SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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

It seems as though our Lenten journey is moving forward at lightening speed. It's hard to believe today we are beginning the third week of Lent. We have been with Jesus in the desert and experienced temptation and we have joined him on the mountain where we have heard the voice of God encouraging us to listen to the voice of his Beloved Son. This weekend we shift gears a bit and will begin listening to three rather lengthy Gospels from John – each of which will reinforce the importance of our listening to the voice of Jesus in our prayer and our daily lives. Let us pray that the remainder of our Lenten journey will continue to challenge us and convert our hearts to become more faithful to the One who gave his life for us.

Last Sunday at our 9:30am celebration of Eucharist, we celebrated the Rite of Election with our two Catechumens (now Elect). Normally this celebration is presided over by Bishop Brennan, however, because of the snow storm two weeks ago, the diocesan celebration was cancelled and Bishop Brennan asked that the pastors celebrate this Rite in each of our own parishes this year. There is a great article in this week's diocesan newspaper The Tablet about this written by Father Joe Gibino (another one of my professors from my days in the seminary 30+ years ago). It really turned out to be a great celebration for our parish family, and I congratulate Johnny and Yunah, who will be fully initiated at our Easter Vigil this year, receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. I look forward with great joy to initiating them in a few weeks at our Easter Vigil. They are both in church every Sunday, even long before they decided to join our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) process, and I know they will continue to be an active part of our parish even after their initiation!

NEXT SUNDAY (March 15th), we will be welcoming back to Saint Saviour Parish the theater troupe *Creative Ministries,* from Oakdale, Long Island, who will be sharing with us their performance of "JOURNEY, CROSS & CRUCIFIXION" beginning at 3:00pm here in our church. This is a re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross in song, word, gesture and dance. *Creative Ministries* has been doing this "Living Stations of the Cross" for almost 40 years now in various churches and schools across Long Island and it is an incredibly moving and powerful experience not to be missed! This experience is open to EVERYONE and we encourage ALL the members of our parish family to make time next Sunday afternoon to join us in this living prayer experience. I promise you – you will not be disappointed!

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 Scipture and in Song."* Steven comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and love for our Catholic Faith and looks forward to sharing that 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.

Have a great week everyone.

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!

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

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.

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.

A Lenten Choral Penance Service

Tuesday, March 10th 2026
7:00 PM
Saint Francis Xavier Church
225 6th Avenue Brooklyn NY 11215

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1:5

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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

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Easter Offering
March 15—Catholic Relief Services
March 22—Easter Flower Offering

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.

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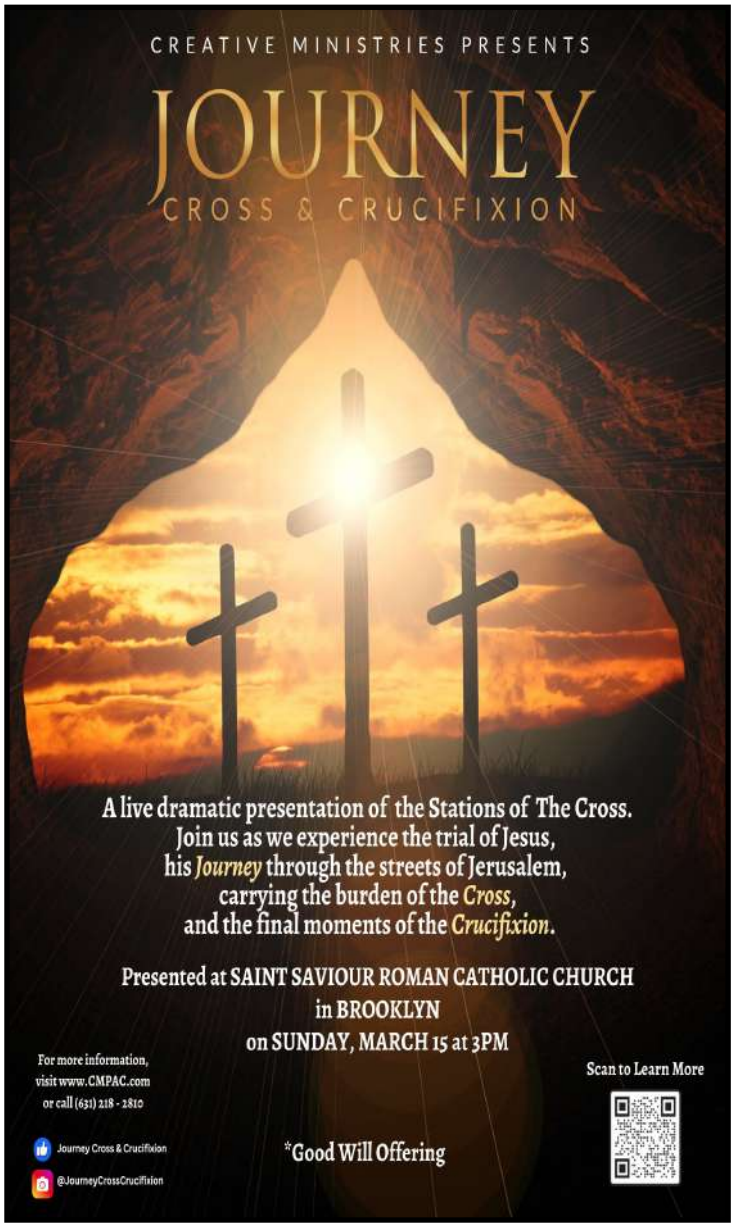
"Gossip may entertain for a moment, but its damage lasts a lifetime." - unknown

STEWARDSHIP

February 28-March 1

Offertory $9,559
Children's Collection $252
Maintenance & Repair $1,479
Attendance 286



Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Joanne Devine/Clyde Winn
11:30 a.m. Anthony Russo

Monday, March 9, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Brian Rybarczyk

Tuesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Charles E. Angell

Wednesday, March 11, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Ronald Peluso

Thursday, March 12, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Michael Hands

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

Saturday, March 14, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. Rev. Alfred A. Blaeser

Sunday, March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:30 a.m. Kathryne & Joseph Mauceri
11:30 a.m. Eda M. Duggan/Miguel Acevedo/
Andres Carrazana

Candle Memorials
March 13-19

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR:

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

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.

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