SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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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

As we begin this second week of Advent, I hope everyone is taking seriously this opportunity to take the four weeks of Advent we have been given to spend some quality time with the Lord in prayer and discernment as to how we can welcome the Christ into our hearts and lives this year as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. Four weeks isn't a lot of time, but it is enough for us to begin the process of changing our minds and lives in a way that we will be ready to welcome the Christ this Christmas into our lives and our homes that will change us and challenge us to be the people our God created us to be! Remember the message of the prophet Isaiah throughout this Advent – God will never abandon us and God will provide for us in a way we never imagined if we only allow God to enter our lives without fear or discouragement. As I said to the students of Saint Saviour Catholic Academy at Mass this week – never underestimate the power of God to take nothing and turn it into something great and wonderful that often leaves us with more than we ever expected.

Last Sunday at our 9:30am Family Mass, we had the opportunity to celebrate the Rite of Welcoming/Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate with Yuna Hong and Johnny Chang. Yuna and Johnny are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation this Easter, and are presently in their second year of the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) process. It was a beautiful celebration of faith to welcome and officially recognize Yuna and Johhny as Catechumens. They are both in church every Sunday joining us for the celebration of Eucharist, and are excited about learning the many facets of our Catholic Faith and being welcomed into our Catholic Faith in a few months. I am so happy for them both, and am enjoying being part of the OCIA team these last two years since Saint Saviour joined with Saint Augustine-Saint Francis Xavier to share one OCIA process. Let us all continue to pray for Yuna and Johnny as they continue their journey of faith and we look forward to their initiation into the Catholic Church this Easter.

My thanks to everyone who took ornaments off our Giving Tree last weekend. I apologize that we ran out of ornaments and we hope to have more on the Giving Tree this weekend, but it is a testimony to the generosity of YOU – our faithful parishioners – who always come through for these annual opportunities to make the holidays brighter for others. I am so grateful to the families, teenagers, children and students from our very own Saint Saviour High School for all their hard work in coordinating our Giving Tree this year.

Don't forget that on Monday, December 8th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is counted among our Holy Days of Obligation and we all have the obligation to attend Mass this year on Monday. The Immaculate Conception is not only the patroness of our Diocese, but it is the patroness of the United States as well. Here at Saint Saviour we will celebrate Eucharist on Monday, December 8th at 8:30am and again at 7:00pm. Please plan on joining us in celebrating the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday.

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

Father Frank

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Maintenance & Repair
December 8—Immaculate Conception
December 14—Christmas Mass Remembrance
December 21—Religious Retirement Fund
December 25—Christmas Offering

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

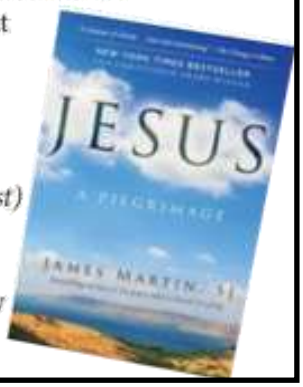
WeShare allows parishioners a safe and easy way to donate online. If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

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.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Deacon Paul Norman joyfully invites the parish community of St. Saviour to witness the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony uniting his daughter, Victoria Norman, and Matteo Salamone on **Saturday, December 13th at 1:00pm** here at St. Saviour Church.

Please keep Victoria and Matteo in your prayers as they embark on this new chapter in their lives, trusting in God's grace and surrounded by the love of family and friends.

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.

Christmas Mass Times

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

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

PLEASE PRAY *for the*
SICK & HOMEBOUND

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

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 **next Sunday** the 3rd Sunday of Advent, **December 13-14 at all the Masses.**

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, December 14

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.

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 106 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: $88,858

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

Thank you

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am overwhelmed by what I owe you in thanksgiving for your exceptional generosity to the people we serve at the STA Food Pantry. Within a week I needed to make two trips to St. Saviour to retrieve your Thanksgiving donations.

May the Lord bless you, Edith

"Advent is thus a favorable time to pray with greater intensity, to reserve to the spiritual life the important place it deserves." Pope Francis

November 29-30
Offertory $4,690
Children's Collection $196
Christmas Flowers $645
Attendance 269

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 **Sunday, December 14th**.

God Bless you & Happy Advent

This week's Advent candle was donated by
Katherine Mastrota

In loving memory of
Dominick Joseph Mastrota

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Ewert Seales
11:30 a.m. Geraldine Valea/Jerry Georges

Monday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 a.m. Robert Duffy
7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 9, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Jason Winn

Wednesday, December 10, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Thomas Ferris

Thursday, December 11, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. John Chadwick

Friday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, December 13, Saint Lucy
5:00 p.m. Paul & Dan Steeley

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

CANDLE MEMORIALS

Blessed Mother Candle
December 12-December 18

In Loving Memory of
Shirley Radaker

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 8th

8:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

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