SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

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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

WE CELEBRATE SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Arrangements must be made in advance with either Emily SanPietro or Father Frank. Please note that we do no celebrate 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**
Deacon Paul E. Norman, **Faith Formation**
Dr. Nicholas J. Nicassio, **Music Ministry**

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 11:00 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!**

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

This weekend we begin the Third Week of Advent. You'll notice this weekend we light the rose (pink) colored candle and the priest and deacon will be wearing rose colored vestments. Traditionally, this particular Sunday has been known as "Gaudete Sunday." The word "Gaudete" means "Rejoice," and this Sunday affords us the opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in the knowledge that the arrival of Jesus the Christ is not far away. As I said last weekend in my homily, this season of Advent is flying by us at rapid speed – let us take this Sunday to live with joy and hope knowing that our Savior is near. I do pray that all of us are making the most of this Advent Season and this new liturgical year of grace and blessings.

My thanks to everyone who has been taking ornaments off our Giving Tree these last two weeks. I am truly grateful to EVERYONE who has participated in this annual tradition here at Saint Saviour Parish. TODAY is the day that your gifts from the Giving Tree are due! Please do your best to get them to us ASAP as we want to make sure all the gifts are delivered in enough time so that these gifts can be distributed on Christmas Day. A special word of THANKS to Coretta and Richard Whitehall for coordinating our Giving Tree this year, as well as all the families, teenagers, children and students from our very own Saint Saviour High School for all their hard work in making our Giving Tree a reality again this year.

TODAY we will also be blessing the images of the baby Jesus you will be placing under your Christmas Tree or on a book shelf or perhaps your mantle. Please remember to bring them with you to church TODAY for this special blessing. This is a tradition that was started by the late Saint John Paul II on the Third Sunday of Advent many years ago when he invited the people of Rome to bring their images of the baby Jesus to the piazza outside Saint Peter Basilica and he offered his blessing upon those images and upon everyone carrying them, signifying how we are called to bring Jesus back with us to our homes and live our lives as disciples of the One whose birth we will soon celebrate.

NEXT WEEKEND (December 20th & 21st), we will be taking up the Annual National Collection for Retired Religious. As we are all aware, the number of retired religious sisters and brothers continues to grow exponentially. Many of us were taught my religious sisters and brothers while we were growing up. I was taught by religious sisters AND brothers and I remain eternally grateful to them for the education they provided and the Catholic values they instilled in me. This special collection next weekend is OUR opportunity to say "Thank You" to them for their service among us and an opportunity for us to now assist them in their senior years. Please be generous in this special national collection for our Retired Religious next weekend.

On Thursday, December 18th, our own Sister Mary will be celebrating her birthday. Please remember to say a prayer for her this week. She is genuinely missed here at Saint Saviour and I know she misses all of you – especially our children and teenagers. I know she will appreciate your prayers and your thoughts as she celebrates this special day in her life.

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

Father Frank

Confession will be offered in all Parishes throughout the entire Diocese of Brooklyn on Monday, December 15, 2025. Here at St. Saviour we will have confession from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Christmas Mass Remembrance
December 21—Religious Retirement Fund
December 25—Christmas Offering
January 3-4—Maintenance & Repair

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

This year, we would like to offer YOU the opportunity to memorialize our Christmas Candles, which will grace our sanctuary here in church for the entire Christmas Season. Each Christmas Candle in the church can be memorialized in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of someone who is living for an offering of $75.00. Please remember we only have (4) candles available. If you are interested in memorializing a Christmas Candle this year, please call or email Emily at the Rectory: stsaviourchurch@aol.com

UPCOMING PARISH COLLECTIONS

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

Included with the monthly contributions envelopes is a special envelope for the Christmas Mass remembrance. Please use this envelope for your special intentions, which will be remembered at each of our celebrations of Eucharist this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY PARISH

At this time of the year we all receive many requests from worthy charities and soon realize that we can't respond to them all. However, one appeal that hopefully everyone will respond to is the annual **Christmas Gift to My Parish Collection.** A year-end Christmas gift is your chance to go beyond the day-to-day support of your parish that you fund through your weekly support in the Sunday collection.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Each year we take great pride in the beautiful Christmas decorations in our church. Contributions to help defray the expense of decorating the church for the holiday season may be made in memory of deceased relatives or friends, or in honor of the living. There are envelopes for this purpose in the set of monthly envelopes or you may obtain one in the vestibule of the church. Please help the Altar Guild in creating a beautiful setting for our liturgical celebrations during the Christmas season.

