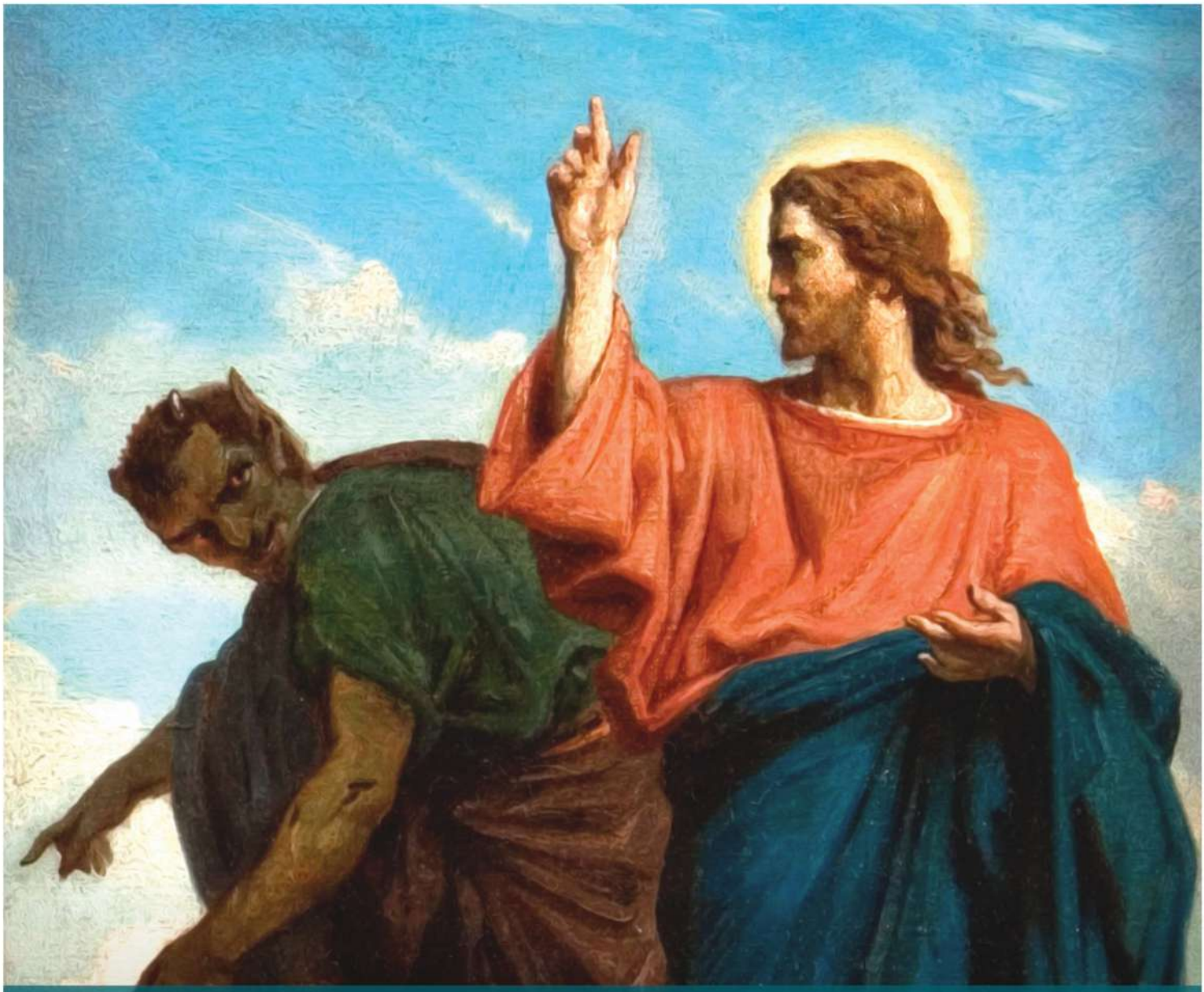

SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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

It's hard to believe that another season of Lent is here already. Each year, lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes right before the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Super on Holy Thursday evening. As you can see from being in church, the predominant color during this liturgical season is purple—a reminder to all of us that we are in a season of penance—asking the Lord to forgive our sins and to give us the courage and the strength to be faithful to the Gospel.

