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 9:30 am 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.

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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

Believe it or not THIS WEDNESDAY (March 5th) we begin the liturgical season of Lent. 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. Our Gospel Choir is phenomenal and they ALWAYS do a great job leading us in song and praise! We will also celebrate Eucharist at 7:00pm for those people who might not be able to join us for our morning or afternoon celebrations. 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. Please continue to 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 "JOURNEY, 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 in the church.

We also received word recently that Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, the Bishop Emeritus of our Diocese, will be returning 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.

Work is progressing nicely on our new bathrooms being installed in the Parish Hall, unfortunately it's going to be a little longer before we see the finished product. Again, I thank you for your patience. Our beautiful pipe organ continues to give us a hard time. Now we can't seem to get the motor circulating that brings the air up into the choir loft . Of course the motor is in the basement of the parish hall, and we will require the assistance of Con Edison to hopefully get that motor working again. We have an appointment with Con Edison on March 11th. Fingers and toes crossed they are able to fix the cables down there and alleviate one of the issues with our organ. I am hoping we can get the organ back in working condition before Holy Week, but we also know it still is going to need a lot of work moving forward.

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

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Praise no one before he speaks,
for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

Psalm:
Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

Gospel:
"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." (Lk 6:45)

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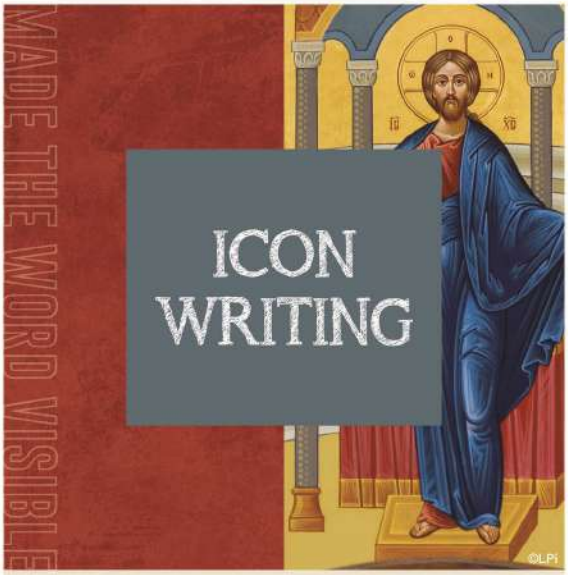
Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Remove the beam from your own eye, Jesus reminds us, before removing the splinter from your brother's. This doesn't mean we should not help each other to be holy. But holiness must come from within. If we don't have it, we can't share it. Are we looking hard enough at our own souls?

Observances for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday:	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Tuesday:	St. Casimir
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday
Friday:	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. John of God, Religious
Next Sunday:	1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins



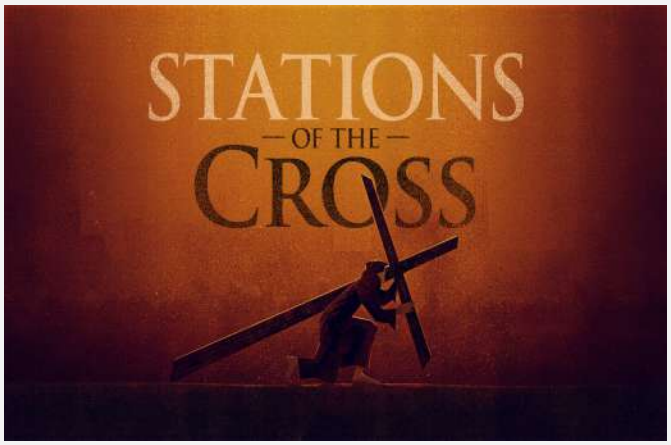
Devotions, *Explained!*

Though an icon depicts an image, it's much more than a religious picture. An icon is visual theology. It expresses the same truths written in the Gospel, but through an artistic medium, mirroring how Christ's incarnation made the Word visible to man in the flesh.

Prayer for Interior Life

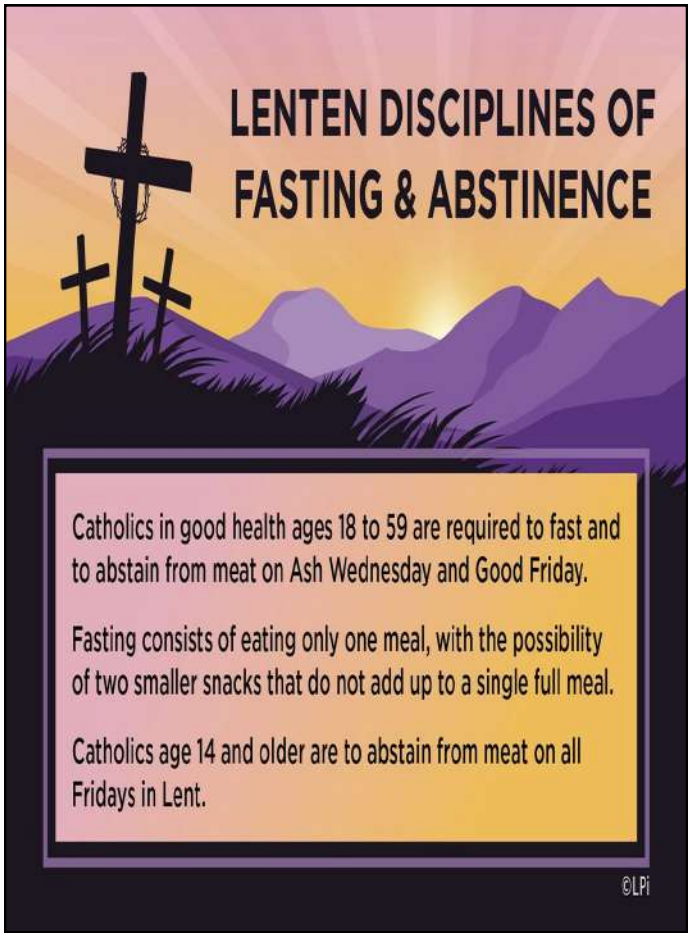
Dear Jesus,
Fill my heart so full of goodness that it produces your goodness.
Let my thoughts, words, and actions reflect you.

