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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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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

I really need to begin this week by acknowledging and saying a great big "THANK YOU" to our maintenance man Carlos and his "team" for the incredible job they did with snow removal around the high school, church and Rectory last Sunday and Monday morning. They were out there from the very onset of the snow early Sunday morning and made sure the sidewalks, ramp and stairs leading into church were cleared for those who ventured out to join us for Mass on Sunday. The snow came down quite heavily at times and when their shovels weren't helping they moved to the snow blowers. Thank you Carlos and everyone who helped him last weekend – we are deeply grateful! We are indeed a blessed parish to have such great helping hands when they are truly needed. I also want to thank those parishioners who joined us Saturday evening for Mass knowing heavy snow was coming our way on Sunday. It was refreshing to see so many people at Mass Saturday evening. Unfortunately our attendance on Sunday was rather dismal – but I am grateful to those of you who came out and joined us on Sunday morning in the snow!

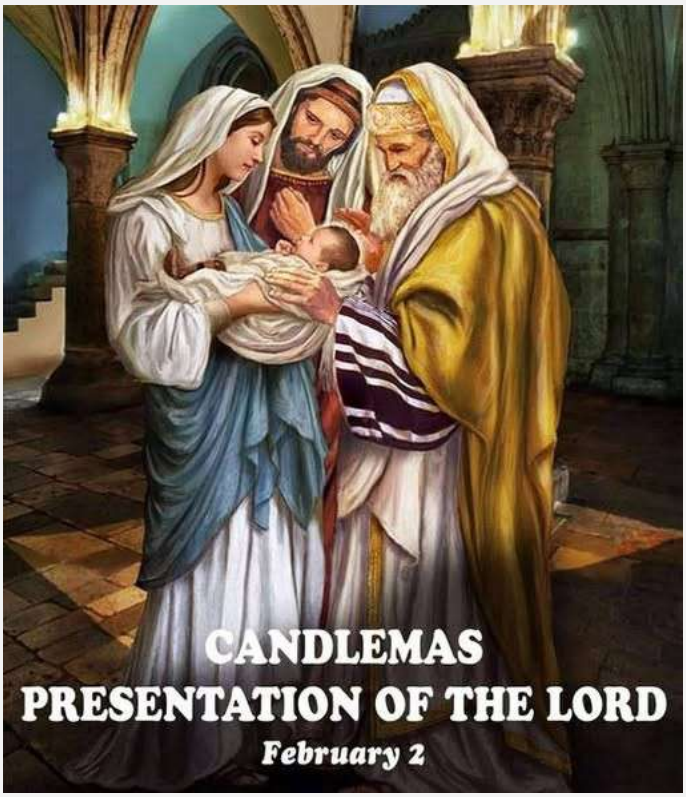
On Monday, February 2nd, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is the day on which Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple for the first time, following the mandate of Mosaic Law. The Law of Moses stated that any couple who were blessed with a first-born son should bring that child to the Temple, symbolic of the fact that this child belonged to God and was a child of God. It is also considered the day of Mary's purification, and she herself would make an offering to the Lord in thanksgiving for her first-born son. Prior to 1969, the Church actually referred to this feast as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Monday is also traditionally referred to as "Candlemas Day" because it is the day we bless all the candles we use in church for our worship services – as well as all the candles we might use in our own homes. As we have been reminding you these last few weeks, we invite EVERYONE to bring any candles you might use in your home with you to church THIS WEEKEND so we might bless them today during our celebrations of Eucharist. Candles symbolize the Light of Christ, which Simeon prophesied in Luke's Gospel when he said that "this child shall be a light of revelation to the Gentiles." We pray this week that the Light of Christ, which burns within each and every single one of us, may continue to burn brightly and shine so great that it will cast a light on all the people we encounter daily in our lives, schools and professions.

Tuesday we celebrate the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Saint Blaise has long been associated as the saint we turn to when we have a sore throat or any other diseases that might affect our throat. This weekend at the conclusion of each of our celebrations of Eucharist we will be blessing throats for anyone who wishes to have them blessed. I encourage EVERYONE to stay behind for this special blessing of throats, as it seems so many people lately are feeling under the weather or suffering from a sore throat or COVID or RSV or even the FLU. We all know that many of these illnesses most of us experience often begin with a sore throat!