But exactly how did the Season of Lent develop? You see, by the end of the 2nd century, two great festivals were being celebrated in the Church: Pascha and Pentecost. The Pascha today refers to the Triduum (which begins Holy Thursday evening and concludes on Easter). Pentecost was a 50-day celebration which followed Pascha. This 50-day celebration remembered Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Lent was a later development. Initially, the Christian community prepared for the 50-day festival with fasting and penance. It was also a time where catechumens (persons preparing to enter the faith) began a more intense preparation in order to be baptized and welcomed into the faith at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. At the beginning, fasting for Christians only lasted about 1-2 days, and later was extended to one week—and they would begin their fasting by reading the Passion Account of Jesus. By the 4th century, the period of fasting was extended to 3 weeks, and later to 40 days.

The title LENT comes from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning "spring." It was often associated with the seasonal change from winter to spring. The old Latin Missal (Missale Romanum) calls this period "Tempus Quadragesimae," which means "40 day period of time." Our church defines Lent as "a preparation for the celebration of Easter, a time of renewal when members of the community recall their baptism, and a time of reconciliation with each other before the feast of Easter."

The central theme of the liturgical season of lent is CONVERSION: a radical redirection of one's whole life according to the Gospel of Jesus. Thus the season of lent affords us the opportunity for communal conversion and reflection on the demands of the Gospel—and this can only be achieved in the spirit of a prayerful heart.

Let us allow ourselves the opportunity to enter into this season of Lent with both feet on the ground and with a genuine desire to achieve that radical redirection of our lives based on the Gospel. It's not going to be easy (I know!), but let's give it a try. Good Luck!

Until next week, God Bless.

Father Frank

We are in need of 24 feet (that's 12 persons) for the washing of feet at the MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER on Holy Thursday evening (April 2nd) beginning at 7:00 p.m. ALL types of feet are welcome to apply. Warts and bunions will not disqualify you—we are an equal opportunity employer of feet.

If you are interested in being one of our foot "washees" (remember, there are only 12 openings and they are sure to go fast!), please email or call Father Frank at the Rectory (718) 768-4055. Please consider putting your feet in our hands!

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE & EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Easter Mass Remembrance Envelopes and are now available in each of the pews. If you wish to have a loved one remembered at each of our celebrations of Eucharist on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, please take an envelope, write their names on the envelope, enclose your offering and return it as soon as possible either in the Sunday collection or at the Rectory. In addition, we hope to decorate our church as beautifully as last Easter with various flowers around our sanctuary. If you with to make a contribution, please use one of the Easter Flower Offering Envelopes available in the back of church.

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.

OFFERING FOR ALTAR MEMORIALS

$25 per week
Church Sanctuary Lamp
Blessed Mother Candle
Saint Joseph Candle
Altar Hosts & Wine

Please call or email the rectory to donate in memory of a loved one.

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

Today—Black & Native American Missions
March 1—Maintenance & Repair
March 8—Easter Offering
March 15—Catholic Relief Services
March 22—Easter Flower Offering

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until **10:00 p.m.**

GOOD FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church
12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church with Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Family Mass
11:30 a.m. Choir Mass

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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
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PLEASE PRAY *for the*
SICK & HOMEBOUND
- **Nelista Skerrett**
- **Nelson Conde**

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.

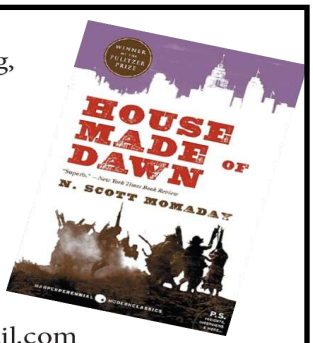
Twenty-five volunteers are needed for this event.
RSVP to: davebeaudry@gmail.com

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.

The St. Saviour Book Group will meet on Wednesday evening, March 3rd at 7:30 to discuss M. Scott Momadays *House Made of Dawn*. The 1969 Pulitzer-Prize-winning novel follows a character torn between the two worlds, that of his Native American upbringing and of modern, industrial America, Contract Betsy at ektbetsy@gmail.com for information on how to attend.

