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

Where did the summer go? It seems like only yesterday that I was sitting in a hot church for high school and academy graduation ceremonies and now I am here typing this letter and our students and faculty have returned to school and we are beginning yet another school and pastoral year. While their parents are rejoicing in this wondrous event, I am confident our children and teens do not share their parents joy. I am reminded of a wonderful television commercial that first aired back in 1996 around this time of year with a father jumping and dancing while pushing a shopping cart through STAPLES and filling it with school supplies while his son and daughter walked behind him with their heads cast down looking very sad and melancholy – all while the late singer Andy Williams sings the opening stanza of his hit Christmas song *"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year."* Do you remember that commercial? It's available to watch on YouTube if any parents wish to get a chuckle out of a very clever and real-life experience of back-to-school shopping.

THIS WEEKEND, Deacon Paul will be holding "IN-PERSON REGISTRATION" for this year's Children's Faith Formation Program downstairs in the Parish Hall immediately following our 9:30am celebration of Eucharist. 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 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th WITH OUR FAMILY MASS at 9:30am!

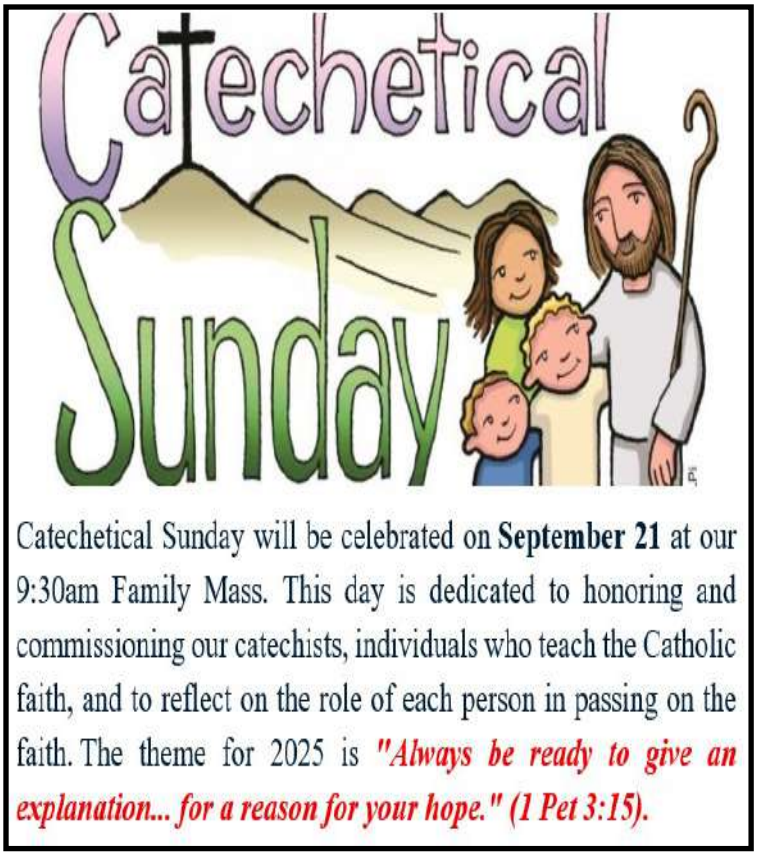
NEXT WEEKEND, September 14th, we will also be having our annual "BLESSING OF BACKPACKS" at the 9:30am Family Mass. We invite ALL our children and teens from our Parish Family to bring their backpacks (or whatever you might use as your school bag) to the 9:30am Mass for a special blessing as we begin another school year. You can check out the ad in this week's parish bulletin for further details and all our young people will also be receiving a special gift following our blessing of backpacks.

We will celebrate CATECHIST SUNDAY here at Saint Saviour on Sunday, September 21st, at our 9:30am Family Mass. This is our opportunity as a parish to recognize, honor and thank ALL those people from our parish who are volunteering their time, talent and faith with the young people of our Parish Family. Deacon Paul has been working very hard this summer putting together this year's Faith Formation Program and I am extremely grateful for his dedication, work ethic, creativity and commitment to the children, teenagers and people of Saint Saviour Parish Family.

