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 the 9:30 am Family Mass 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

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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 FATHER FRANK

With today's celebration of Passion (Palm) Sunday, our Church begins the holiest week of its entire year. This week is different from all the rest. It has to be. This is the week in which our Lord and Saviour delivered over his spirit so that each of us might not only be forgiven of our sins—but that we might come to share in that new life that Jesus always promised to those who believe in him. This week is yet another opportunity for us to return to the Lord. For the last 40 days, we were given the opportunity to reflect upon our life and discern what it was that was preventing us from living a richer and fuller life in the knowledge and love of God. Each week at Eucharist, Jesus challenged us in terms of our response to his invitation to follow in his footsteps. Jesus brought us into the desert to remind us that temptation was always going to be a part of our life; and he showed us by example how to resist temptation and turn toward that which gives us life. Jesus also reminded us that we cannot live on bread alone—we needed to feast on God's word and allow that experience to transform us—the same way it transformed Peter, James and John on that mountain as they witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. For some of us, we felt God change and transform us, even if it was only a little bit. For others, they silently whisper to themselves, "There's always next year."

As we proceed with this holiest week of the year, allow yourself the gift of shifting gears and living your life a little differently this week. Be more attentive to the presence of God in your life. Be more attentive to the tremendous love our God has for YOU! Don't ever sell yourself short – God never does—so why should you? Allow yourself to enter into the Sacred Triduum with a clean and joyful heart. If you're feeling alienated from God, why not join us on Monday from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. as we celebrate Reconciliation Monday? Reconcile yourself with the Lord this week. If you often wonder how Jesus could ever love people like us, why not join us on Holy Thursday and Good Friday? Listen again to the story of a man who got down on his knees and washed the feet of his closest friends as a gesture of love and service commanding us to do the same. Listen again to the story of a man who willingly gave up his life so that you and I could have ours. It's a story of selfless, sacrificial love that our world so desperately needs to hear again—especially today!

That's what makes this week different from all the rest. As we are reminded in John 3:16, "for God so loved the world that God sent his only begotten Son, so that all who believe in him might not perish, but that we might have eternal life."

Have a holy and life-changing week everyone.

Father Frank

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New Yearly Training Requirement for Volunteers

In accordance with the Diocese agreement with the Attorney General of New York State, all volunteers are now required to complete yearly training. This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety of our children and well-being of everyone involved in our parishes and schools/academies.

Training Module Details

The designated training module for this year is titled **Healthy Boundaries for Adults: Boundary Development and Implementation.** This module has been carefully selected to provide essential guidance on establishing and maintaining healthy boundaries in various settings. It aims to equip volunteers with the knowledge and skills necessary to foster a safe environment for themselves and those they serve. (the module is approx. 1 hour)

Implementation Process

Every volunteer will receive access to the training module through their Virtus account and is expected to complete it within the stipulated time frame. The module includes interactive sessions, practical examples, and assessments to ensure comprehensive understanding and application of the principles taught.

Importance of Training

The yearly training is crucial for several reasons:

- Safety and Protection: It helps create a secure atmosphere by educating volunteers on how to recognize and prevent boundary violations. •
- Consistency: Regular training ensures that all volunteers remain updated on the best practices for maintaining healthy boundaries. •
- Legal Compliance: This training is a mandatory requirement as per the agreement with the Attorney General of NYS, reinforcing our commitment to legal and ethical standards.

Next Steps

Volunteers should log into their Virtus account and will be prompted to complete the training module. It is imperative that each participant takes this training seriously and fulfills the requirements to continue their valuable contributions to our community programs. Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to maintaining the highest standards of safety and care within our Diocese.

We ask that you complete this module by Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Anyone who had completed the initial live training or the 4.0 training <u>THIS YEAR</u> will be assigned new training a year the date of completion.

In addition, everyone will be asked to sign a new code of conduct.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Easter has become known as the Feast of the Divine Mercy, or more commonly, Divine Mercy Sunday. This devotion to the divine mercy of Jesus has been celebrated for many years in many different parts of the world since the 1930s, yet it wasn't until Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000, that the Sunday after Easter became known as "Divine Mercy Sunday" in the General Roman Calendar. Saint Faustina was an uneducated Polish nun who kept a diary of about 600 pages telling the story of her revelations regarding the mercy of God. Devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus challenges us to arrive at a greater understanding that the love of God is both unconditional and never-ending, and is available to ALL people - and it challenges us even further to reciprocate that love and mercy to everyone whom we encounter throughout our life's journey. Here at Saint Saviour parish, there will be veneration of the divine Mercy image and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 3:00 p.m. on (Sunday, April 27, 2025). ALL the members of our parish family are invited to attend and share in God's Divine Mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS & MASS STIPENDS

