SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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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

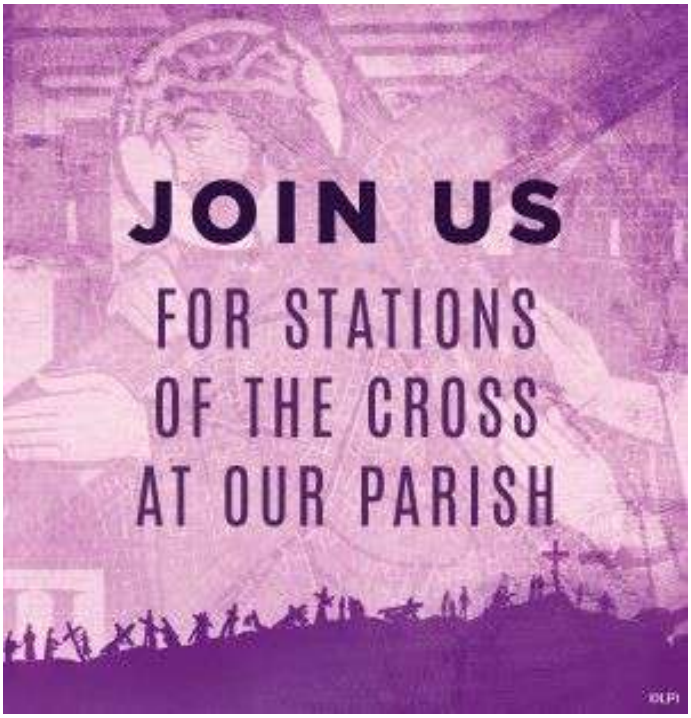
"Thus says the Lord: This rather is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly; untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed; breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry; sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your wounds shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help and the Lord will say: HERE I AM!" (Isaiah 58:6-9)

What a wonderful passage from Scripture to meditate upon as we begin this holy season of Lent this Wednesday! After all, this is what it's all about, isn't it? This is what we are called to do, are we not? Yet– if all we do is read these words and not allow them to jump off the page and enter into our hearts—they really aren't going to bring about much of a change in us—are they?

Our season of Lent begins this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday). I can't wait to see how many times the phone is going to ring with people inquiring, "When are you giving out ashes?" I often wonder if people really understand the significance of receiving ashes. I am amazed at how people will go to great lengths to receive ashes—but could care less about receiving the Eucharist. The ashes we receive on our forehead every year are the remains of burned palm branches from the previous year. The custom of placing ashes on the heads of people is an ancient penitential practice among the Hebrew people. At one time, people even had to walk around wearing nothing but sack cloth. We find evidence of this in our Scriptures (see 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 42:6; 1 Macc. 3:47 and 4:39; Lam. 2:10; Jonah 3:5-9; Jer. 6:26 and 25:34; Matt.11:21). It's also I nteresting to note how by the year 300 A.D., ashes were placed on the heads of public sinners who were excommunicated or expelled from the community because of public sins or scandals such as apostasy, heresy, murder and adultery. By the 7th century, persons wearing sackcloth and ashes were recognized as persons doing penance for previous public sins. They would often live apart from both their families and their community. Sometimes a penance could last several years, while others lasted a lifetime. By the 11th century, however, the customs of Ash Wednesday had pretty much evolved into what we celebrate and recall today; that we are a human and sinful people in need of reconciliation, love and forgiveness. That's what we remember on Ash Wednesday—and that is what we celebrate throughout these 40 days of Lent. It's not a very long period of time, but it is a start, so let's make a promise that THIS LENT we're going to make a difference!

Have a great week everyone.

