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

Mrs. Carolann Timpone, **Principal**
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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 congratulating all the children from Saint Saviour Parish who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday morning during our 11:30am celebration of Eucharist. It was an absolutely beautiful celebration. Our children were well prepared and looked spectacular in their First Communion outfits. It was also an honor for them to receive their First Holy Communion from Bishop Raymond Chappetto. He was so happy to be here at Saint Saviour and he even met with and spoke to our second graders before Mass and answered any questions they had in addition to sharing with them just how important their First Holy Communion Day was in their life. Bishop Chappetto also covered a lot of ground in his homily by reminding us all how the Body of Christ nourishes and strengthens us to be strong and faithful followers of Jesus the Christ. My thanks once again to Mrs. Bast, Sister Hilda and Miss Bandini for preparing our young people for this important Sacrament and for being there with our students every step of their sacramental journey. We pray that the Body of Christ strengthen them every day of their lives and enable them to continue to grow closer to Jesus throughout their life. We are very proud of our young people.

THIS WEEKEND I will be preaching at each of our celebrations of Eucharist on the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. This annual Appeal conducted by our Diocese provides financial assistance for a number of services and agencies that serve the people of the Diocese of Brooklyn. The goal assigned to Saint Saviour Parish this year is $58,410.00. I am grateful to the 27 parishioners who have already made a pledge toward the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. These 27 pledges amount to $26,763.00, yet as of today only 10% of our parish has made a pledge. It is my hope this year that 100% of the parishioners of Saint Saviour Parish will make a pledge in this year's Annual Appeal. I am happy to say I have already made my pledge, and I hope as many of you as possible will make a pledge as well in the coming weeks. By participating in the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, each of us enable essential ministries to serve the poor, support Catholic Faith Formation and Education, strengthen parish life, support vocations and our retired priests who have served us most faithfully for many years, and bring the Gospel to those who need it most. To those of you who have already made a pledge – I thank you from the bottom of my heart; to those of you who have not yet made a pledge, I pray that after my talk this weekend you will consider making a pledge and participating in this important campaign. Once again, Bishop Brennan has agreed that once a parish has reached its assigned goal, ever penny raised over that goal will be returned to the parish. Here at Saint Saviour Parish, we intend to use all monies collected over our assigned goal to assist in the payment of having a new roof put on our beautiful church. We all know that our roof is in bad shape and is in desperate need of being replaced sooner rather than later. So please be generous and consider making a pledge in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. You will not only be assisting in the work of our Diocese, but you will also be helping YOUR parish with a vital and necessary repair project that cannot be put off any longer.

Finally, as you leave church today, we have prayer cards for everyone in honor of our new Holy Father – Pope Leo XIV. My thanks to our friends at Joseph G. Duffy Funeral Home for donating these beautiful prayer cards to the people of our parish family.

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

Father Frank

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Each year, **St. Saviour** partners with the Diocese of Brooklyn in the Annual Catholic Appeal, which funds essential Catholic programs across Brooklyn and Queens. This initiative profoundly impacts countless individuals and families in our communities while benefiting our parish. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we support vital programs that no single parish could sustain on its own.

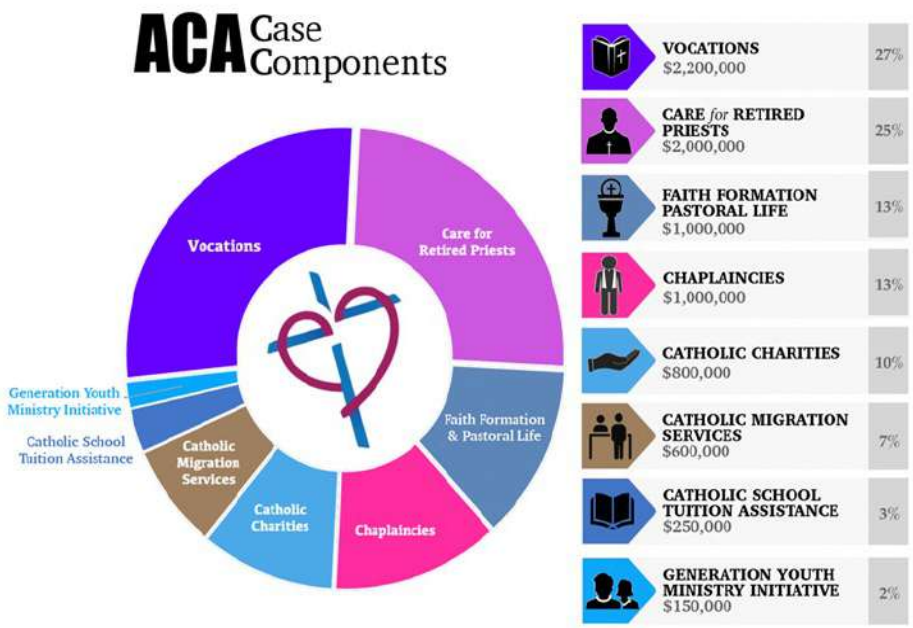
Why is your participation important?

