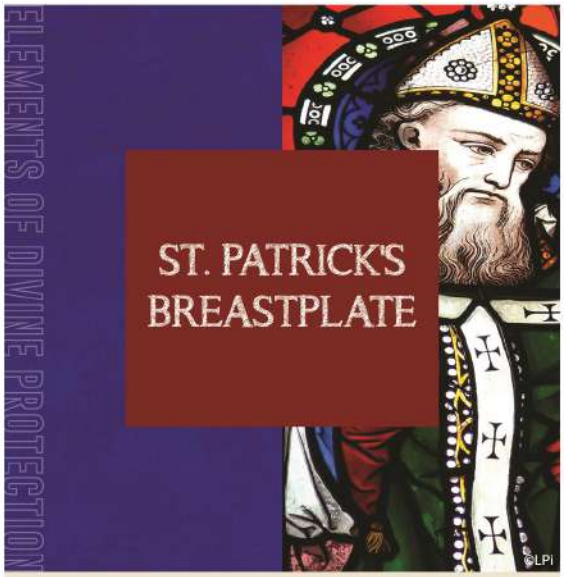
Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

"I am a sinful man," says Simon Peter as he falls to his knees before Jesus. He had doubted the Lord, had hesitated to follow his instructions. How often can the same be said of us? Remember that God knows the outcome. He knows our nets will be filled. Do not be afraid.

Observances for the week of February 9, 2025

Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day
Monday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday:	Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

St. Patrick's Breastplate is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. Its eleven sections call upon different elements of divine protection, beseeching Christ to surround the physical and spiritual reality of those who say it.

Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus,
When you call me to places where I am unfamiliar, be with me. When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me your strength. Help me to leave everything and follow you.

Amen.

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.

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.

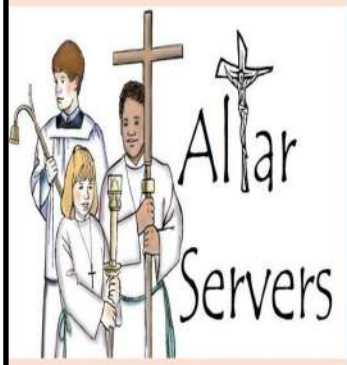
SAINT THOMAS FOOD PANTRY

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.

LENT IS COMING—ARE YOU READY?

While we have just concluded our Christmas Season, it might be a good time to remind everyone that the liturgical season of Lent will be starting in just 3 1/2 weeks. Lent arrives on March 5th.

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

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.

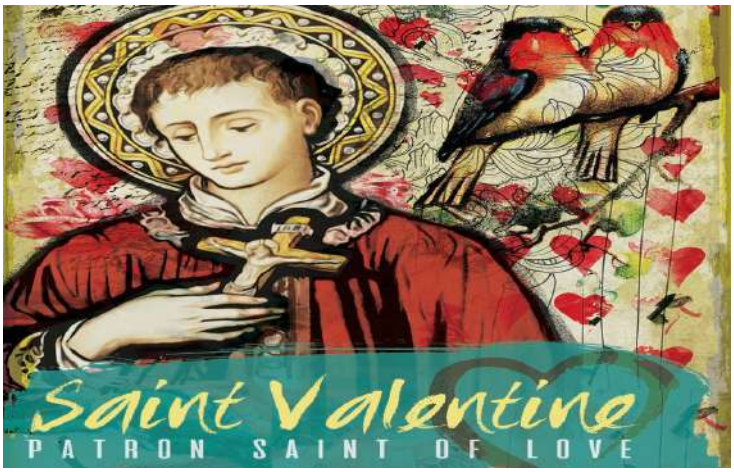
Thank you for your support.

***Just a reminder that all adults must be VIRTUS trained to attend.**

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Maintenance & Repair
February 16—Special Fuel Collection
March 2—Maintenance & Repair
March 5—Ash Wednesday

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.



This Friday, the world celebrates Valentine's Day, that day on which we get to tell that special someone how important they are to us and how grateful we are to have them in our lives. Yet the person known as Saint Valentine is really shrouded in mystery, as we don't know very much about him. We believe he was a holy priest who was beaten with clubs and beheaded because he was caught marrying Christian couples at a time when being Christian was not tolerated. Other than this, nothing is known about the man whose name people honor on February 14th each year.

"Love that leads to marriage is a gift from God and a great act of faith toward other human beings."
– Saint John Paul II

February 1-2

Offertory $5,325

Children's Collection $186

California Wild Fires $2,213

Attendance 277

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.

Candle Memorials - February 7-21

SANCTUARY LAMP:
Valentino Nicola Marinelli

OUR LADY'S ALTAR
Valentino Nicola Marinelli

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR:
Valentino Nicola Marinelli

2025 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, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Catherine Buturla
11:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli/
Nicholas Agas/Intentions of Nicole Victoria Fell

Monday, February 10, Saint Scholastica
8:30 a.m. Eddie Pacheco

Tuesday, February 11, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Della O'Meara

Wednesday, February 12, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

Thursday, February 13, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Friday, February 14, Saints Cyril and Methodius
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, February 15, Weekday
5:00 p.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli/
William Greene/Florence Campesi

Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving from Monica Rillen
11:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli/
Forence Kakeh/Maria Elia Castrillon Viveros

PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

We kindly ask the members of our parish family to remember the poor as they leave church each Sunday. The monies collected in our poor boxes are used to assist in the ministry of our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. These monies enable us to provide food, clothing, and other essential needs to people who come to us seeking assistance.

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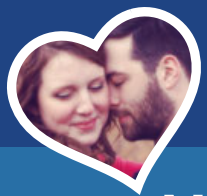

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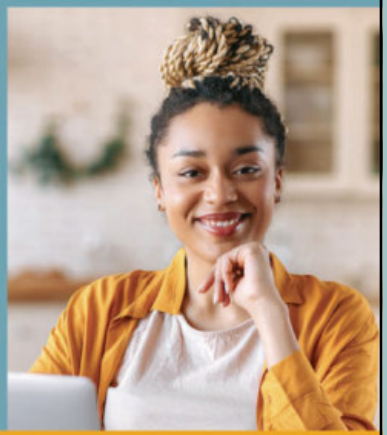

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