ONLINE GIVING By WeShare

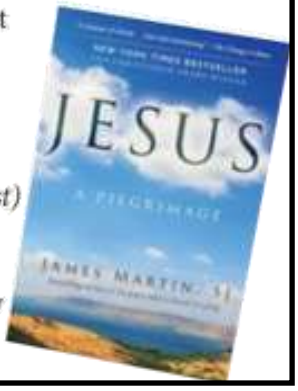
WeShare allows parishioners a safe and easy way to donate online. If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

1. Visit our website: www.stsaviourchurch.org
2. and click "Give Online."
3. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
4. Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you've added your information, donations will automatically deduct from your account.

The St. Saviour Book Group will meet on Wednesday evening, January 7th at 7:30 to discuss James Martin S.J.'s New York Times best seller *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*. The group had a lively discussion when it read Fr. Martin's *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* a few years ago.

Contact Betsy at ektbetsy@gmail.com for information on how to attend.



Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24
5:00 p.m.
12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25
10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Bambinelli

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

St. John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy where he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent during his Angelus address. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home. John Paul II blessed the figurines of those present and told them to assemble before the manger scene with their family in a spirit of prayer. It is a beautiful Advent tradition, one that sanctifies the home with the baby Jesus and makes his arrival in the manger scene an even more joyous event. Please bring your figure of the Christ Child to be blessed by Fr. Frank this Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, **December 13-14 at all the Masses.**

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. We are grateful to the 107 donors who have already made a generous commitment to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

This represents only 40% of our parish family.

Parish Goal: $58,410
Raised: $90,108

You may also make your gift online now at **annualcatholicappeal.org**

PLEASE PRAY *for the*
SICK & HOMEBOUND
- **Nelista Skerrett**
- **Xiao Xiao Pan**

The St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry is always in need of the following items: oatmeal, white or brown rice, pasta, evaporated milk, canned or dried black beans, canned tuna, salmon or chicken, bar soap, and shampoo.

Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach

The Brownbaggers project serves the poor in NYC during the fall and winter months. Since 2009 we have delivered thousands of lunches. Volunteers meet monthly in the Parish Hall at 12:30pm and assemble 100 bags with donated food and clothing items. We then travel via subway to multiple Manhattan and Brooklyn locations to distribute our lunches to those most in need, returning home at around 3:30 pm

Dave Beaudry is the current director of our Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach Program.

Please RSVP now for Sunday, January 11

Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a credit or OMNY card for the subway.

Twenty-five volunteers are needed for this event. RSVP to: davebeaudry@gmail.com

Please consider donating warm socks, hats or gloves into the Brownbaggers Donation Box located in the vestibule of the church. Any donations received will be distributed at a Brownbagger event.

Financial donations to purchase food items can be made in the Parish rectory.
Thank you for your support.

Just a reminder that all adults must be VIRTUS trained to attend.

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." – Calvin Coolidge

December 6-7

Offertory $5,815
Children's Collection $172
Immaculate Conception $723
Maintenance & Repair $1,216

Attendance 272

Christmas is the time of year when we begin to turn our thoughts to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The **Giving Tree** is now decorated with "gift tag ornaments" that are marked with gender, age and gift suggestions. This year the gifts are being collected for Providence House.

The **unwrapped** gifts with the tags taped to them should be placed under the Giving Tree no later than this **Sunday, December 14th**.

God Bless you & Happy Advent

This week's Advent candle was donated by Father Frank, Charlie & Denise Spacek

In loving memory of
Frank and Elaine Spacek &
Andrew & Janice Loyal

Sunday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Thomas Galvin
11:30 a.m. Shirley Radaker/Jason Winn

Monday, December 15, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Christopher Raozzi

Tuesday, December 16, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jason Winn

Wednesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Joan Perchman

Thursday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Frances DeVilio

Friday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday
5:00 p.m. Catherine & Edward Lombardi/
Jerry Geroges

Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Peter LaVeglia
11:30 a.m. George Boolbol/Stanley Shor

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