As disciples of Jesus at St. Savior**,** we recognize that our commitment to our parish extends to the diocese, which unites us with the broader Catholic community as one body in Christ.

When one part of the body is absent, the whole body feels the impact, making it harder to thrive. In the same way, your participation in this Appeal, beyond your regular Sunday offering, directly affects **St. Saviour's** ability to carry out Christ's mission while ensuring we receive the essential support that connects us to the larger Catholic Church.

We invite you to stand with us as a Church united in communion and charity across Brooklyn and Queens by making a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal today at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or by texting **DONATE** to **917-336-1255**.

What does the Annual Catholic Appeal Support?



The Annual Catholic Appeal aims to raise a minimum of $8 million to fund essential programs and ministries across the Diocese while supporting the local initiatives of parishes like ours.

At St. Saviour**,** our goal is $58,410

Once we surpass this goal, 100% of the additional funds raised will be returned directly to our parish.

If you have any questions about the Annual Catholic Appeal or would like to schedule an appointment to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Office at

(718) 768-4055.

Jubilee of **Hope**, **Renewal** of **Faith** and **Charity**

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
And when they arrived, they called the church together
and reported what God had done with them
and how he had opened the door of faith to the
Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm:
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
(Ps 145) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God."
(Rv 21:4)

Gospel:
I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.
(Jn 13:34)

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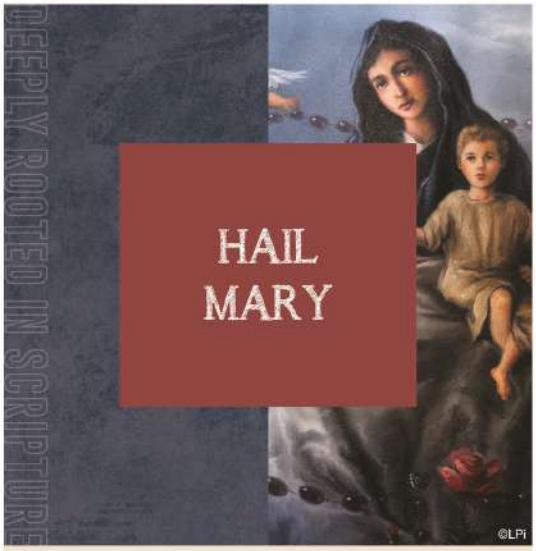
Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.

Observances for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday of Easter



Devotions, *Explained!*

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known.
May Your love be our standard for love.
May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world.
May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness.
Amen.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Catholic Communication
May 29—Ascension Offering
June 1—Maintenance & Repair
June 29—Peter's Pence Collection

Father's Day Mass Remembrance

Just a reminder for you to return your Father's Day Mass Remembrance Envelopes as soon as possible so that your Dad (living or deceased) can be remembered at each of our celebrations of Eucharist on Father's Day weekend (June 14th & June 15th). Envelopes are available at each of the front doors to the church, as well as in the Sacristy. We'll also have a few in the Rectory as well. There is no better way to remember our Dads than by remembering them in prayer at each of our celebrations of Eucharist on Father's Day weekend.

OFFERING FOR

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Church Sanctuary Lamp

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Saint Joseph Candle

Altar Hosts & Wine

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).

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.

"What does it cost us to say, 'My God help me! Have mercy on me!' Is there anything easier than this? And this little will suffice to save us if we be diligent in doing it."– St. Alphonsus Liguori

Stewardship

MAY 10-11

Offertory $5,111

Children's Collection $267

Attendance 451

Wednesday, May 28th

Vigil 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 29th

8:30 AM

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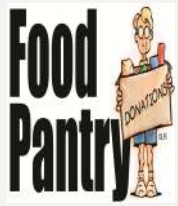

Please continue to support the food pantry at St. Thomas Aquinas. We are especially in need of hot cereal, soup and toiletries, but whatever you give will be most appreciated!

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:30 a.m. Kaye Timoney
11:30 a.m. Elaine Cappiello/Aida Conde/ Juan Rivera

Monday, May 19, Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Dan & Nancy Kinane

Tuesday, May 20, Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Elaine Cappiello

Wednesday, May 21, Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Kaye Timoney

Thursday, May 22, Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Michael & Margaret Flannery

Friday, May 23, Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish

Saturday, May 24, Easter Weekday
5:00 p.m. Kaye Timoney/Anthony Russo/ Patricia DeTora

Sunday, May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:30 a.m. Cesar, Che & Debbie Ortiz
11:30 a.m. Jeronimo Acuna/Fina Carrazana

PRAYERS *for the* HOMEBOUND

Elizabeth Budgell
Mary Reilly
Nelista Skerrett

Know a parishioner having trouble getting to church?
Email us their name and we will place them on our prayer list for 3 weeks.
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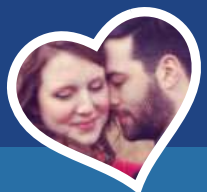

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