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!**

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

I would like to begin by congratulating all our girls and boys who received the Sacrament of God's Mercy and Forgiveness at their First Penance on Saturday. They all were very well-prepared and even though some of them were a little nervous, they all did a great job and we are very proud of them. My thanks to their teachers – Mrs. Bast, Miss Bandini and Sister Hilda – who did an awesome job preparing our second graders for this important Sacrament. We are blessed with dedicated and faith-filled teachers here at Saint Saviour. My thanks also to their parents for walking this journey with their children and for encouraging them daily to continuously work on their relationship with Jesus. My thanks to Deacon Paul for all his hard work in preparing our children for this special moment in their lives and for making sure everything went well with the First Penance Ceremony on Saturday. Finally, my thanks to Father Kevin for preaching the homily and reminding all our children how much Jesus loves them and how Jesus continuously invites them to follow in his footsteps. Father Kevin always does a great job preaching to our young people and getting them involved in his homily. Please continue to pray for our second graders who now will be getting ready and finalizing their preparations to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 11th. Of course, ALL the members of our parish family are invited to attend. First Holy Communion will take place at our 11:30am Mass on May 11th.

This past Wednesday we began our celebration of the liturgical season of Lent by receiving blessed ashes on our forehead and promising to do our best to turn away from sin and allow ourselves the change necessary to become the people our God has created us to be. I was extremely impressed with how many people came out and joined us for Ash Wednesday (even for our evening celebration of Eucharist while the rains were coming down heavily). Each of our three celebrations were reverent, prayerful and joy-filled. My thanks to our High School Gospel Choir who once again out-did themselves leading us in song and praise at our 12:05pm celebration of Eucharist. I was thrilled at how many young people joined us on Wednesday – not including the students from Saint Saviour Catholic Academy and Saint Saviour High School. Let us all make the most of Lent this year. Read your Bible daily. Try to attend daily Mass here or near your job. Give something up. Take something up. Join us this Sunday at 3:00pm in our church for "JOURNEY, CROSS & CRUCIFIXION," a living Stations of the Cross being presented by the theater troupe "Creative Ministries." Make an honest effort to allow these 40-days of Lent to challenge and change you to become the person God wants you to be.

Finally, I want to say a great big "THANK YOU" to Deacon Paul and his wife Leonora, for the tremendous job they did in decorating our church for this Lenten Season. I think they did a phenomenal job and our sanctuary looks spectacular – engaging us and reminding us what Lent is truly all about. As you look around the sanctuary, see if you can pick out the significance of all the objects gathered around the cross and the pulpit. Also be sure to check out the Lenten bulletin board in the vestibule of church. It contains one more challenge we can undertake throughout this Lenten Season. Remember, we only have 40-days – but it's enough for us to start with.

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

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers,
and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)

Psalm:
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

Second Reading:
For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

Gospel:
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

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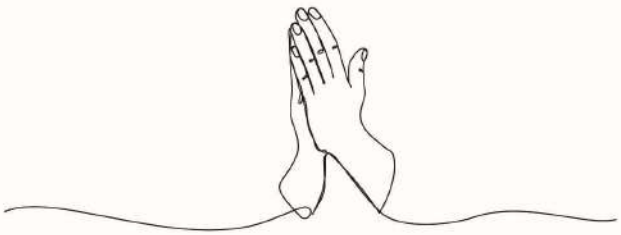
Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

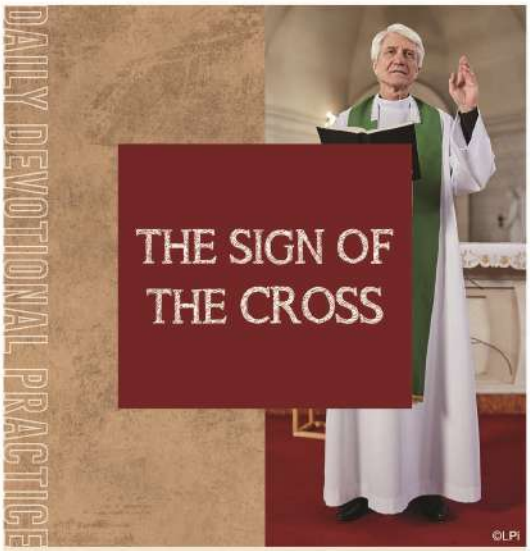
Jesus is desperately hungry when the devil tells him to turn stone into bread. But his divine will is stronger than the weakness of his human body, and he resists the devil. In this season of fasting and self-denial, let's remember Jesus' strength.

