SAINT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST:

WEEKEND MASSES

5:00 pm: Saturday Evening
10:30 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

Mrs. Carolann Timpone, **Principal**
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ST. SAVIOUR CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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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!**

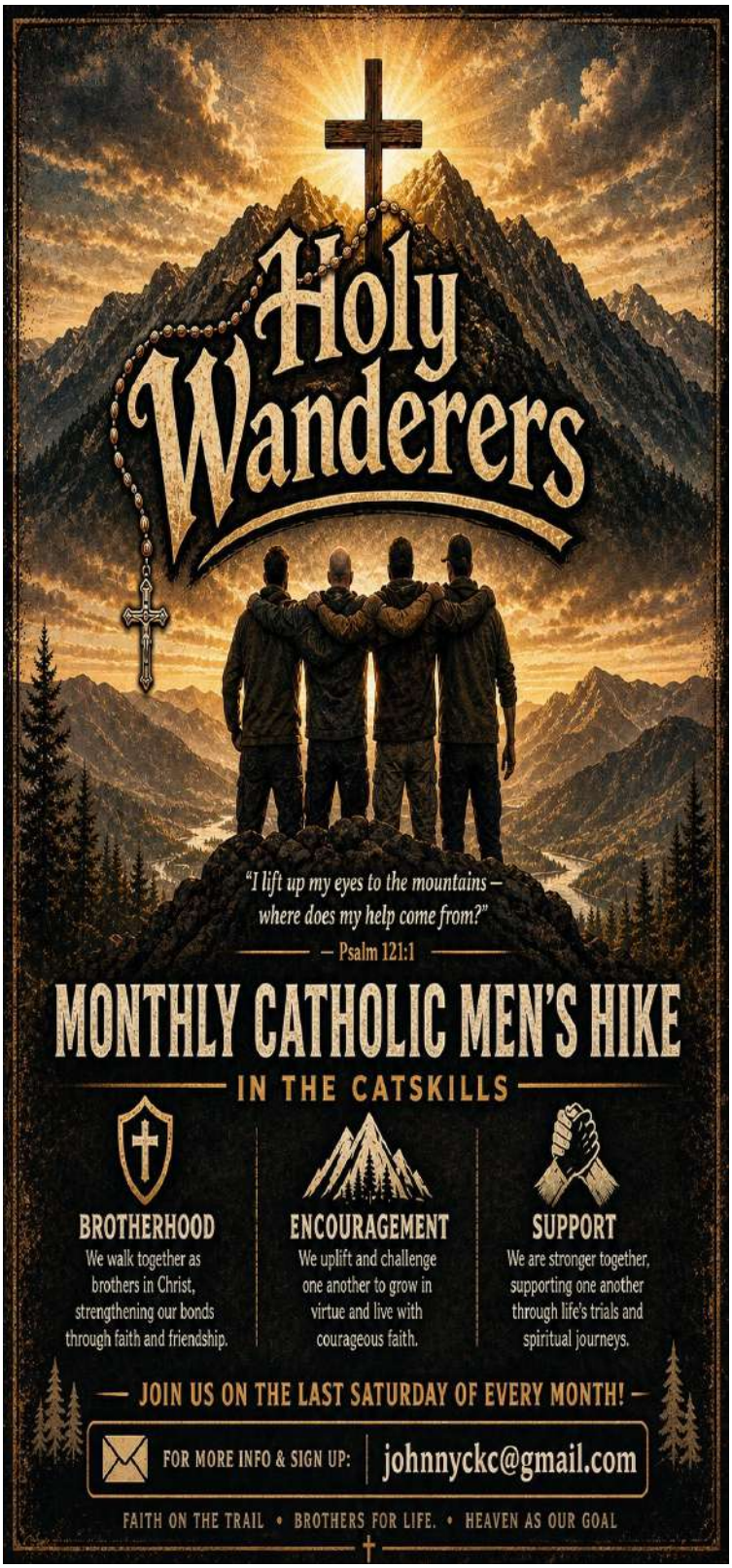
A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

We have all heard about and seen the devastation and destruction caused by the two earthquakes in Venezuela that occurred on June 24th. More than 4,700 people lost their lives, 16,700 people were injured and there are still tens of thousands of people missing. Bishop Brennan asked that every parish in the Diocese of Brooklyn take up a special collection to assist all those persons whose lives have been affected by these horrific earthquakes and here at Saint Saviour, this special collection was taken up last weekend at each of our Masses. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send a check to the Diocese in the amount of $1,225.00. I am extremely grateful to all our parishioners who donated a little something in last weekend's special collection to assist the people in Venezuela.

