SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

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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 FATHER FRANK

Happy Easter! Today is the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour—Jesus the Christ. It's hard to believe that our Lenten Journey is now complete. However, it does not mean that we forget about all the good things we tried to accomplish during Lent. Nor does it mean that we can now go back to our old way of living. Whatever changes or conversions we experienced during Lent must now continue throughout the Easter season and beyond. We must remember that Jesus has made all things new through his death and resurrection. As a result, as Saint Paul often reminds us in his letters, we are a new creation. We have been baptized in Christ. The Easter season affords us the opportunity to look beyond the ordinary and experience the risen Christ present in our midst. It's an opportunity for us to become a living witness to this resurrected Jesus—who continues to challenge us and stretch us to our limits. Many people thought that once Jesus died, so too did his mission and everything he stood for—but weren't they surprised three days later! Jesus came back to remind them that the work he began must now be continued through them—and us! That is why it is so important on this holiest of days for us to stand up and recommit ourselves to Jesus the Christ by renewing our own baptism. Once this has been accomplished, then we must follow the mandate of Jesus to go out and preach the Good News to ALL people. Like the Apostles though, we might be scared or frightened. We probably even have at least a dozen excuses lined up to get us out of actually DOING what Jesus himself did. Perhaps we have even locked ourselves in a room, afraid of the hostilities of the world outside. Yet it is the resurrected Jesus who promises us God's Spirit to give us the strength and courage we need to leave that locked room and go out into an often hostile and unwelcoming world to continue the work that was begun by Jesus. Let's try to be brave this Easter and do our best to share the Good News with those who we meet along the way. It's only in sharing our faith and belief in the risen Lord that we will successfully accomplish the work of Jesus today.

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you and your family throughout this sacred season of resurrection and new life!

Blessed Easter Everyone.

Father Frank

OFFICE HOURS

Please be advised the **rectory office will be closed on Good Friday, April 3rd, and Easter Monday, April 6th.**

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.

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!

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.

THANK YOU

Please allow us to express our sincerest gratitude to Father Frank, Charlie & Denise Spacek for donating this year's Paschal (Easter) Candle in loving memory of Frank and Elaine Spacek. It was blessed at the beginning of our Easter Vigil and will be used every day throughout the Easter Season—in addition to being used at every baptism and funeral celebrated here in our church throughout the year.

DID YOU KNOW? EASTER IS MORE THAN ONE DAY

Easter Sunday, including its octave (first eight days) and entire fifty-day season, is considered one great Sunday, since the season of 'Pascha' commemorates and makes liturgically present the Resurrection of the Lord which occurred on a Sunday (the risen Christ remained on earth for forty days). The early Church designated Sunday as the "eighth day" (eight in Hebrew and Christian culture signifies redemption and a new beginning in God's plan of salvation).

OCTAVE: As with the first week of Christmas, the Catholic Church emphasizes the first week of Easter (first to second Sundays) as a one supreme celebration. Rest and joyful celebration are encouraged during the first week, and acts of penance on the Friday within the octave are not required. Eastern churches refer to it as "Bright Week".

SEASON: Eastertide consists of fifty days total (seven Sundays). Forty days after the first Sunday is the Solemnity of the Ascension (when Jesus returned, body and soul, to the Father), and fifty days after the first Sunday is the Solemnity of Pentecost (when Christ sent the Holy Spirit without limit to the Church who carries on Christ's visible mission of redemption).

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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—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.

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"Easter proclaims that nothing is impossible with God and that His love can overcome all obstacles. "
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STEWARDSHIP

March 28-29

Offertory $5,356
Children's Collection $193

Attendance 490

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.

Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, April 5, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
9:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance
11:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Monday, April 6, Monday within the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. Edward Flannery

Tuesday, April 7, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. Joseph Campesi

Wednesday, April 8, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. John Mauceri

Thursday, April 9, Thursday within the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. John Keating

Friday, April 10, Friday within the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, April 11, Saturday within the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. Joseph Mauceri/Lorraine Foley/ Angela Zanfini

Sunday, April 12, Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday
9:30 a.m. Frank Pacheco
11:30 a.m. Nicholas & Frances Cavalluzzi

Please continue to support the food pantry at St. Thomas Aquinas. We are especially in need of hot cereal, soup and toiletries, but whatever you give will be most appreciated!