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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Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

A FEW WORDS FROM FATHER FRANK

Happy Easter! Today is the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour—Jesus the Christ. It's hard to believe that our Lenten Journey is now complete. However, it does not mean that we forget about all the good things we tried to accomplish during Lent. Nor does it mean that we can now go back to our old way of living. Whatever changes or conversions we experienced during Lent must now continue throughout the Easter season and beyond. We must remember that Jesus has made all things new through his death and resurrection. As a result, as Saint Paul often reminds us in his letters, we are a new creation. We have been baptized in Christ. The Easter season affords us the opportunity to look beyond the ordinary and experience the risen Christ present in our midst. It's an opportunity for us to become a living witness to this resurrected Jesus—who continues to challenge us and stretch us to our limits. Many people thought that once Jesus died, so too did his mission and everything he stood for—but weren't they surprised three days later! Jesus came back to remind them that the work he began must now be continued through them—and us! That is why it is so important on this holiest of days for us to stand up and recommit ourselves to Jesus the Christ by renewing our own baptism. Once this has been accomplished, then we must follow the mandate of Jesus to go out and preach the Good News to ALL people. Like the Apostles though, we might be scared or frightened. We probably even have at least a dozen excuses lined up to get us out of actually DOING what Jesus himself did. Perhaps we have even locked ourselves in a room, afraid of the hostilities of the world outside. Yet it is the resurrected Jesus who promises us God's Spirit to give us the strength and courage we need to leave that locked room and go out into an often hostile and unwelcoming world to continue the work that was begun by Jesus. Let's try to be brave this Easter and do our best to share the Good News with those who we meet along the way. It's only in sharing our faith and belief in the risen Lord that we will successfully accomplish the work of Jesus today.

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you and your family throughout this sacred season of resurrection and new life!

Blessed Easter 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.

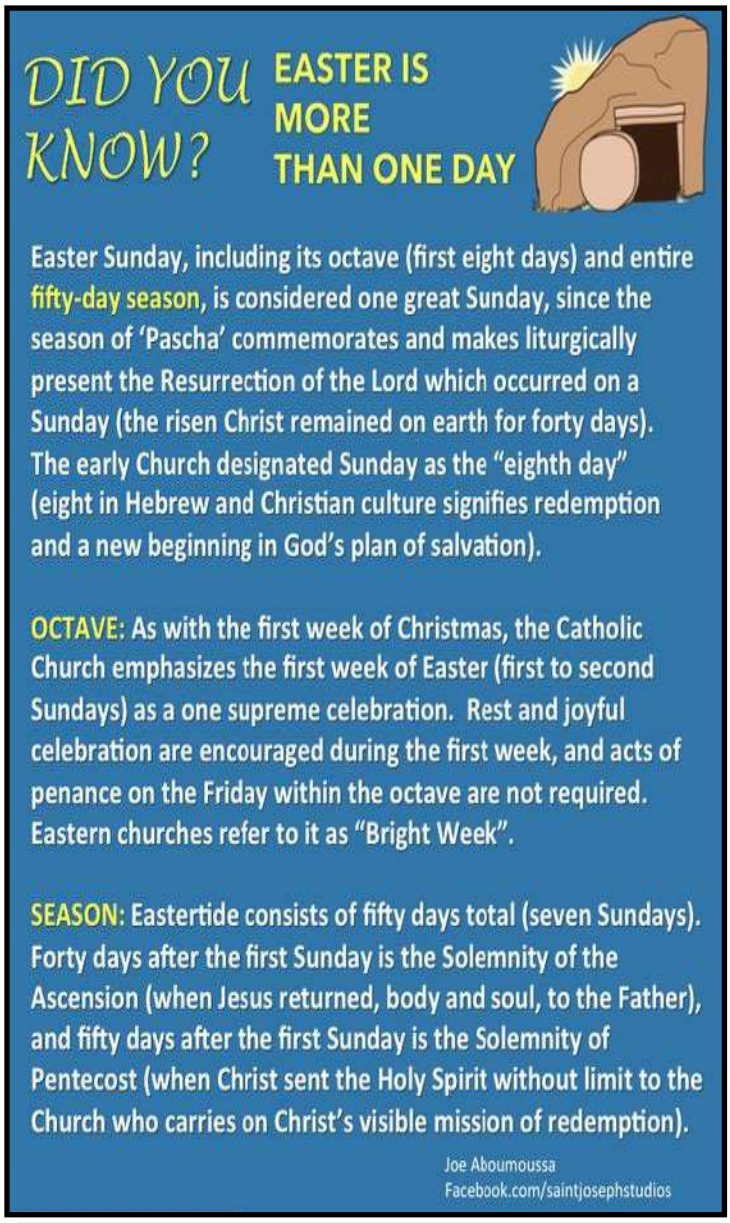
Next Steps

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.



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—Senior Priest Collection
April 27—Catholic Home Missions
May 4—Maintenance & Repair

MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to have someone (living or deceased) remembered in a special way at all of our Masses on Mother's Day weekend, please use the envelopes marked ***Mother's Day Mass Remembrance*** found in your envelope packet or in the racks at the back of church. Offering a Mass is a wonderful way to honor those whom we love and remember with fondness.

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 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.

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).

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"Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin: Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein; Invisible and visible, Their notes let all things blend, For Christ the Lord is risen Our joy that hath no end. " - Saint John of Damascus

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.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, April 21, Monday Within the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. Claire Rybacki

Tuesday, April 22, Tuesday Within the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. Gene Rybacki

Wednesday, April 23, Wednesday Within the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. Carmine & Maria Fischetti

Thursday, April 24, Within the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. Matilde DeAngelis

Friday, April 25, Friday Within the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, April 26, Saturday Within the Octave of Easter
5:00 p.m. Jenny Fitzpatrick

Sunday, April 27, Second Sunday of Easter
9:30 a.m. Shelly LaFauci
11:30 a.m. Intentions of Lauren Frommer & Pat Munjack

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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