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!

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Sunday 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, and 5:00 PM
Monday–Friday 8:30 AM
Saturday 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM (for Sunday)
Holy Days 7:30 PM Vigil, 8:30 AM, and 12:05 PM

SACRAMENTS
Baptisms We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at 1:00 PM on the first Sunday of each month. Arrangements must be made in advance with a member of the Pastoral Staff. Please note that there are no baptisms during Advent and Lent.

Marriages Arrangement 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 a priest or deacon 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 or to learn more about the Pastoral Care Program.

Confessions First Saturday of the month in the church from 4:00-4:30 PM. By appointment for all other times.

ST. SAVIOUR STAFF
Pastor Rev. Frank W. Spacek, D.Min
Pastor Emeritus Rev. Daniel S. Murphy
Parochial Vicar & CUNY Chaplain  Rev. Kevin P. Cavalluzzi, D.Min
Deacons Bill Williamson & Bill Cullen
Parish Secretary Emily San Pietro
Director of Faith Formation Sister Patricia M. Rutter, CSJ
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry Geri Anne O’Beirne
Director of Music Iouri Grichetchkine
Trustees Ed Dorney & Geri Anne O’Beirne

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Wednesday 9:00 AM–8:00 PM
Thursday–Friday 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
To speak with a priest, please call for an appointment.
For sick calls, phone anytime.

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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

Today we begin the Second Week of Advent. I hope many of you took seriously the challenges presented to us last week to be watchful and alert for the coming of our Messiah. This week’s challenge will take us one step further in terms of our preparations for making room for the Christ in our hearts and our lives. This afternoon, we welcome back the Glen Mohr Chorale to Saint Saviour parish. They will be sharing with us their presentation of “ADVENT HOPE” beginning at 2:00 p.m. here in church. I hope as many of you as possible will consider joining us this afternoon for this hour of prayer and song as we continue to prepare for the coming of the Lord. I promise you will not be disappointed and their presentation might just put you into the spirit of Advent a little more!

Our front stairs are almost complete, and there is a good chance that by the time your are reading this bulletin we will be using them once again. I realize this has been a long journey. What was supposed to be a 10 week project has carried on for nearly six months. However, I think you will agree with me that the wait was well worth it. The stairs look absolutely beautiful, and I hope you are as pleased with them as Father Kevin and myself are. The word on the street, from those people in the neighborhood who do not worship with us but pass our church all the time, is that they look spectacular. I am glad we accomplished this project at this time. As they took down the stairs, we were able to see first-hand how bad they really were. We can now proudly say we have a solid staircase that will safely lead us to worship in our beautiful church each Sunday. We will invite the Bishop to come and bless our new staircase after the holiday season. In addition, as soon as we get a few nice days, we are going to have the metal staircase between the church and the Rectory re-painted. We are going to have two new signs fabricated that will be placed on either side of the front doors of our church that will announce our weekly schedule of Masses. These beautiful signs will replace the sign present now on the church building, as well as the banners that used to hang on the columns on the front steps. We have decided that with the new stairs, we will not be placing banners on the columns any longer.

We are also in the process of having the two beautiful candle sticks on either side of our altar repaired, refinished and restored. In addition, we are having the sacristy bell refinished as well. Both these items were in desperate need of refurbishment. The candles were leaking oil all over the place and were wobbling something terrible. The sacristy bell must have had a hundred years worth of smoke and incense crusted onto it. We are hoping our candlesticks and sacristy bell will be back in time for Christmas.

We have also purchased a beautiful new Nativity set for our church. The one we had has served our parish well for many years, but over the years it has slowly become quite damaged and is no longer able to keep being repaired. The one we have purchased is absolutely beautiful and we hope it will be a part of our Christmas décor for many years to come. If there is any person or family from our parish who would like to donate this new Nativity set to our parish that will grace the inside of our Church each Christmas season, please speak with either Father Kevin or myself at your earliest convenience.

Have a great week everyone.

Father Frank
CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
6:00 p.m. Family Mass/Nativity Pageant
11:30 p.m. Carols
12:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25
9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

UPCOMING PARISH COLLECTIONS

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE
Included with the monthly contributions envelopes is a special envelope for the Christmas Mass remembrance. Please use this envelope for your special intentions, which will be remembered at each of our celebrations of Eucharist this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY PARISH
At this time of the year we all receive many requests from worthy charities and soon realize that we can’t respond to them all. However, one appeal that hopefully everyone will respond to is the annual Christmas Gift to My Parish Collection. A year-end Christmas gift is your chance to go beyond the day-to-day support of your parish that you fund through your weekly support in the Sunday collection.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
Each year we take great pride in the beautiful Christmas decorations in our church. Contributions to help defray the expense of decorating the church for the holiday season may be made in memory of deceased relatives or friends, or in honor of the living. There are envelopes for this purpose in the set of monthly envelopes or you may obtain one in the vestibule of the church. Please help the Alter Guild in creating a beautiful setting for our liturgical celebrations during the Christmas season.
Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach

The Brownbaggers project serves the poor in the NYC parks during the winter months. Since 2009 we have delivered thousands of lunches. Meeting monthly in the Parish Hall at 12:30 pm, we assemble 100 brown bag lunches with food and clothing items donated by our volunteers. We then travel via subway to multiple Manhattan parks to distribute our lunches to those most in need, returning to Brooklyn by 3:30 p.m. John Olash is the current director of our Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach program.