Observances for the week of March 9, 2025

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent





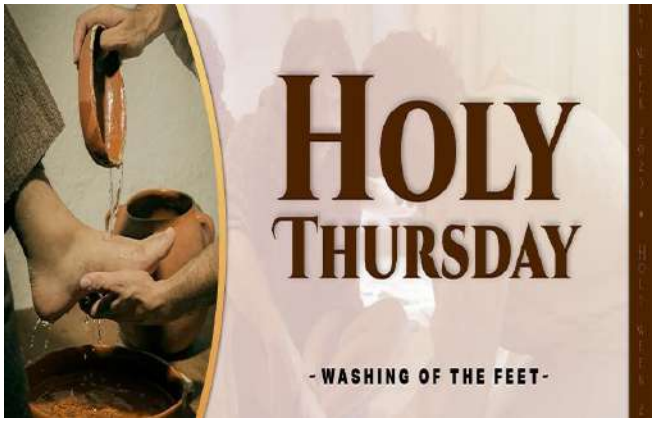
Devotions, *Explained!*

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times. It is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

Prayer of Identity

Dear God,
Claim me as Your own.
When I lose my way, remind me that I am Yours.
When I'm plagued with doubt, fill me with Your love.

Amen.



We are in need of 24 feet (that's 12 persons) for the washing of feet at the MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER on Holy Thursday evening (March 28th) beginning at 7:00 p.m. ALL types of feet are welcome to apply. Warts and bunions will not disqualify you—we are an equal opportunity employer of feet. If you are interested in being one of our foot "washees" (remember, there are only 12 openings and they are sure to go fast!), please call Father Frank at the Rectory (718) 768-4055. Please consider putting your feet in our hands!

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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!

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE & EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Easter Mass Remembrance Envelopes and are now available in each of the pews. If you wish to have a loved one remembered at each of our celebrations of Eucharist on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, please take an envelope, write their names on the envelope, enclose your offering and return it as soon as possible either in the Sunday collection or at the Rectory. In addition, we hope to decorate our church as beautifully as last Easter with various flowers around our sanctuary. If you with to make a contribution, please use one of the Easter Flower Offering Envelopes available in the back of church.

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.

Children under the age of 18 must to be accompanied by an adult.

Please RSVP now for Sunday, March 9

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.**

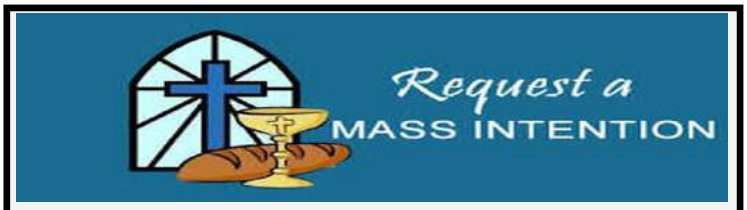
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today-Black & Native American Missions
March 16—Catholic Relief Services
March 23—Easter Gift to My Parish
March 30—Easter Flower Offering

Saint Saviour Catholic Academy

Saint Saviour Catholic Academy Middle School Open House will take place this **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.

"Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism for what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes but bite and devour our brothers." —St. John Chyrsostom

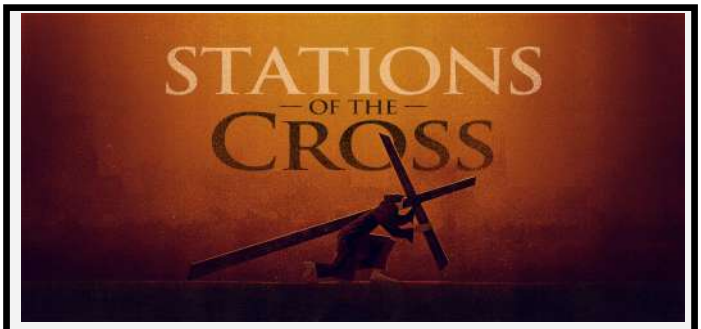
March 1-2

Offertory $5,203

Children's Collection $274

Maintenance & Repair $1,746

Attendance 236



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.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, March 10, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Sr. Kathleen Francis, OP

Tuesday, March 11, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 12, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Brian Rybarczyk

Thursday, March 13, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Bro. Ralph Darmento

Friday, March 14 , Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, March 15, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. Caroline & Bill McClintock/ Juan Martinez

Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Carol & Edward Norman
11:30 a.m. Fr. Danny Murphy

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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