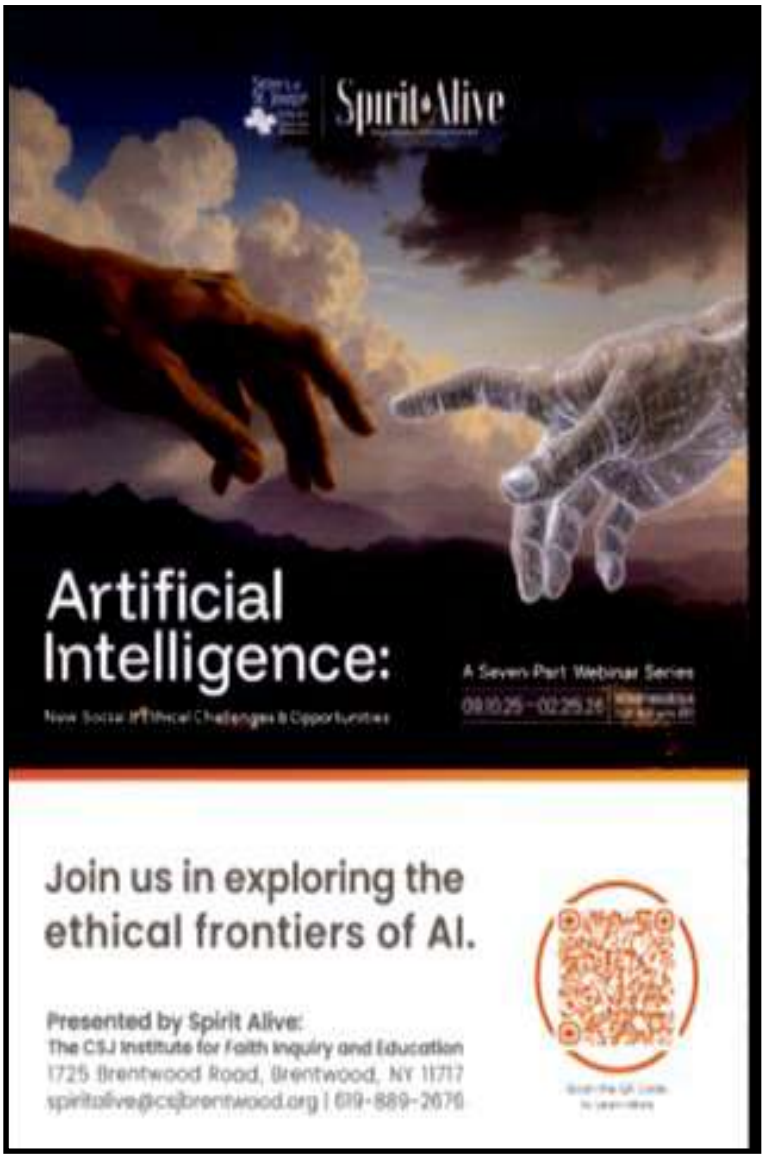
Finally, my thanks to everyone who has made a pledge toward the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. So far, only 32% of our parish has made a pledge. We need the other 68% of our parish to prayerfully consider making a pledge NOW! Pledge forms are available in all the pews and in the vestibule, or you can scan the QR code on the ACA posters in the vestibule or at the side door of our church. Thank You!!

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

Father Frank



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).***



SAVE THE DATE

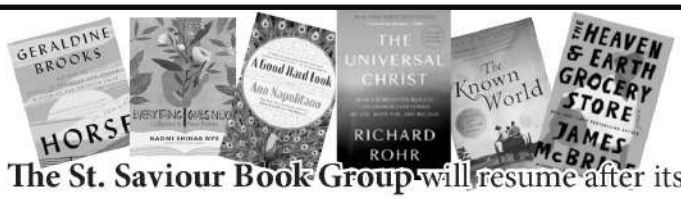
This year our own Deacon Paul celebrated his 10th Anniversary of Ordination as a Deacon. We will be celebrating this special occasion as a parish family on Sunday, October 5th. We will have one Mass this day at 10:30 a.m. followed by a parish brunch to congratulate and thank Deacon Paul for his 10 years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

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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Catholic University of America
September 14—Maintenance & Repair
September 21—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fund
September 28—Summer catch-up collection



The St. Saviour Book Group will resume after its summer break on Wednesday evening, September 10th. The group generally meets the first Wednesday of each month, in person, until the weather turns cold, and on Zoom thereafter. At its first meeting, the members decide on the books for the upcoming year. For information, contact Betsy at ektbetsy@gmail.com

WeShare

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.
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 2025 Annual 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.

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
nycnr1955@gmail.com

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

Music Ministry – Choir
Nicholas Nicassio
nnicassio@gmail.com

Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach
Dave Beaudry
davebeaudry@gmail.com

Eucharistic/Homebound Ministry
Gilliann Winn John Parham
gilliann_cw@msn.com
john@parhamsantana.com

OFFERING FOR ALTAR MEMORIALS

$25 per week

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Blessed Mother Candle

Saint Joseph Candle

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!

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
- Benjamin Franklin

August 30-31

Offertory $4,583

Children's Collection $27

Attendance 109

IN PERSON FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
TODAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th
After the 9:30 a.m. Mass until 12:00 noon

First time registrants please bring a copy of child's birth and baptism certificate and appropriate fees payable to "St. Saviour Church"

Any questions please contact Deacon Paul at stsaviourff@gmail.com

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

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, September 7, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Charles Bud Morgan
11:30 a.m. Ann Scott

Monday, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 a.m. Julie Houston

Tuesday, September 9, Saint Peter Claver
8:30 a.m. Nora Moffatt

Wednesday, September 10, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Maria & Carmine Fischetti

Thursday, September 11, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Kathleen de Sutter Jordan

Friday, September 12, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Della O'Meara

Saturday, September 13, Weekday
5:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

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

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.