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 are celebrated 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
WEB www.saintsaviourcatholicacademy.org

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

This week was an incredibly busy and non-stop week here at Saint Saviour. Both our Academy and our High School are back in full-swing and our students look like they are actually happy and excited to be back. We are blessed once again with great teachers and support staff in both our schools and we look forward to another wonderful school year.

On Monday evening we had a great meeting in the Rectory with a handful of wonderful parishioners to finalize planning for our celebration on Sunday, October 5th, to honor, thank and congratulate Deacon Paul on the 10th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate. Deacon Paul has served us faithfully these last 5+ years as our Director of Faith Formation and Parish Deacon. Don't forget that on Sunday, October 5th, there will be ONLY ONE MASS THAT DAY at 10:30am, followed by our gathering in the Parish Hall to honor Deacon Paul.

On Tuesday afternoon, all the pastors of our Deanery met here at Saint Saviour with Bishop Witold Mroziewski, one of our auxiliary bishops here in the Diocese of Brooklyn. We shared a great lunch in the dining room, priestly fraternity and several good conversations about the future here within the Diocese of Brooklyn. While we do not know what the future holds, we do know that with the increasing shortage of priests, declining numbers of parishioners and ever-aging and problematic buildings, things in our Diocese will probably look a little different in the next 5-10 years.

On Wednesday, Deacon Paul and myself met with all our Catechists. We are blessed to have such a great group of people who have volunteered their time, talent and faith to educate our young people in the Catholic Faith and assist them to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Deacon Paul will continue to register young people for this year's Children's Faith Formation Program. Simply see him after Mass or send him an email to register your child or grandchild ASAP! Remember, any child who is NOT attending a Catholic School or Catholic Academy MUST be enrolled in and attend Faith Formation Classes each week. We begin each week as a Parish Family attending the 9:30am Family Mass and then continue with formal instructions in the high school building. Don't forget that FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY WITH OUR FAMILY MASS at 9:30am!

On Thursday morning, our parish welcomed back Bishop Raymond Chappetto, who celebrated our Opening School Mass with the students from both our Academy and our High School. Bishop Chappetto was so happy to return to Saint Saviour and lead us in prayer as we begin another school year. I personally think he gave a phenomenal homily to our students about the importance of allowing themselves to become the people God created them to be, and he offered the example of our newest saint, Saint Carlo Acutis, who died of leukemia at the age of 15. Bishop Chappetto also emphasized the importance of the Eucharist in our lives, and how Saint Carlo believed receiving the Eucharist (the Body of Christ) was his "highway to heaven," and even shared how Saint Carlo used his skills with the computer to create websites documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world. We were so blessed to have Bishop Chappetto with us again, and he was blown-away by how phenomenal our High School Gospel Choir lead us all in song. We really are blessed!

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

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD
and you.
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:
Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:
He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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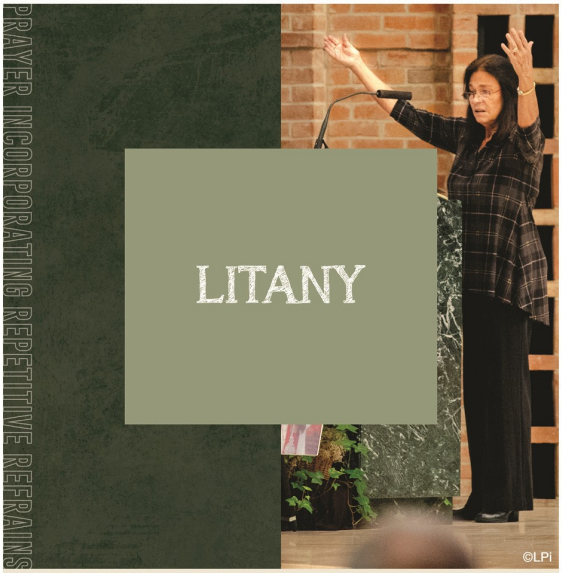
Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
Friday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

Prayer of Love

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways today,
to understand the love You have for me,
to take that love deeply into myself,
and to act from that love.
Amen.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Maintenance & Repair
September 21—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fund
September 28—Summer catch-up collection

Join us at Saint Saviour

As we "Bless all God's Creatures Big & Small"
For the Feast of Saint Francis

Saturday, October 4th, at 3 PM
In front of the Rectory

WeShare

Visit our website:
www.stsaviourchurch.org
and click "Give online."
Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
Click Recurring Donation
Enter your donation amount and frequency.
Once you've added your information, donations will automatically deduct from your account.
It's that easy!

