CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR

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WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST:

WEEKEND MASSES

5:00 pm: Saturday Evening
10:30 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**
TEL 718.768.4406 · WEB www.stsaviour.org

ST. SAVIOUR CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Mr. Dean J. Fusto, M.A.T., M.A., **President**
Mr. Matthew Artigas, **Principal**
TEL 718.768.8000
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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

Last Sunday the Church around the world celebrated the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ). Our celebration of Eucharist last Sunday at 10:30am (remember we are now on our summer Mass schedule) was an absolutely beautiful and prayerful celebration honoring the Body of Christ. Deacon Paul gave a phenomenal homily about the importance of this feast day in the life of the Church and the challenge it presents to each of us as we continue to live out our lives as the Body of Christ in our world today. I am grateful to those students who received their First Holy Communion last month and were able to join us last week wearing their First Holy Communion outfits and who joined us in our Eucharistic Procession at the conclusion of Mass. They certainly gave witness to our community as the youngest members of our parish community who recently just received the Body of Christ for the first time. My thanks to Sister Mary for coordinating them and being with them throughout last Sunday's celebration. It was a very moving, prayerful and reverent experience for all the members of our parish family who were able to join us last Sunday. Our procession around the church with the Blessed Sacrament was truly a moving and reverent experience for so many people. May we all continue to do our best to become the Body of Christ in our world today!

TODAY the Church honors the memory of two great Apostles – Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Saint Austine reminds us that *"this day has been made holy by the passion of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul."* The Opening Prayer from the Mass today tells us that *"through them the Church first received the faith."* Both Peter and Paul were fearless defenders of the faith and stood up for what they believed in, even to the point of death. They were both extraordinary leaders – even though they disagreed at times – encouraging their communities to remain faithful to Jesus the Christ who saved them. They did not allow difficulties or persecution to slow them down in their zeal for the Christ or in their preaching of the Gospel. Both men were chosen by Jesus to preach the Good News. Peter was the acknowledged spokesman of the Apostles. He undertook enormous hardships and fearlessly faced persecution. He was a man of action – particularly as a result of his love for Jesus. Paul started out as a persecutor of the Church. Yet during his conversion experience (which Saint Luke speaks about 3x in his book Acts of the Apostles), he came to recognize the Christ, and became a staunch defender of the Gospel from that day forward. His life, his example and his letters have been the inspiration for the preaching of the Church since. These men came from two different worlds, yet both were brought together by their common love for Jesus the Christ. To return to Saint Augustine once more, *"These martyrs realized what they taught, they pursued justice, they confessed truth, and they died for it."* One of the things we can learn from Saints Peter and Paul is that we too have been chosen by the Christ to preach the Gospel. We all have a share in preaching Christ crucified and raised from the dead. The question that lies before us though is: "Am I ready to do it?"

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

Father Frank

MISSION APPEAL 2025

Fr. Expedit will preach a mission appeal at Saint Saviour Church the weekend of July 19-20 to help support St. Mary's Elementary Primary School located in central Uganda in Eastern Africa. Your generosity is appreciated.

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN UGANDA

St. Mary's Elementary Primary School is located in a rural area in central Uganda in Eastern Africa. It is a Catholic-founded school under the Diocese of Lugazi Catholic Diocese. It serves children of poor peasant farmers who mostly depend on the crops from their gardens for food, tuition, and other essential needs like medical care, clothing, etc.

The school was started in January 2008 to help the children who were walking eight miles a day to get an education from a Catholic school at the parish. With the help of donors, we have gradually been able to put up classrooms and a teacher's residence. Currently, the enrollment in the school is 263 children and 13 teachers.

The main goal of this appeal to you is to enable us to have a decent kitchen, food store, and a shed where the children can sit down for lunch. Right now, we are using a makeshift kitchen and store. The children then sit under the trees and on the verandah to have their lunch. When it rains, they have to use the classrooms for lunch.

We look forward to meeting you.

Fr. Expedit

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Peter's Pence Collection
July 6—Maintenance & Repair
July 20—Mission Appeal

Saint Saviour Catholic Academy - Summer EXCEL Youth Leadership & Entrepreneurship

The EXCEL (*Excellence in Entrepreneurship and Leadership*) program provides 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students a safe, challenging, and affirming environment to learn and refine their leadership and innovation skills. Dean J. Fusto, author and designer of youth leadership labs across the globe, is excited to bring this 2-week immersive experience to our Saint Saviour campus. Students will be guided through a rigorous process that teaches them how to confidently bring an idea they are passionate about from "seed to flower." EXCEL includes real-world, contextualized practice in building organizational, time management, project management, public speaking, strategic marketing, and research skills. Upon successful completion, students will receive a certificate of completion, and have their product or company logos featured in future school media. The cohort experience culminates in a student-led EXPO conference where all final pitches and projects will be unveiled to an audience. Space is limited. Please register here Summer EXCEL COHORT APPLICATION

GOING ON VACATION?

Remember, St. Savoiur Parish still needs your weekly offering! While you are on vacation our bills still keep coming! Our church needs YOU to help support the preaching of the Gospel, its administration of the Sacraments, keeping its lights on all summer, and helping us teach our children about God. Without your Weekly Offering we could not accomplish all that we do. Thank you for your weekly donations!

Also, while vacationing this summer, be sure to include your weekly Mass obligation in your plans. For Mass schedules around the United States, go to www.masstimes.org. Now there can be no more excuses why you cannot attend Mass while you are on vacation!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025
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As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. We are grateful to the 43 donors who have already made a generous commitment to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. **Parish Goal:** $58,410

Raised: $37,788

You may also make your gift online now at **annualcatholicappeal.org**
or text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255** or call 718-965-7375 and have a pledge card mailed to your home.

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Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. **The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.**

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.

Take Action!

Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit **bit.ly/veto-pas** or use the QR code.

The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.
www.nyscatholic.org • 518-434-6195 • info@nyscatholic.org

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).

OFFERING FOR ALTAR MEMORIALS

$25 per week

Church Sanctuary Lamp
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Altar Hosts & Wine

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!

"One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation, evermore!"
— Oliver Wendell Holmes

Please be advised that the rectory office will be closed this Friday, **July 4th** for Independence Day.

Stewardship

June 21-22

Offertory $3,996

Children's Collection $211

Attendance 188

SAVE THE DATE

This year our own Deacon Paul celebrated his 10th Anniversary of Ordination as a Deacon. We will be celebrating this special occasion as a parish family on Sunday, October 5th. We will have one Mass this day at 10:30 a.m. followed by a parish brunch to congratulate and thank Deacon Paul for his 10 years of service as a Deacon. All are welcome to attend.

MASS TIME CHANGE FOR SUMMER UNTIL LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY—5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY—10:30 A.M.

NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 6-7

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, June 29, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
10:30 a.m. Jeronimo Acuna/Mary Flannery/ Emily McCormick

Monday, June 30, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Rose Spacek

Tuesday, July 1, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Catherine Wallace

Wednesday, July 2, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Agnes Bomford

Thursday, July 3, Saint Thomas, Apostle
8:30 a.m. Mary Reilly

Friday, July 4, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish

Saturday, July 5, Weekday
5:00 p.m. William & Christina Greene

Sunday, July 6, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Intentions of Monica Rillen

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.

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