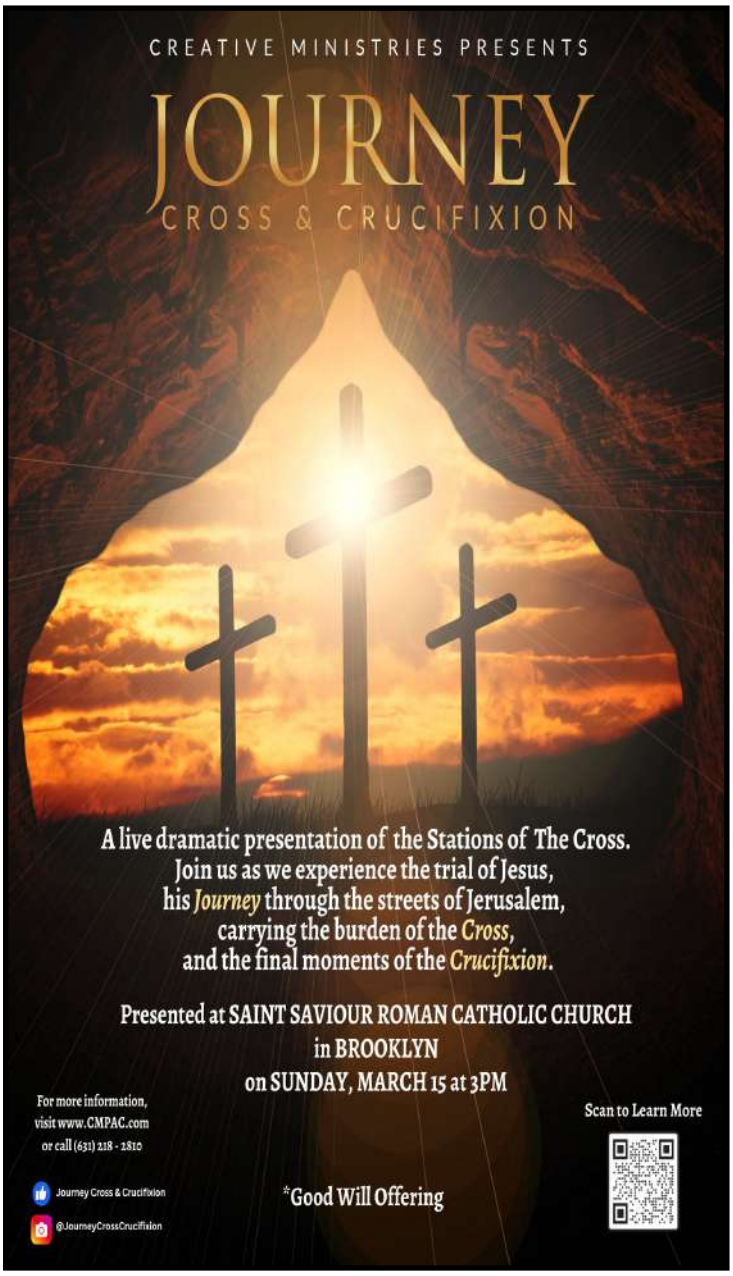


"Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism for what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes but bite and devour our brothers." —St. John Chrysostom

STEWARDSHIP

February 14-15

Offertory $5,800
Children's Collection $90
Attendance 248



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

Monday, February 23, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Josephine DeLuca

Tuesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Juliette Ahearn

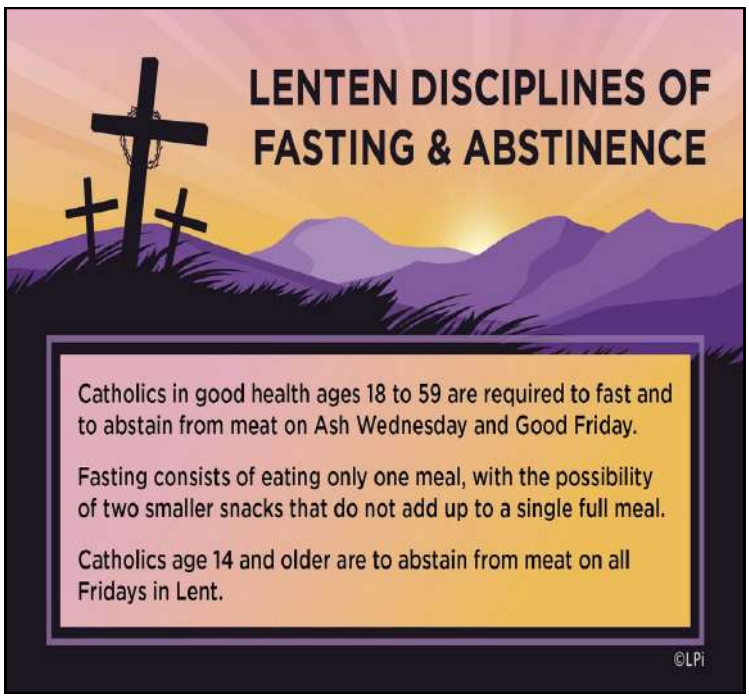
Wednesday, February 25, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Maura Lynch

Thursday, February 26, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Josephine McNally

Friday, February 27, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, February 28, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. Patricia Holton

Sunday, March 1, Second Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Aida Conde/Evelio Conde/
William A. Frerks



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