SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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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

All of you know very well that I am not a fan of heat and humidity and how much I do not enjoy the oppressive heat in our church during the summer months – but I must also admit that as much as I enjoy the winter months and the cold weather – even the temperatures these last two weeks have been painfully uncomfortable. Hopefully the weather will begin to get a little warmer in the coming days and weeks. Unfortunately a pipe did burst in the Rectory earlier this week, but thanks to a passerby ringing the Rectory doorbell and alerting us to water spewing out of the wall, we were able to get our maintenance man Carlos to immediately turn off the water valve to the affected pipe and shut the water off. By the time you read this, it is my hope that the pipe(s) involved will have been replaced. My thanks to everyone who made a donation in last weekend's Maintenance and Repair Collection – your offerings went to replacing that burst pipe!

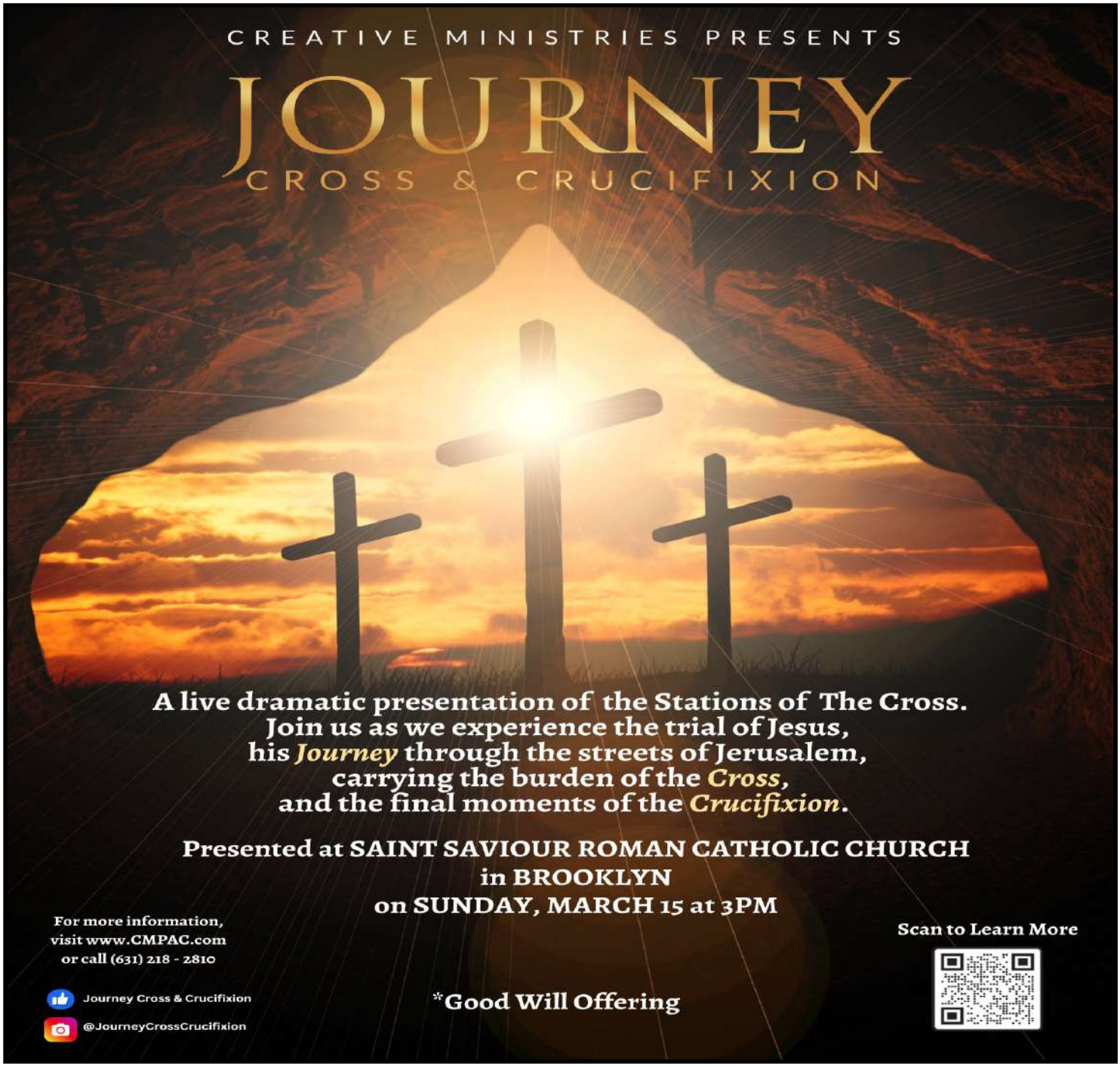
It has been another busy week here at Saint Saviour Parish. On Tuesday we celebrated the Feast of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, and we blessed the throats of our students, faculty and staffs of both the Academy and our High School. A special "Thank You" to Father Kevin who joined me in the Academy to bless the throats of our students. I was very happy that so many people wanted to have their throat blessed as we prayed together that our throats be healed of any disease or infirmity. It seems as if so many people these days have sore throats, which as we know is often the first sign of a cold, or the flu, or Covid or RSV. We pray that EVERYONE does their best to remain healthy during these lingering days of winter.