Last Saturday, I had the honor of celebrating the annual Saint Anne Society Mass at Saint John the Evangelist – Saint Rocco Parish on the other side of Park Slope. This Mass has been a part of the history of Saint John the Evangelist – Saint Rocco Parish for almost 100 years. In its hey-day it involved a week-long feast with carnival rides, tons of food, games of chance, a procession around the entire neighborhood with a statue of Saint Anne carried aloft on a beautiful pedestal made by Italian immigrants, culminating in a special Mass in a church filled to capacity. Over the years, as the community grew smaller and parishioners either moved away or passed away, this annual celebration grew smaller as well. Long gone are the processions, annual feast and communal meal – yet what does remain is an annual celebration of Eucharist honoring Saint Anne, the Mother of Mary, and a devotion to the grandmother of Jesus. In a shrine toward the front of Saint John the Evangelist Church, there is a very unique statue of Saint Anne almost as old as the church itself. It's not a statue carved from marble or even one chiseled out of stone or wood. It is a plaster statue of an elderly woman, wrinkles across her face and along her hands, grabbing the wrist of a young Mary who looks like she is trying to pull away from her mother as young children often try to do. It's not a typical statue one would normally see of Saint Anne, yet for the people of Saint John the Evangelist – Saint Rocco Parish, it is a very special statue, for it was brought over from Italy by their ancestors who called that parish their "home." For years this same statue was carried through the streets of Park Slope and honored in a most profound way. Countless prayers were said before this statue and petitions would be pinned to her sash. Our first reading that morning from the Old Testament book of Sirach reminded us that we can never forget the wisdom of our elders or the examples they have set for us in our youth. I could not help but think as I celebrated that Mass last Saturday how many thousands of people went before us celebrating the Feast of Saint Anne throughout the years in that neighborhood and in that church – and that small group of faithful people who still return to "the old neighborhood" each July to honor the mother of Mary and grandmother of Jesus. Many things change throughout the years – traditions, organizations, ministries, parishioners and even priests – yet what always remains the same is our faith in Jesus the Christ as our Lord and Savior! May we as a community of believers never forget that.

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

Father Frank



MASS TIME CHANGE FOR SUMMER

STARTING JUNE 20-21

UNTIL LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY—5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY—10:30 A.M.

NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES

SEPTEMBER 12-13

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!

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

August 2—Maintenance & Repair
August 15—Feast of the Assumption

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.

A REMINDER FOR OUR CHILDREN

We want to remind all the children of our parish family that just because St. Saviour Catholic Academy and our Religious Education classes might be finished for the summer—it DOES NOT mean that your obligation to attend Sunday Eucharist ceases as well. Parents—please be sure to continue bringing your child(ren) to Eucharist each Sunday throughout the summer months. It is important that our children receive Jesus in the Eucharist each week!

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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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3. Click on the collection you wish to donate to
4. Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Faith Formation is a lifelong journey of growing in relationship with Jesus Christ and deepening our understanding of the Catholic faith. It does not end with the reception of a sacrament, but continues throughout our lives as we are continually called to know, love, and serve the Lord—until the day we meet Him face to face in eternal life.

Registration and re-registration have begun for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation academic year.

Current families are asked to use the re-registration materials sent home with your children. Completed forms may be returned to Deacon Paul on Sunday mornings, dropped off at the Rectory during business hours, or placed in the Sunday collection basket using the provided envelope.

New families wishing to register their children for Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation are invited to visit our parish website. Under "Religious Education," you will find the application available for download. Please note **the Diocesan policy that students preparing to receive the Sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation) must be enrolled in and attend Faith Formation for two consecutive years in order to be eligible for candidacy.**

Registration will continue throughout the summer months. Avoid the September rush by registering early. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Paul at **stsaviourff@gmail.com**.

***"Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven."* – St. Camillus de Lellis**

July 18-19

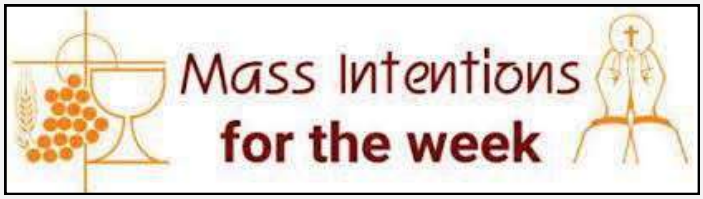
Offertory $4,323
Children's Collection $94
Earthquake collection $ 1,225
Attendance 179

Remember, St. Saviour Parish still needs your weekly offering!

While you are on vacation our bills still keep coming! Our church needs YOU to help support the preaching of the Gospel, its administration of the Sacraments, keeping its lights on all summer, and helping us teach our children about God. Without your Weekly Offering we could not accomplish all that we do. Thank you for your weekly donations!

Also, while vacationing this summer, be sure to include your weekly Mass obligation in your plans. For Mass schedules around the United States, go to www.masstimes.org. Now there can be no more excuses why you cannot attend Mass while you are on vacation!

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.



Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Mary O'Hara

Monday, July 27, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mary O'Hara

Tuesday, July 28, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Intentions of Alyssa Forrest

Wednesday, July 29, Saint's Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
8:30 a.m. Frank Spera

Thursday, July 30, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Rev. James Fitzpatrick

Friday, July 31, Saint Ignatius of Loyola
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, August 1, Saint Alphonsus Liguori
5:00 p.m. Rev. William J. O'Niell

Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Deacon Angel Rivera

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. We are grateful to the 82 donors who have already made a generous commitment to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Parish Goal: $52,569.00

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