Bishop Brennan recently issued a decree stating that Mass Stipends throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn will increase from $15.00 to $20.00 beginning with any Mass intentions requested for July 1st. and beyond. Hence, if you request Masses for any time from July 1st forward, the stipend will be $20. Masses requested for any time now until June 30th will remain at $15.00 per intention. We also want everyone to know that there are opportunities for you to donate hosts, altar wine, and candles each week. The stipend for each of these remains at $25.00 for one week. If you wish to donate the altar bread, altar wine, Sanctuary Candle, St. Mary Candle or St. Joseph candle for one week—please contact Emily at the Rectory 718-768-4055 or by email: stsaviourchurch@aol.com and she will gladly memorialize any of these items in honor of a loved one or in memory of a deceased relative or friend.

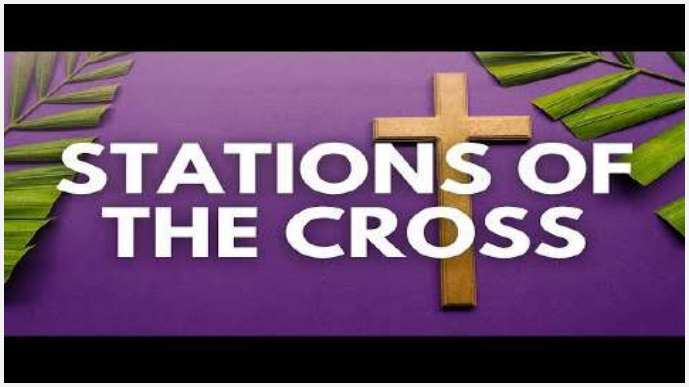
ALL the members of our parish family are invited to join us on Saturday afternoon, May 3rd, at our 5:00pm celebration of Eucharist—where Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio (the Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Brooklyn) - will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people. We will be partnering with the parish of Saint John the Evangelist—Saint Rocco and the Mass will be bi-lingual (English/Spanish). We hope ALL the members of our parish family will join us on this special day as we pray for the young people of these two parishes as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Easter Mass Remembrance
April 20—Senior Priest Collection
May 4—Maintenance & Repair



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 Children's Stations of the Cross together **on Good Friday at 12:00 noon.**

New and Re- Registration is now open for the **2025 – 2026 School** year. First time registrants, please download the Faith formation registration from our parish website. Re-registration forms were distributed to the students who are currently enrolled. **Submit all required documents and fees in an envelope** addressed ***to Deacon Paul Norman*** **and either give directly to Deacon Paul, Drop off at the Rectory during business hours, or place in the Sunday Collection basket at Mass**. Registration will continue throughout the summer months.

Please note: ***STUDENTS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEFORE THE RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION* (Grades 1 and 2 or the first two grades of the program when registering) ***AND CONFIRMATION*** (Grades 7 and 8).

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 $20.00. If you areinterested 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.

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"God spoke the loudest in the silence of Jesus on the Cross" - Hans Urs von Balthasar

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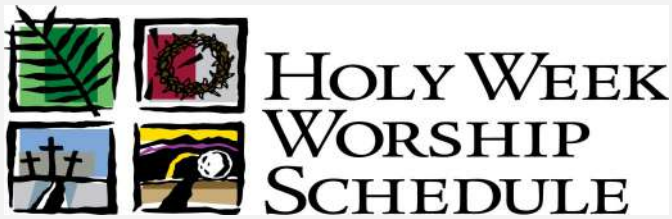
Please be advised that the rectory office will be closed Holy Thursday and Good Friday, April 17th and 18th.

April 5-6

Offertory $4,730
Children's Collection $291
Maintenance & Repair $1,356

Attendance 236



HOLY THURSDAY
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church with Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Family Mass
11:30 a.m. Choir Mass

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Claudia Lamy & Clyde Winn
11:30 a.m. John & Rosanne Curry

Monday, April 14, Monday of Holy Week
8:30 a.m. Edward & Jeanette Rybacki

Tuesday, April 15, Tuesday of Holy Week
8:30 a.m. Barbara Cahill

Wednesday, April 16, Wednesday of Holy Week
8:30 a.m. Henry O'Meara

Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 18, Friday of the Passion of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
12:00 p.m. Children's Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 19, Holy Saturday
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
8:00 p.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance
11:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Elizabeth Budgell

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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