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 OUR PASTOR

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who came out last Sunday afternoon and joined us for "IT IS FINISHED," a Lenten experience offered by the Glenn Mohr Chorale highlightiong the last days of Jesus' life in song, gesture and reflection. I have worked with the Glenn Mohr Chorale since my time as pastor of Saint Brendan Parish (where the Chorale began more than 30 years ago) and I am always extremely grateful that they continue to accept my invitation to join us here at Saint Saviour various times throughout the year to share with us their love and talent for sacred music and our Catholic Faith. The feedback has been positive and I am so happy that many people were moved by the experience and that it helped them enter more fully into this Lenten Season of conversion and grace. Again, I must be honest here – I do wish more people would have been able to join us last week. I realize everyone leads busy lives – but our faith-lives deserve the same amount of attention as the other activities we deem so important.

Don't forget that each Sunday we pray the Stations of the Cross immediately following our 9:30am Family Mass. ALL the members of our parish family are invited to come and pray with us. This week our 7th and 8th graders from our Faith Formation Program will join us as we walk with Jesus during the final hours of his life – from the moment he was condemned to death to the moment he was placed in the tomb. For anyone who might wish to join us in this prayer and devotion – simply meet us at the First Station at the conclusion of our Family Mass on Sunday morning. We will NOT be praying the Stations of the Cross next Sunday as it is Passion (Palm) Sunday and our Masses will be a little longer than usual.

As we begin the Fifth Week of Lent today, I hope everyone is taking this period of time seriously and working on their relationship with God this Lent. I personally cannot believe we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey. It seems like only yesterday we were gathered for Ash Wednesday beginning the Lenten Season and I reminded everyone that these 40 days were going to fly by quicker than the blink of an eye – and sure enough they have. As I have said here countless times, there is much truth to the adage the older we get the faster time seems to fly by.

The schedule of Masses and Liturgies for Holy Week has been in our parish bulletin for several weeks now. I hope you have cut it out and placed it on your refrigerator or bulletin board and are planning on joining us for each of these celebrations. The Liturgies of Holy Week are the most prayerful and beautiful liturgies of the entire Church year, and many people are working very hard already to make sure they are done prayerfully and reverently. Please block out time each day and plan on joining us during Holy Week. My thanks to the 12 people who have volunteered to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday, and my thanks to all the children and teens who have volunteered to be a part of our Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12:00 noon. The excitement and enthusiasm of our young people is truly inspiring. My thanks to Sister Mary and Miss Bandini for coordinating and working together on this special devotion that will take place on Good Friday in our church beginning at 12:00 noon.

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

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.

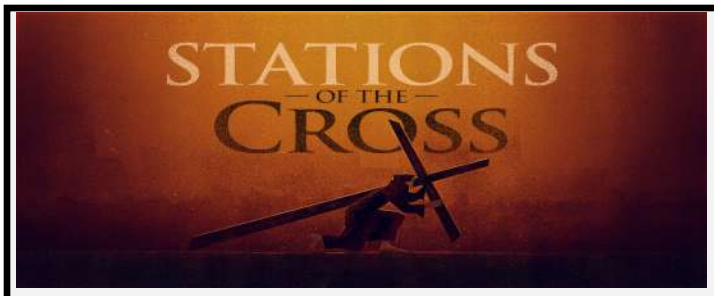
Next Steps

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.



For centuries, one common practice during the 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.

(April 6th) immediately following our 9:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Maintenance & Repair
April 13—Easter Mass Remembrance
April 20—Senior Priest Collection

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

This year our diocese will once again celebrate Reconciliation Monday on April 14, 2025, which is the Monday of Holy Week. We will have confession here at St. Saviour from 2:00—4:00 p.m. AND 6:00—8:00 p.m. As in the past, we hope this will be a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to participate in this great Sacrament of Healing.

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.

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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!

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves." -St. Francis de Sales

March 29-30

Offertory $4,872
Children's Collection $182
Easter Flowers $737

Attendance 304

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Candle Memorials - April 11-18

SANCTUARY LAMP:
Anthony Russo
OUR LADY'S ALTAR
Anthony Russo
ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR:
Anthony Russo

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Joseph Campesi
11:30 a.m. The People of the Parish

Monday, April 7, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Rev. Alfred Blaeser

Tuesday, April 8, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Rev. Charles J. Matonti

Wednesday, April 9, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Lorraine Foley

Thursday, April 10, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Frank Pacheco

Friday, April 11, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, April 12, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. Anthony Russo

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Msgr. Rocco Villani
11:30 a.m. John & Rosanne Curry

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: stsavoiurchurch@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.

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