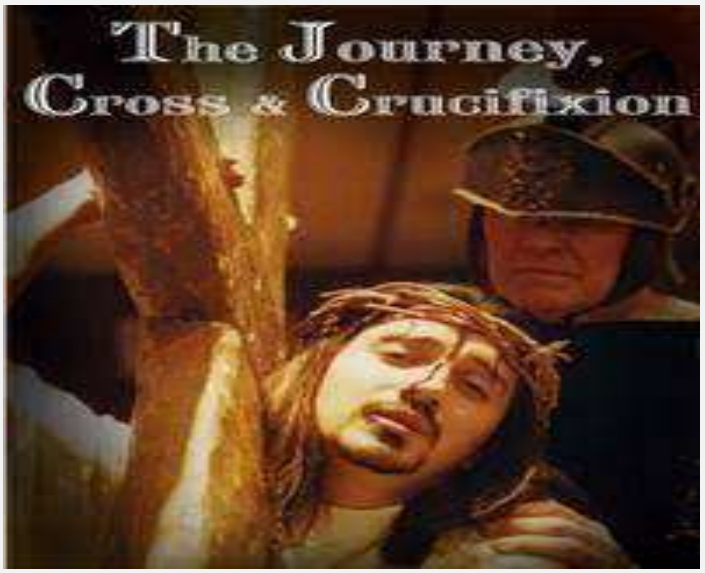
Amen.



For centuries, one common practice during the season of Lent has been the praying of the Stations of the Cross. This prayer has enabled people to walk with Jesus toward Calvary and share in His passion and death. We invite ALL members of our parish family to join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross together this Lent. Here at Saint Saviour Parish, we will pray the Stations of the Cross the following Sundays during Lent.

(March 16th; March 23rd; March 30th & April 6th) immediately following our 9:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist.





PRESENTED AT SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH ON <u>SUNDAY, MARCH 9 at 3:00 P.M.</u>

The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion is a journey back through time. It is an opportunity to walk with Christ and become one with Him. For many who have shared the Journey it is almost as if it were happening now for the first time.

The music, narration, dialogue and poignant silences all add to the power of this prayerful mediation. To be part of the Journey, Cross, and Crucifixion is to experience the complete and utter frustration devastation of Mary, the frustration of Simon, the loneliness and desolation of John, Pilate's struggle between justice and expediency and the excruciation pain and degradation Jesus suffered on the way to Calvary and His ultimate death on the Cross.

*Good Will Offering

PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

We kindly ask ALL 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. With the season of Lent fast approaching, let's ALL make a commitment to take a little more seriously one of the traditional disciplines of Lent—PRAYER, ALMSGIVING, and FASTING. Thank you so much!

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

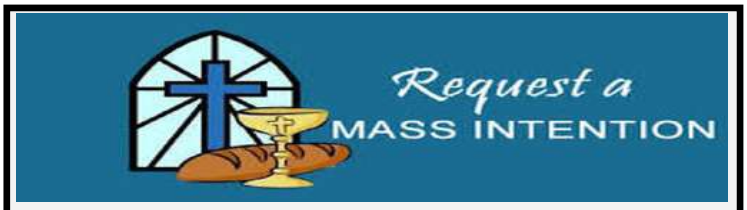
March 5—Ash Wednesday

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!

Saint Saviour Catholic Academy

Saint Saviour Catholic Academy Middle School Open House will take place on **Thursday, March 13, 2025** at 6:30 p.m. Meet school leadership, members of faculty and most importantly, our awesome student ambassadors. Learn what makes Saint Saviour the small school with the big heart. Prospective middle school students (entering 5th through 8th) are encouraged to attend.

Please visit the SSCA website www.saintsaviourcatholicacademy.org



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.

"Ash Wednesday is full of joy... The sources of all sorrow is the illusion that of ourselves we are anything but dust." - Thomas Merton

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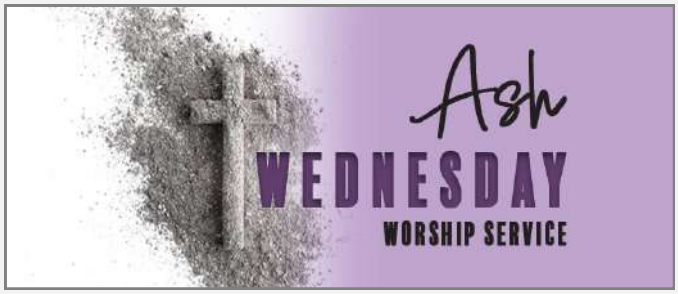
Attendance 217



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.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, March 3, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Doris Maro

Tuesday, March 4, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Katherina Roeltgen

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Msgr. Francis Schneider
12:05 p.m. Louise Mattina
7:00 p.m. Rev. Angelo B. Pezzullo

Thursday, March 6, Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Clare Rybacki

Friday, March 7, Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, March 8, Saturday after Ash Wednesday
5:00 p.m. Caroline & Bill McClintock

Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Evelio Conde/Eda M. Duggan/ Miguel Acevedo

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 and 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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