SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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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 thanking everyone who came out last Sunday afternoon to experience *"JOURNEY, CROSS & CRUCIFIXION"* performed so beautifully by *Creative Ministries.* Saint Paul once said "God chooses the weak and makes them strong in Christ." Well, last Sunday was certainly a day we were all made stronger in Christ. When we first booked *Creative Ministries* last year, we only looked at the parish calendar and said "Great, March 15th is available!" We didn't check the New York City calendar to see that the NYC ½ Marathon was taking place starting in Brooklyn nor did we realize last Sunday was the annual Park Slope Saint Patrick's Day Parade. As a result, the entire neighborhood was closed off and the theatre troupe couldn't get near us. They found parking 10 blocks away and walked over to church with their sound equipment, props and costumes – and the performance went on. Even though we started 45 minutes late (and I still apologize profusely for that), I think everyone would agree it was well worth the wait. I was thrilled with the large number of people who attended and everyone I spoke with was so happy to experience this extremely powerful and moving living Stations of the Cross. Even the theater troupe were glad they didn't turn around and go home. So once again, THANK YOU to everyone who joined us last Sunday. I think all of us can honestly say our Lenten journey this year is much richer and stronger as a result of our walking with Jesus last Sunday afternoon.

For those of you reading this online before the weekend, don't forget on Saturday morning, March 21st, we will have our annual *"Morning of Lenten Prayer and Reflection"* here at Saint Saviour beginning with the celebration of Eucharist at 10:00am in the church. Following Eucharist, we will listen to a reflection/talk by Mr. Steven Giulietti, one of the Religion teachers at Christ the King High School in Queens. The topic of his reflection will be *"Salvation in Scripture and in Song."* Steven comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and love for our Catholic Faith and music and looks forward to sharing these passions with us on March 21st. Our morning of prayer and reflection will conclude by 12:00 noon, and I do hope as many of you as possible will plan on joining us for this morning of Lenten Prayer & Reflection on March 21st. My thanks to Deacon Paul for arranging this morning of prayer for us.

As we begin this Fifth Week of Lent today, I hope everyone is taking this period of time seriously and working on their relationship with God this Lenten Season. I personally cannot believe we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey. Remember, you can find the schedule of Masses and Liturgies for Holy Week in this week's bulletin – please find the time to join us for any or all of these celebrations – they are the most prayerful and beautiful liturgies of the entire Church Year.

Finally, we are still in need of 4 people to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday evening. My thanks to the people who came forward last week. I realize many of us are embarrassed about our feet, but I promise you, I will not look at your bunions or corns or calluses or ingrown toenails. Jesus never commented on the feet of his disciples and I promise you – neither will I. So please...consider having your feet washed on Holy Thursday. All you need to do is call Emily and have your name added to our list. Remember, we still need 4 more people!

Have a great week everyone! Please stay safe and healthy!

Father Frank

We are in need of 8 feet (that's 4 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.

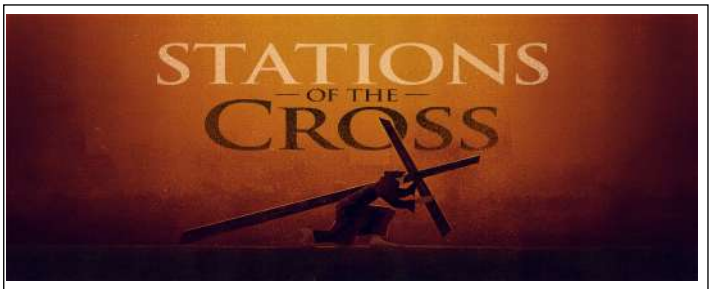
If you are interested in being one of our foot "washees" (remember, there are only 4 openings and they are sure to go fast!), please email or call Father Frank at the Rectory (718) 768-4055. Please consider putting your feet in our hands!

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.

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 Thank you so much!



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 on **March 22nd immediately following our 9:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist.**

The Second Sunday of Easter has become known as the Feast of the Divine Mercy, or more commonly, Divine Mercy Sunday. This devotion to the divine mercy of Jesus has been celebrated for many years in many different parts of the world since the 1930s, yet it wasn't until Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000, that the Sunday after Easter became known as "Divine Mercy Sunday" in the General Roman Calendar. Saint Faustina was an uneducated Polish nun who kept a diary of about 600 pages telling the story of her revelations regarding the mercy of God. Devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus challenges us to arrive at a greater understanding that the love of God is both unconditional and never-ending, and is available to ALL people - and it challenges us even further to reciprocate that love and mercy to everyone whom we encounter throughout our life's journey. Here at Saint Saviour parish, there will be veneration of the divine Mercy image and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2026. ALL the members of our parish family are invited to attend and share in God's Divine Mercy.

We are so proud of our High School students who marched in the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade on Tuesday, March 17th.

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.

It's that easy!

The St. Saviour Book Group will meet on Wednesday evening April 8th at 7:30 to discuss Billy Collins' collection of poetry *The Rain in Portugal.* Collins, a *NY Times* best seller. U.S. Poet Laureate from 2001-2003, he taught at CUNY's Lehman College in the Bronx. He is known for accessibilty, his wit and his focus on the everyday. Contact Betsy at ektbetsy@gmail.com for information on how to attend.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Easter Flower Offering
March 29—Easter Mass Remembrance
April 2— Holy Thursday
April 3—Holy Land Sanctuaries
April 5—Easter Offering
April 5—Easter Support of Senior Priests
April 12—Maintenance & Repair

ALL the members of our parish family are invited to join us on Saturday afternoon, April 18th, at our 5:00pm celebration of Eucharist—where Bishop Octavio Cisneros, one of the retired Auxiliary Bishops here in the Diocese of Brooklyn will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people. We will be partnering with the parish of Saint John the Evangelist—Saint Rocco and the Mass will be bi-lingual (English/Spanish). We hope ALL the members of our parish family will join us on this special day as we pray for the young people of these two parishes as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the generous donation we received on March 13, the second in 2026. Special thanks to Adrian for his always kind helpfulness in getting the bags and me out the door. May the celebration of Easter bring many blessings to the entire St. Saviour community.

Edith Newman

"The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them."– St. John of the Cross

STEWARDSHIP

March 14-15

Offertory $4,925
Children's Collection $207
Catholic Relief Services $723.00

Attendance 284

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

ENVELOPE CORRECTION

Those of you who receive weekly envelopes may have noticed that for Easter Sunday, there is no offering envelope for Easter, but instead, you have 2 envelopes for Retired Priests. This was a mistake on the part of our envelope company, So, on Easter Sunday, for those of you who use weekly offering envelopes, simply put your offering in an envelope and write your name on the envelope along with "Easter Offering." We will make sure you receive credit for your offering so there is no need for concern and we apologize for this slight inconvenience.

Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Eddie Pacheco
11:30 a.m. Manuel Arroyo

Monday, March 23, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Emily McCormick

Tuesday, March 24, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Christopher Roazzi

Wednesday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Chadwick Family

Thursday, March 26, Saint Joseph
8:30 a.m. Eileen Moffatt

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

Saturday, March 28, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. Janet & James Kelly

Sunday, March 29, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Ken Corey/Suh Chung Seok/ Thomas Miskel

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.