SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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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.

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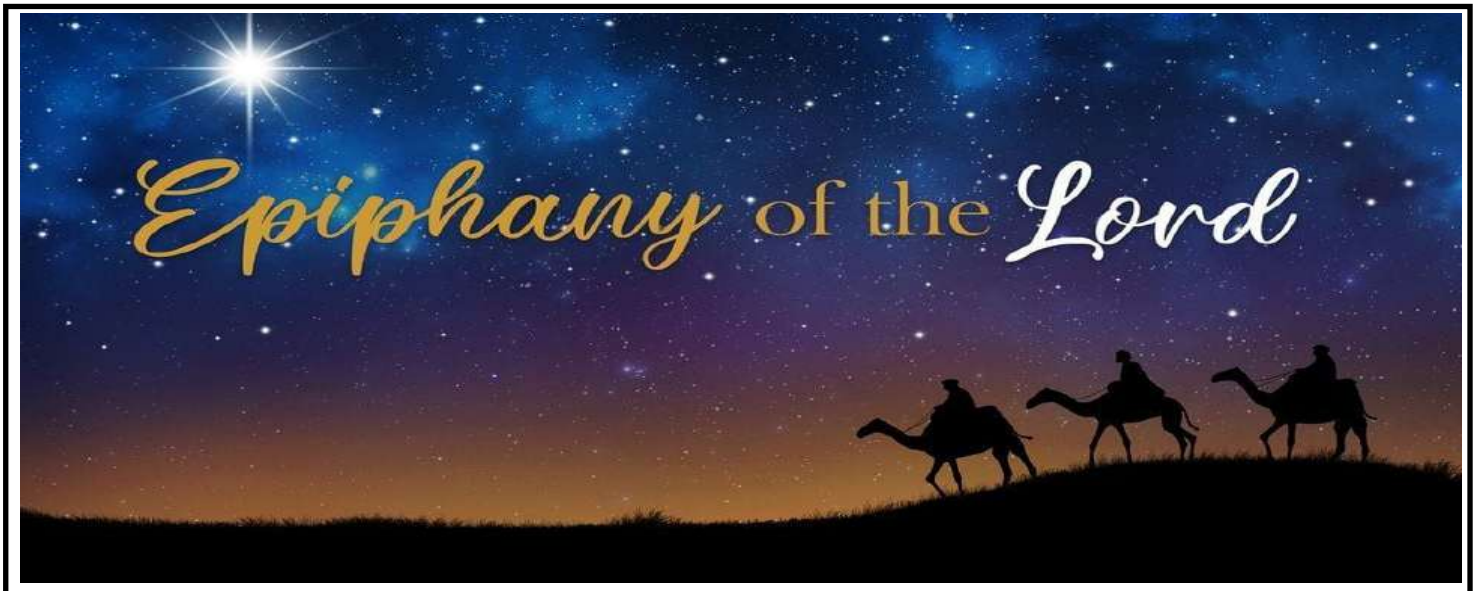
WHO IS WELCOME IN ST. SAVIOUR CHURCH?

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

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is the third major celebration of Christmastime (following the Incarnation and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God).

The term "EPIPHANY" means "manifestation." What we celebrate on this day is the manifestation of Christ to the nations. It's a reminder to us that the glory of God shines forth to ALL peoples—not just a select few.

This day also reminds us of the Magi (also known as kings or astrologers or wise men), those mysterious visitors from the East (probably modern-day Iran) who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ-Child. The story of the Magi is recounted for us in Matthew's Gospel (2:1-12). Traditionally, there is said to have been three Magi present at the stable in Bethlehem—but it's interesting to note that the Scriptures do not tell us how many Magi there actually were. We say there were "three" because of the number of gifts that were presented to the Christ-Child. The adoration of the Magi was prophesied in the Old Testament (Micah 5:1-3), yet, there is so much about them that we do not know. Matthew's Gospel does not tell us where their home country was, their status, or their religion. We don't even know their names. St. Bede the Venerable (c. 735 C.E.) mentions an early legend with the names Balthasar, Melchoir and Gaspar. We refer to them as "kings" because of a verse from the Psalms which says, "The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts" (72:10).

Today's solemnity is one which originated in the East. It is believed that the Epiphany might have been modeled after the pagan festival of the new year and the winter solstice (which usually fell on January 6th.). In its fullest meaning, this solemnity commemorates the coming of the Word into the world of God's revelation to people of ALL nations. This is an important fact to remember, because like 2,000 years ago—there are some people today who still believe that Jesus only came for a select group of people—while today's feast reminds us that Jesus came for EVERYONE—regardless of who they are or where they came from! Jesus is the Lord and Saviour of us all.

Have a great week everyone.

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:
It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body.
(Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Tuesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Virtues, *Explained!*

The virtue of love seeks the good of the other, a reflection of the love of God who created us for this very purpose. In practicing this virtue, we express the fullness of our identities as sons and daughters of God. In true Christian love, we find freedom.

Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community.
Amen.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Maintenance & Repair
January 11—Diocesan Mission
January 25—Aid for the Church

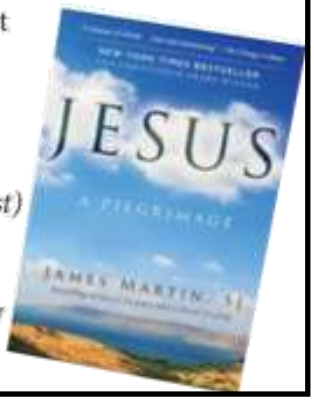
We still have Mass Intentions available for both weekday AND weekend celebrations of Eucharist. Please consider having a Mass celebrated for a loved one or family member—either living or deceased. We are ALL in need of prayers, and there is no greater prayer than the celebration of Eucharist. Each Mass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



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.

WALKING CLUB

Attention walkers! We are starting a walking club, which will meet weekly after the 9:30 mass, starting Sunday January 11th. We'll meet outside the church (bundle up) and walk in the park, making sure we're back in time for Faith Formation pickup at 11:45. Have fun while exercising and meeting new friends in our church community. If you have any questions, please email Margie Dotter at margiedotter@gmail.com.

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man. — St John Chrysostom

To those of you who are relatively new to the neighborhood, to those of you who are church shopping, to those of you who came in just because you saw an open door, welcome to St. Saviour. We are a diverse, inclusive, post Vatican II Roman Catholic parish where people of all backgrounds have gathered to pray for over 100 years. For whatever reason you were drawn to St. Saviour, it is our hope and prayer that you will be spiritually nourished here. And please know that you are always welcomed back.

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

Sunday, January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Thomas John Guarrera
11:30 a.m. Edward & Julia Rybacki

Monday, January 5, Saint John Neumann
8:30 a.m. Sr. Agnes Jerome, OP

Tuesday, January 6. Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. The Diaz Family

Tuesday, January 7, Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. Edward McGarry

Thursday, January 8, Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Friday, January 9, Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 10, Christmas Weekday
5:00 p.m. Intentions of the Lombardi Girls

Sunday, January 11, The Baptism of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Josephine McNally
11:30 a.m. Mary Puydak Velez

Please remember the poor today as you leave church by perhaps giving alms and placing a donation in one of our poor boxes. Everything collected is given to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, which assists those in need of food or clothing.

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