We recently received word from the Diocese that Bishop Octavio Cisneros, one of the retired Auxiliary Bishops here in the Diocese of Brooklyn, will be coming to Saint Saviour Parish on Saturday, April 18th, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 8th graders. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at our Saturday evening 5:00pm celebration of Eucharist. We invite ALL the members of our parish family to mark their calendars and plan on joining us for this significant milestone in the sacramental life and faith journey of our teenagers. Once again, we are partnering with the teenagers from Saint John the Evangelist – Saint Rocco Parish for this sacrament. No tickets are necessary. Father Kevin and I believe strongly that sacraments are public celebrations of faith and we believe it's important for young people to see the other members of our parish families present at these celebrations praying for them and encouraging them in their commitment to follow in the footsteps of Jesus the Christ!

Finally, I would like to reiterate something I have been saying for several weeks now at the end of our Masses. I invite EVERYONE to consider joining us for daily Mass. Perhaps you can only come one day a week; perhaps more. Our attendance at daily Mass is growing smaller and smaller. If the students from Saint Saviour Catholic Academy are not with us, there are days we have only between 3-8 people. Going to Mass is a great way to start the day. I am impressed how my brother makes it a point to attend Mass on Friday's at his parish, even though he is the youngest one there! Even joining us one morning a week would make a difference. Please consider it!!

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

Father Frank



This Saturday, the world celebrates Valentine's Day, that day on which we get to tell that special someone how important they are to us and how grateful we are to have them in our lives. Yet the person known as Saint Valentine is really shrouded in mystery, as we don't know very much about him. We believe he was a holy priest who was beaten with clubs and beheaded because he was caught marrying Christian couples at a time when being Christian was not tolerated. Other than this, nothing is known about the man whose name people honor on February 14th each year.

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

A great big thank you to the students of SSCA for all of the cards they gave Father Frank and Father Kevin in honor of Catholic Schools Week, thanking them for their many years of service to Catholic schools.

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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

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

PLEASE PRAY *for the*
SICK & HOMEBOUND
• Nelista Skerrett

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.

"Only to the extent that love is grounded in truth can it endure over time, can it transcend the passing moment and be sufficiently solid to sustain a shared journey." - Pope Francis

January 31-February 1

Offertory $4,527
Children's Collection $205
Maintenance & Repair $1,163
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.

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.

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

Monday, February 9, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Rev. Angelo Pezzullo

Tuesday, February 10, Saint Scholastica
8:30 a.m. Carmela Laccorn

Wednesday, February 11, Weekday
8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

Thursday, February 12, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Louise D'Ambrosio

Friday, February 13, Weekday
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, February 14, Saint Cyril
5:00 p.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli

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

Candle Memorials - February 13-27

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