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 85 donors who have already made a generous commitment to the 2025Annual Catholic Appeal.

Parish Goal: $58,410
Raised: $78,218

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.

the Save 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.

SPECIAL SUMMER VACATION/ CATCH-UP COLLECTION

On the weekend of September 27-28, our Second Collection will be our annual "WELCOME BACK—SUMMER VACATION CATCH-UP COLLECTION." We kindly ask any of our parishioners who might have been away throughout the summer to consider "catching-up on their weekly offering. As many of you saw through the summer, our crowds in church were thin and our weekly collections were reflective of our low attendance. Please be generous in this special collection.

PLEASE PRAY *for the* HOMEBOUND

- **Nelista Skerrett**
- **Xiao Xiao Pan**

Know a parishioner having trouble getting to church? Email us their name and how many weeks they should remain on the list: stsaviourchurch@aol.com

If no email access, please call: **Emily SanPietro** 718-768-4055

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Eucharistic/Homebound Ministry

Volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister to your homebound family member or friend:

Gillian Winn — gilliann_cw@msn.com
John Parham — john@parhamsantana.com

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).

SAINT SAVIOUR MINISTRIES
Grow with us!

Our ministries offer parishioners the opportunity to contribute to the life of our community both in church and beyond. Please consider joining a ministry and participate more fully in the celebration of our faith.

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Hospitality Ministry
Nelson Conde
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Ministry of the Word – Lectors
Craig Jordan
murrayandjordan@gmail.com

Music Ministry – Choir
Nicholas Nicassio
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Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach
Dave Beaudry
davebeaudry@gmail.com

Eucharistic/Homebound Ministry
Gilliann Winn John Parham
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OFFERING FOR ALTAR MEMORIALS

$25 per week

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Blessed Mother Candle

Saint Joseph Candle

Altar Hosts & Wine

Food Pantry

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!

"In difficult moments, I will fix my gaze upon the silent Heart of Jesus stretched on the Cross, and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting." – St. Faustina

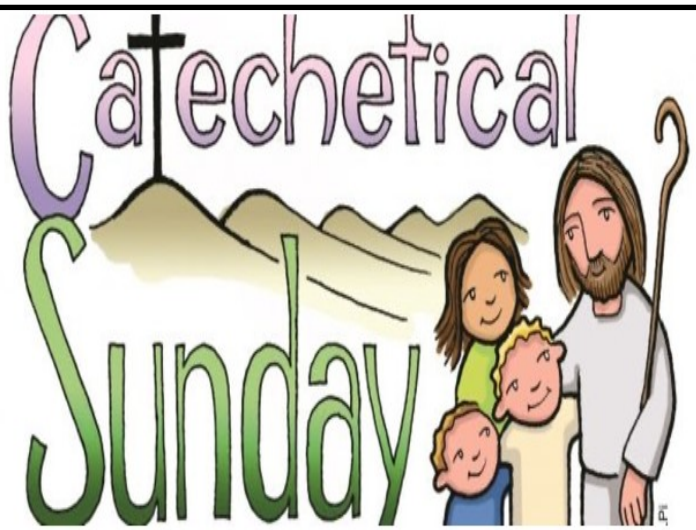
September 6-7

Offertory $6,240

Children's Collection $164

Catholic University $370

Attendance 259



Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on **September 21** at our 9:30am Family Mass. This day is dedicated to honoring and commissioning our catechists, individuals who teach the Catholic faith, and to reflect on the role of each person in passing on the faith. The theme for 2025 is ***"Always be ready to give an explanation... for a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15).***

Candle Memorials - September 19-24

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Bridget Griffin

OUR LADY'S ALTAR

Bridget Griffin

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR:

Bridget Griffin

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9:30 a.m. Claudia Lamy
11:30 a.m. Kay Timoney/Victims of 9/11

Monday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
8:30 a.m. Judy Hoffmann

Tuesday, September 16, Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
8:30 a.m. Patrick John Griffin

Wednesday, September 17, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Bridget Griffin

Thursday, September 18, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Hong Jaeeog

Friday, September 19, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Maria & Carmine Fischetti

Saturday, September 20, Weekday
5:00 p.m. Mary Coughlin (100th Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, September 21, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Gabriella Marion Roykovich Bach
11:30 a.m. Ernesto Conde/Celia Rivera/Pedro Conde

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.