SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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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!**

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILIES

Dear God, please bless our families with Your love, and protect us from harms. Give us grace to forgive each other, strength to overcome the difficulties we face, and keep us together when the world tries to pull us apart. Help us to show others, the same love, mercy, and compassion that You show to us. We pray that everything we do within this family unit will bring you glory through the One who lives in us.

in Jesus name.

Amen.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:3)

Psalm:
Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
(Ps 128)

Second Reading:
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

Gospel:
He rose, took the child and his mother,
and went to the land of Israel. (Mt 2:21)

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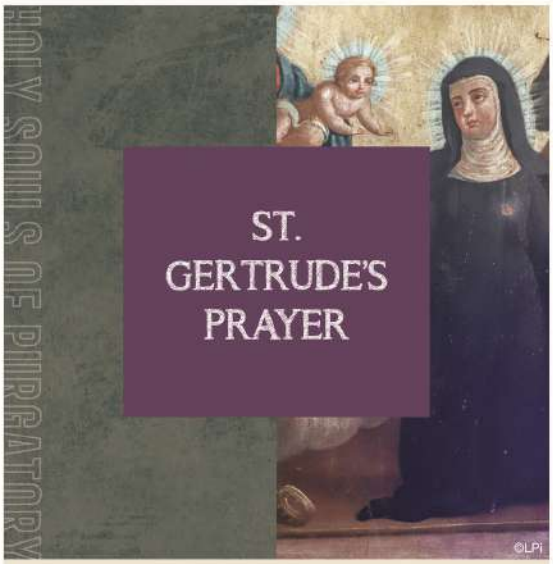
Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

Observances for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday:	The Holy Family
Wednesday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; *New Year's Eve*
Thursday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
Friday:	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Saturday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Next Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord



Devotions, *Explained!*

St. Gertrude's Prayer is a petition said on behalf of the Holy Souls of Purgatory, offering the Blood of Christ in reparation for the sins of the departed.

Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together.
Amen.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

January 1—Solemnity of Mary
January 4—Maintenance & Repair
January 11—Diocesan Mission
January 25—Aid for Church in need

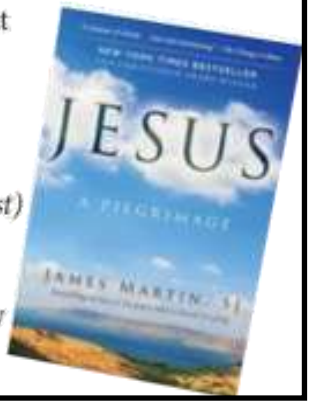
We still have Mass Intentions available for both weekday AND weekend celebrations of Eucharist. Please consider having a Mass celebrated for a loved one or family member—either living or deceased. We are ALL in need of prayers, and there is no greater prayer than the celebration of Eucharist. Each Mass Intention is only $15.00. 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.

Feeding the Community

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.

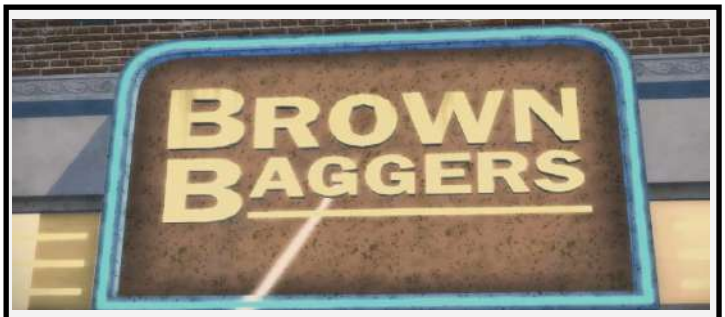
The St. Saviour Book Group will meet on Wednesday evening, January 7th at 7:30 to discuss James Martin S.J.'s New York Times best seller *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*. The group had a lively discussion when it read Fr. Martin's *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* a few years ago.

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



PLEASE PRAY *for the*
SICK & HOMEBOUND

- **Nelista Skerrett**
- **Xiao Xiao Pan**
- **The Lanni Family**



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

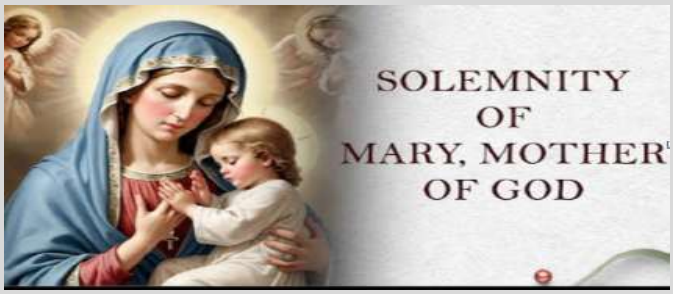
Please consider donating warm socks, hats or gloves into the Brownbaggers Donation Box located in the vestibule of the church. Any donations received will be distributed at a Brownbagger event.

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.

"BECAUSE OF HIS BOUNDLESS LOVE, JESUS BECAME WHAT WE ARE THAT HE MIGHT MAKE US TO BE WHAT HE IS." - SAINT IRENAEUS OF LYONS

The rectory office will be closed for New Year's on Thursday, January 1st and Friday, January 2nd.



Mass Schedule

Thursday, January 1st

10:00 a.m.

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. We are grateful to the 108 donors who have already made a generous commitment to 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Parish Goal: $58,410

Raised: $90,148

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

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
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4. Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

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

Sunday, December 28, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:30 a.m. Sr. Barbara Hanlon, CSJ/ Intentions of Victoria Garrett
11:30 a.m. Antonio Rivera

Monday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Nancy Kinane

Tuesday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Intentions of Hannah Means

Wednesday, December 31, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Geri Anne O'Beirne

Thursday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday, January 2, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 3, Christmas Weekday
5:00 p.m. Ruth & Margaret Steeley

Sunday, January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Thomas John Guarrera
11:30 a.m. Patrick Jordan

ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

Please remember to take your 2026 offering envelopes which can be found in alphabetical order on the tables in the back of church. Also, please remember to take our new 2026 wall calendar generously donated by Duffy & Leone Funeral Homes. Please feel free to take as many calendars as you would like. Thank you.

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