Volunteers can reach John at: johnolash@hotmail.com

Please RSVP now for Sunday, January 21, 2018

Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear comfortable shoes and have your metro card charged.

Twenty five volunteers are needed for this event. RSVP to: johnolash@hotmail.com

Please consider donating warm socks, hats or gloves into the Brownbaggers Donation Box which will be located in the vestibule of the church after every mass. Any donations received will be distributed at that month’s Brownbagger event. Also, financial donations used to purchase food items can be made in the Parish rectory. Thank you for your support.

Looking ahead to our next event:

February 11, 2018
In attendance
Father Frank, Father Kevin, Deacon William Cullen, Sister Patricia Rutter, CSJ, Stephen Jankowski, Audrey Belsito, Dave Beaudry, Geri Anne O’Beirne

Opening Prayer
Father Frank invited Stephen Jankowski to sit on the PPC to represent our Teens in the parish.

Deanery Mass Schedule
Our Sunday 5:00 PM Mass will now be considered a Deanery Mass not a Parish Mass. The communal Prayer of the Faithful and the individual collections have been discontinued. Father Frank & Father Kevin will only have this Mass once every 12 weeks. Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Music Ministry will still be supplied by the Parish as well as the Mass intention. Dean of Deanery will be coordinating the Masses.

Report on Deanery Collaboration Effort
Meeting took place on 10/24 at 7:30 PM in HNJ
Mark Yarish: Communications, Audrey Belsito: Social Gatherings, Maria Caballero: Social Justice

SUMMARY
Communications: Share our best practices via email blasts & Google Doc/sheets.
Social Gatherings: Help to avoid double booking of events; Bulletin Deanery Corner.
Social Justice: Educate about social justice, share resources eg. Immigration help
Hispanic Affairs: third committee was formed, more info to follow.

Generations of Faith Campaign Update
To date 166 families have pledged $785,410 ($1000 pledged unable to be fulfilled)
As of 10/19/17, $302,474 has been paid
To date the parish has received: $116,115
17 Families have made no payments amounting to $27,400 Follow up with these donors are taking place.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update
Our Goal: $60,588
Pledged: $25,190 (Oct: $22,990)
Paid: $23,865 (Oct: $20,540
Donors: 64 (Oct: 54)

Parish Census
275 families have responded online and on paper, 64 are new parishioners and 10 of those are long time parishioners who were never registered. Online document will remain active through the end of the year. Next step is to reach out to those parishioners who are homebound and to request their input.

Evaluation of the Concert or Sacred Music 10/19
Young Oceans group did a wonderful concert in the Church. Large group attended. Father Frank would like to schedule an Advent event as well.

Report from Youth & Family Ministry and Martha’s Ministry
Many events for all ages occurring in Dec. & Jan. Martha Ministry has been extremely helpful in completing many vital Parish administrative duties: missalette change over, Giving Tree set up and Advent Project assembly. MM will also help at packaging of Hour Children’s gifts on 12/10.

Report on Faith Formation
150 students in FF. Prior Saturday a group attended the Congress at Saint Francis Prep. New Lures program for 7th & 8th Grade. Socktober 400 pair of socks collected, Yes You Can ongoing to the end of November.

Report on Young Families
Dave & Drew working on School Age Parents group. Pre-school group will speak at Family Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany.

Update on the Church Steps
Almost complete, to paid to date $306,010
Remaining balance: $134,281
Hoping it is finished by Christmas.
Will invite Bishop at a later date to bless the steps.

Next meeting January 30, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Patrick Shovelin/George Khury
11:30 a.m. Kevin Holton/Patricia O’Meara/Dr. Salvatore Brevetti, Sr.
5:00 p.m. Richard Nilsen

Monday, December 11, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 a.m. Michael Griffin (Anniversary)

Wednesday, December 13, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
8:30 a.m. Sr. Kathleen Sullivan

Thursday, December 14, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:30 a.m. Rose Dunn

Friday, December 15, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Robert Frueh

Saturday, December 16, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Marie Kettly Moss (Birthday Remembrance)
5:00 p.m. Patrick Shovelin/Curley O’Donovan

Sunday, December 17, Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Julia Rybacki/Coreen Bilello/Joseph & Ann Flanagan
11:30 a.m. Kevin Holton/Martha & Florence Caruso/Gino Menchini
5:00 p.m. Daniel Steeley (Birthday Remembrance) / Shauna Gong

ST. SAVIOUR BOOK GROUP
St. Saviour book group will meet on Wednesday, January 3, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 p.m. to discuss *Saints and Sinners: Stories* by Edna O’Brien. We will gather in the meeting room at the rear of the parish hall. All are welcome. For additional information, contact Betsy at ekbtetsy@gmail.com.

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Blessing of the Bambinos

Please bring your Baby Jesus from your home crèche/stable to our Sunday Masses Sunday, Dec. 17th.
We will bless our “Bambinos” during all the Masses.

Christmas Wreath Sale
Sponsored by Saint Saviour Cub Pack 412/Boy Scout Troop 14

Please support our growing Pack & Troop, buy a fresh Christmas Wreath available after all morning Mass outside of Church on the following Sundays, Dec. 3 & 17th.

Please contact Geri Anne 718-965-9151 or email pogo82595@aol.com.

Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!

BABY’S FIRST CHRISTMAS

Join us on Sunday, December 24
9:30 AM Family Mass
If you have had a Baby or Adopted since last Christmas please bring your child to receive a Special Blessing during Mass.