SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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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

I would like to begin this week by saying a great big "THANK YOU" to the young people from our parish family who participated in our annual Three Kings/Epiphany procession during our 9:30am Family Mass. It was wonderful seeing our Magi (Junie, James and Marco) following the star that was carried by our Altar Server Kay at various times throughout our celebration of Eucharist – whether it was leading us in prayer, bringing forward our gifts, and even leading us home by a different way as recounted in the Gospel. The Light of Christ was certainly shining brightly within our church last weekend in all the girls and boys present and who participated in our Family Mass. Last Sunday's Solemnity of the Epiphany certainly did challenge each of us to give the gift of ourselves to the Lord and to allow the light of Christ, first given to us on the day of our baptism, to shine forth upon others and upon our world. As we were reminded in our Scripture readings during the season of Advent, a people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, and that light continues to shine brightly within each of us – so let's allow that light to reflect upon the many people in our own lives who can benefit from the light of Christ that so many of us often take for granted.

On Wednesday morning I had the opportunity to spend some time with our students at Saint Saviour Catholic Academy in both the Second Grade and in Kindergarten. I was thrilled to see how happy and excited they are about learning our Catholic Faith and sharing their faith with me during our time together. I had the opportunity to then bless their classrooms with chalk and the initials 20+C+M+B+26 above their classroom door. This blessing is an old Polish cultural blessing asking the Lord to watch over and bless and protect everyone present in the home/classroom. Once again, I was thrilled to see how much our children knew about the story of the first Christmas. One of the students in Kindergarten must have been listening to my homily last Sunday very closely and attentively, because he knew the answers to every question I proposed to the students, and this young student is present every Sunday in church with his family! My visit to school concluded with Sister Hilda's second grade class putting on their Epiphany Pageant for me. This was a real treat! Every child in that class took their role very seriously (even Sister Hilda, who played the role of King Herod!). I smiled through their entire performance so proud of their faith and devotion and the seriousness with which they took their roles in the Epiphany Story. This story of God's love for us and the promise of light, peace and redemption still plays on 2,000+ years later. I am very grateful to the second grade for sharing their Epiphany Pageant with me this week.

Finally, TODAY we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – and with today's feast our Christmas Season will be coming to an end. It is my prayer that today we will all recall the day of our own baptism, which for most of us occurred when we were little babies, and our parents and godparents made our baptismal promises for us. Now that we are older, may we today – and every day of our lives – recommit ourselves to the Lord and allow the light of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit to remain with us always and grow brighter and stronger with each passing day.

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

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations. (Is 42:6)

Psalm:
The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29)

Second Reading:
"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him
and acts uprightly
is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

Gospel:
And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased." (Mt 3:17)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying, "It is fitting." So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you.

Observances for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday:	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. Anthony, Abbot
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Virtues, *Explained!*

Joy is the experience of achieving what we most desire — and what we most desire is love. God made us in love and for love, and so, in the same way that a flower seeks the sunlight, our souls seek the warmth of true, selfless love.

Blessing for Baptismal Grace

Dear God,
Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved.
Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism.
Plant Your identity in our hearts.
Help us to live as Your beloved.
Amen.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Diocesan Mission
January 25—Aid for the Church
February 1—Maintenance & Repair

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

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.

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. 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.

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, February 1

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.

"Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude." - *St. John Chrysostom*

January 3-4

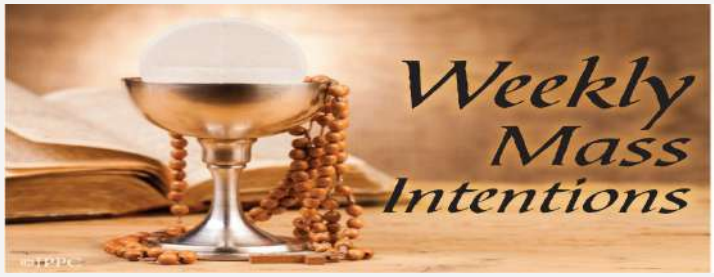
Offertory $6,646
Children's Collection $207
Mary Mother of God $816

Attendance 231

THANK YOU TO OUR MAGI

We want to say a great big "THANK YOU" TO OUR Three Magi/Kings (Junie, James and Marco) for leading us to the Christ-Child last Sunday on the Feast of the Epiphany. Of course, none of that would have been possible had it not been for Kay (our Altar Server) who carried the Star and lead them to Bethlehem. Thank You so much to our young people who are always there to volunteer their time and talent to make our celebrations of Eucharis so beautiful, meaningful and special.

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.



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

Monday, January 12, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Sr. Katherine Kirnan, OP

Tuesday, January 13, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Kathy Hannaford

Tuesday, January 14, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Frank & Stephie Rybarczyk

Thursday, January 15, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Helen & Andy Serrao

Friday, January 16, Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 17, Saint Anthony
5:00 p.m. Patrick Jordan

Sunday, January 18, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Rev. James F. Marron
11:30 a.m. Andy Santos

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

On behalf of Father Kevin, Deacon Paul and myself—we want to say " THANK YOU'' to everyone who sent a Christmas card, cookies, pies, candies, wine and other goodies to us for Christmas. We are extremely grateful for your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity. A special thank you to those of you who wrote such beautiful notes and messages in your cards. It was so good to know how much you love Saint Saviour Parish and how much you love all that is being done to make our parish such a lively, vibrant and prayerful place to worship and grow in our relationship with God. We are all deeply appreciative of your gracious sentiments and wish everyone a happy, holy and blessed New Year!!