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

Last Saturday afternoon the teenagers from our parish finalizing their preparations to receive the Sacrament of confirmation on April 20th attended their confirmation Retreat which was held at Saint James Cathedral in downtown Brooklyn. It was a wonderful day for our young people as they spent the day growing in their awareness of God’s love for them and the seriousness of their commitment to follow Jesus more closely once they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. The retreat was led by Father Kevin and myself. The students began their day by participating in an ice-breaker activity which found them playing “Spiritual Bingo” – an activity which forced them out of their comfort zone and enabled them to interact with every person present on the retreat seeking answers to challenges pertaining to their faith, their parish, and even their favorite baseball teams! This was followed by a talk given by Father Kevin emphasizing the importance of commitment to Christ and our Catholic Faith once they were fully initiated into our Catholic Faith. Father Frank then spoke about the way in which we envision God as children and how that image of God changes as we mature in our faith and as we grow into teenagers and adults. Many of our young people were even introduced to the music of legendary Frank Sinatra as we listened to him sing the song “That’s What God Looks Like to Me.” We then enjoyed some delicious pizza and created a beautiful image of the Holy Spirit and the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit before being given a tour of Saint James Cathedral by Father Kevin, and then we concluded our retreat with Mass in the Cathedral celebrated by Father Frank. The day turned out to be quite prayerful, spiritual and a lot of fun for our young people. A special word of thanks to Sister Pat for coordinating the day (and for providing us with the most delicious buttered popcorn ever tasted), as well as to Anna Lisa Villanueva, Ann Kelly, and Richard Whitehall for joining us for this special Retreat Day. Remember, Bishop Alfonso Cabazas, CM, will be here at Saint Saviour Parish on Friday, April 20th, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people. ALL the members of our parish family are invited and welcome to attend. No tickets are necessary. The confirmation Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Next week, believe it or not, we begin our celebration of Holy Week. This is THE holiest week of the year for Roman Catholics. It is my hope and prayer that ALL the members of our parish family will plan on joining us for each of the special liturgies of Holy Week – especially the liturgies of our Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday). We will begin our celebration of Holy Week next Sunday with Passion (Palm) Sunday. The entire schedule for Holy Week has been in the bulletin for several weeks now. If you haven’t done so already, please cut it out and put it on your refrigerator or bulletin board and make every effort to join us for each of these liturgies. We promise you that you will not be disappointed.

Have a great week everyone.

Father Frank
COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES
RETURNS ON HOLY THURSDAY
At a recent meeting for all pastors in the Diocese of Brooklyn, Bishop DiMarzio has given his consent to begin the distribution of Holy Communion under both species once again beginning at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening. We will adhere to this directive here at Saint Saviour parish—however, we ask you to please use your best discretion—if you are not feeling well or are coming down with a cold or are just getting over a cold—hold off on receiving the precious blood until you are feeling yourself once again. The flu season is still not completely over.

ST. SAVIOUR BOOK GROUP
April Meeting of the St. Saviour Book Group

The St. Saviour book group will meet on Wednesday, April 4, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM to discuss Lincoln in the Bardo: A Novel by George Saunders. We will gather in the meeting room at the rear of the parish hall. All are welcome.

For additional information, contact Betsy at: ektbetsy@gmail.com

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE &
EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Easter Mass Remembrance Envelopes and Easter Flower Offering Envelopes are now available at the front doors to the church.

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 wish to make a contribution, please use one of the Easter Flower Offering Envelopes available in the back of church.

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY

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!

Box Top Collection
Update! 450 J

Thank you for joining our St. Saviour Catholic Academy Box Top collectors! As you know we are clipping and collecting General Mills box tops for Education and many of our Parish family have joined in to help us. We have collected over 300 Box tops so far. We will keep collecting until May 31st. A bright yellow deposit box is located in the back of the Church which we empty and count each week. Tops can be found on General Mills products - Cereals, Kleenex, Ziploc, Green Giant products. Thank you for joining our team of collectors!
**HOLY THURSDAY**
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church  
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY**
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church  
Noon Children's Stations of the Cross  
(All are welcome)  
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

**HOLY SATURDAY**
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church  
(Blessing of the Food)  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY**
9:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
**NO 5:00 p.m. MASS**

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**FEET WANTED**
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 (March 29th) beginning at 7:30 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 call either Father Frank of Father Kevin at the Rectory (718) 768-4055. Please consider putting your feet in our hands!