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

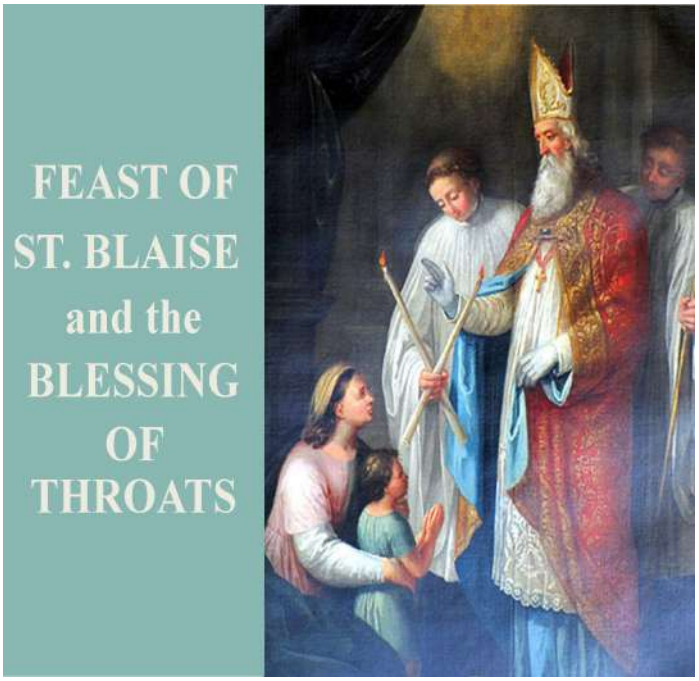
Father Frank



On Monday, February 2nd, the church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—the day on which Jesus was presented in the Temple 40 days after his birth, in accordance with Jewish law. This day has also become commonly known as "Candlemas Day," the day on which candles are blessed. If anyone has candles at home that they would like to have blessed, please bring them to church with you on the weekend of January 31-February 1 and we will be more than happy to bless them for you at each of our celebrations of Eucharist.

LENT IS COMING—ARE YOU READY?

While we have just concluded our Christmas Season, it might be a good time to remind everyone that the liturgical season of Lent will be starting in just 2 1/2 weeks. Lent arrives on February 18th.



BLESSING OF THROATS

As we are all aware, on February 3rd, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise (Bishop and Martyr). St. Blaise has long been associated with the healing of throats. This year Father Frank will bless our throats at the conclusion of the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, January 31st, and at the conclusion of the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, February 1st.

PLEASE PRAY *for the*
SICK & HOMEBOUND

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

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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Maintenance & Repair
February 18—Ash Wednesday
February 22—Black & Native American Missions

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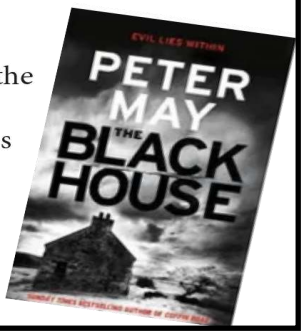
WALKING CLUB

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.

The St. Saviour Book Group will meet on Wednesday evening, February 4th at 7:30 to discuss Peter May's *The Black House*. A literary novel that is categorized as a murder mystery, the setting is the largest of the Outer Hebrides islands, Lewis and Harris and the story has surprising turns in it.

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, March 8

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.

"Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others." – Pope Benedict XVI

January 24-25

Offertory $3,977
Children's Collection $33
Attendance 139

On Wednesday, February 18th, we begin the liturgical season of Lent with our observance of Ash Wednesday. Our schedule for distribution of ashes is as follows:

8:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist

12:05 p.m. Celebration of Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Celebration of Eucharist

*Ashes will NOT be distributed at any other time on Ash Wednesday – so please make every effort to join us for one of these three opportunities being offered in church this year.

BRING BACK THAT OLD PALM!

Everyone wonders what to do with that old palm they received year on Palm Sunday. Well, wonder no more! We invite ALL members of our parish family to bring back their old palm right here. You may bring back old palm to create the ashes that will be distributed here in church on Ash Wednesday—which happens to fall this year on February 18th.

Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, February 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Carol & Edward Norman
11:30 a.m. Edna M. Duggan/Raymond M. Ciafardini/Ernesto Conde

Monday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Edward Rybacki, Jr.

Tuesday, February 3, Saint Blaise
8:30 a.m. Rev. Louis A. Giuliano

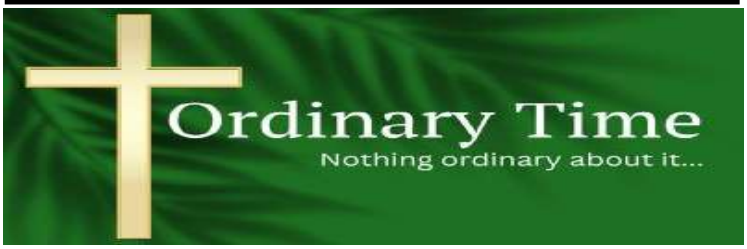
Wednesday, February 4, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Frances & Nicholas Cavalluzzi

Thursday, February 5, Saint Agatha
8:30 a.m. Hong Jae Eog

Friday, February 6, Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, February 7, Weekday
5:00 p.m. Julia Kelly

Sunday, February 8, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Sister Patricia Rutter, CSJ
11:30 a.m. Margaret Poliseo



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