Father Frank

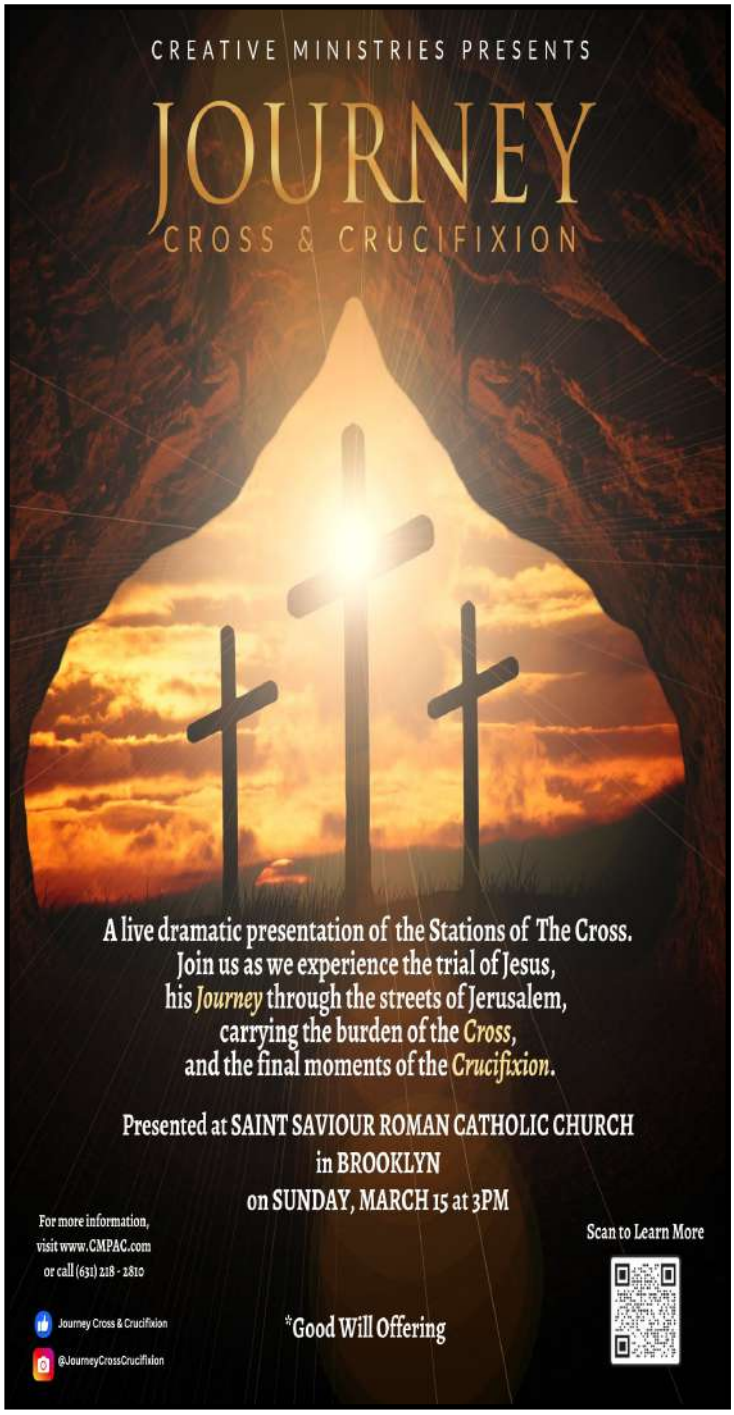


For centuries, one common practice during the season of Lent has been the praying of the Stations of the Cross. This prayer has enabled people to walk with Jesus toward Calvary and share in His passion and death. We invite ALL members of our parish family to join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross together this Lent. Here at Saint Saviour Parish, we will pray the Stations of the Cross the following Sundays during Lent:

March 1st; March 8th; March 15th and March 22nd immediately following our 9:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

We kindly ask ALL the members of our parish family to remember the poor as they leave church each Sunday. The monies collected in our poor boxes are used to assist in the ministry of our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. These monies enable us to provide food, clothing, and other essential needs to people who come to us seeking assistance. Sadly there are too many Sundays where there is very little in our poor boxes a the back of church. With the season of Lent fast approaching, let's ALL make a commitment to take a little more seriously one of the traditional disciplines of Lent—PRAYER, ALMSGIVING, and FASTING.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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 or email Emily at the Rectory and she will be more than happy to assist you.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

February 18—Ash Wednesday
February 22—Black & Native American Missions
March 1—Maintenance & Repair

PLEASE PRAY *for the*
SICK & HOMEBOUND

- **Nelista Skerrett**
- **Nelson Conde**

OFFERING FOR ALTAR MEMORIALS

$25 per week
Church Sanctuary Lamp
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Please call or email the rectory to donate in memory of a loved one.

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.

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, 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.

"Ash Wednesday is full of joy... The source of all sorrow is the illusion that of ourselves we are anything but dust." — Thomas Merton

Please be advised that the Rectory Office will be closed this Monday, February 16th. for Presidents' Day.

STEWARDSHIP

February 7-8

Offertory $4,641
Children's Collection $117
Snow Removal/Fuel $620
Attendance 239

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.

SAINT THOMAS FOOD PANTRY

Pantry is 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.

Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, February 15, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Florence Campesi/Paul Foley
11:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Monday, February 16, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Tuesday, February 17,
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Della O'Meara
12:05 p.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli
7:00 p.m. Elaine Spacek

Thursday, February 19, Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Friday, February 20, Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, February 21, Saturday after Ash Wednesday
5:00 p.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

Sunday, February 22, First Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Eddie Pacheco
11:30 a.m. Robert Bell/Valentino Nicola Marinelli/ Mary Lober

Candle Memorials - February 13-27

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