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
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 8, 2018). ALL the members of our parish family are invited to attend and share in God’s Divine Mercy.

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**BROOKLYN BASEBALL FANS**
If any parishioners are interested in attending a Brooklyn Cyclones Game, please contact Geri Anne 719-965-9151 or pogo82595@aol.com. If there is a group interested we can purchase tickets, details to come.

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“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.”  
– Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
Our Schedule for March 2018 is as follows:

March 18th
Classes in session

2nd and 3rd grades will journey to Calvary.

March 25th
Classes in session

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Friday, April 20th at 4:00 p.m. in the church.
(Candidates and sponsors will gather in the Parish Hall at 3:00 p.m.)

Confirmation Practices:

Tuesday, April 10th 3:30—5:00 p.m. in church

Tuesday, April 17th 7:00—8:00 p.m. in the church with sponsors.

*If you are a parent who did not attend the Confirmation meeting on Monday, February 5th please be sure to ask your child’s teacher for the red folder with Confirmation requirements and due dates.

HAPPY SAINT JOSEPH’S DAY

This Monday (March 19th), the church celebrates the Feast of Saint Joseph and we would like to take this opportunity to wish our very own Sister of Saint Joseph a Happy Feast Day! We are truly blessed to have Sister Patricia Rutter here with us at Saint Saviour Parish serving as the Director of our Children’s Faith Formation program—and we thank her for her nearly 40 years of ministry and service to the Catholic Church here in the Diocese of Brooklyn. We also want to wish a Happy Feast Day to Sister Mary Walsh, who often worships here with us at Saint Savior and who led our Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection a few weeks ago, as well as all the other Sisters of Saint Joseph who often worship here with us each week at Saint Saviour. We are glad you’re here!

BLESSING OF OUR NEW STAIRS

On Sunday, April 15th, our parish will welcome back Bishop Raymond Chappetto, the Vicar General of our Diocese, who will celebrate our 11:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist. Following Eucharist, we will all process outside to the front of Church, where Bishop Chappetto will bless and rededicate our new church stairs. This is a historic moment in the life of our parish and it is our fervent hope that ALL the members of our parish will plan on joining us for this special liturgy and blessing. We are even inviting all the children from our Faith Formation Program to attend this special liturgy on April 15th.

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

If you have a child too young for Faith Formation classes, come join us after the Family Mass in the playroom downstairs, through the door/hallway to the right of the stage. You can let your kid(s) play, enjoy some coffee, and have a nice conversation with other parents. For more information go to saintsaviourchurch.org and click on “Young Families Group.”
Congratulations to our Cub Pack 412 Pinewood Derby Winners all three of our boys, Germaine Veillard of our Academy, Duke Taverny & Sal Staiano of our Parish all placed, results are below. Way to Go Cubs!

LENAPE BAY PINEWOOD DERBY RESULTS:

MARCH 3, 2018 KINGS PLAZA

Bears:
2nd Place: Duke Taverny
3rd Place: Salvatore Staiano

1st Year Webelos:
3rd Place: Germaine Veillard

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Mass for the Intentions of the Week

Sunday, March 18, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
9:30 a.m. Elaine Spacek
11:30 a.m. Kay McGovern/Elaine Spacek
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, March 19, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Francis Campion

Tuesday, March 20, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Madeline & Carmine Cancro

Wednesday, March 21, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Kathleen Neville

Thursday, March 22, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Elaine Spacek

Friday, March 23, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Frank Bolton

Saturday, March 24, Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Edgar “Sinclair’’ Henry
5:00 p.m. Carmine Siracusa (Birthday Remembrance)/ Marion Cappiello/ Howard Belcher & Jacinta Henry

Sunday, March 25, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
9:30 a.m. Allyson Boolbol/Kathleen Ronan
11:30 a.m. Marion Cappiello/Delia & Joseph Joyce/Elaine Spacek
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish