

# Church of the Infant Saviour

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March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo - Pastor

Deacon Jack Carr

Deacon Frank Rose

Deacon Frank Rose - Trustee

Dr. Richard Reich - Trustee

Deacon Jack Carr – Parish Council President

Mrs. Patricia Ditzio – Parish Secretary/Notary Public

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Wed– Friday

Mon, Wed-Fri 9:00 AM– 4:00 PM, & Tues. 9AM-6PM (744-2391)

## MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Evening: 5PM-Pine Bush

Sunday: 8:00 AM – Walker Valley

9:30AM & 11:15AM – Pine Bush

1st & 3rd Sunday of each month 2PM: Spanish Mass-Pine Bush

Daily Masses: 8:00AM Monday through Sat. – Pine Bush

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00-4:40 and by appointment.

## INFANT BAPTISMS:

Any 2nd or 4th Saturday of each month at 12 Noon. or by special appointment. Please call the Rectory at 744-2391 ext. 10

**Baptism Catechesis** is offered on the third Saturday of every month at 3PM in the church hall. Any parents who are getting their children baptized and have been directed to attend should plan on coming to one of the sessions before the baptism takes place. Godparents may also attend. Please direct any questions or concerns to Dn. Jack Carr.

## ADULT BAPTISMS:

We use the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5329:

Meets the first Thursday of the month in the Church call Charlie Cino at 744-6174.

Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



## EDUCATION & YOUTH LEADERSHIP:

Religious Education Office – 744-9944

Mrs. Gail Baumann – Coordinator

Mrs. Jeanette Coates – Secretary

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Gail Baumann, Coordinator 744-9944

## CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION:

Jeanette & Don Coates

Lula & Michael Tartaglione

744-9944

**THE HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly. To arrange a visit, please call the Parish Office at 744-2391.

## DEVOTIONS:

**Rosary** – 7:40 Rosary said before Daily Mass

**Miraculous Medal Novena** – after Saturday 8:00AM Mass

**Holy Hour** – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:30PM

Last Wednesday of Every month Holy Hour will be held at Our Lady of the Valley in Walker Valley 6:30-7:30.

**Marian Prayer Group** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10:30AM, Mother's Chapel

**Ultreya** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month: 7:30PM, Church Hall

**Eucharistic Adoration** – First Friday of the Month: 9AM–6PM

**MARRIAGES:** Please call the Rectory 744-2391 for an appointment at least six months prior to the desired date. No date will be given until the couple has met with Fr. Niranjan, Deacon Jack or Deacon Frank.



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Mass Intentions

Sat: March 5, 2016

8:00AM:
5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (Cathy & Bill LaCovara)

Week of March 6, 2016

Sun: 8:00AM: Fr. Joel (Healing) (Walker Valley Catholic Society)
9:30AM: Joyce Monaco (William Bardin)
11:15AM: Mae Dunn (Steve Lawson & Family)
Mon: 8:00AM: All Souls In Purgatory
Tues: 8:00AM: John Fay (8th Anniversary In Heaven)
Wed: 8:00AM: Vincent Russo (Ann Turnbull)
Thur: 8:00AM:
Fri: 8:00AM:
Sat: 8:00AM: John Shay (Mary Friscia & David Rivera)

Week of March 13, 2016

Sun: 8:00AM: Louis & Josephine DiMarco (Miller Family)
9:30AM: Madeline Rispoli (Russel & Sandra Kowatch)
11:15AM: Denis Fleming (Happy Birthday In Heaven)

CONFESIONS: Saturday 4:00-4:40 and by appointment.

Readings: March 13, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 (36C)
Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11

Mass Intentions: If you wish to have a Mass said you can call or stop by the Parish Office to schedule Mass(es) needed - Phone # 744-2391. You may also reserve an unannounced Mass for \$5.00 Prayers for the Sick and Deceased: Please contact the Parish Office with names of anyone who need prayers for healing or have recently died in which you would like to have included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass and/or in the bulletin. The names of those who are sick are to be submitted only with the named person's permission.

BAPTISMAL/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATES AND REGISTRATION: Please note that you must be registered for at least three months in order to receive a sponsor certificate.

Cenacle for Life: Please join the Healing Hands for Life Ministry 4:00PM every Friday in the Mother's Chapel to pray for the end of Abortion and the Sanctity of Life

\*\*\*\*On Friday, March 18th at 6:30PM there will be a very special Stations of the Cross with the Shadow Box Players. Please bring your whole family to experience this very special presentation of the Stations of the Cross.\*\*\*\*

Please pray for the sick: John Araneo, Roland Mora, Helen Dennedy, George Burrow, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzen, Edward Staff, John Giuliano, Joseph Manfredi, Dorothy Klauss, Anthony Gordon, John Araneo, Eric Maurin, Roland Rossi, Kurt Schaffner, Frank Rispoli, Natalie Saft and Thomas Fitzsimmons.

PLEASE REMEMBER all our Men and Women who defend and have defended our freedom in the armed forces and their families in your prayers, especially: Henry Brylowski Jr. (Army); John Walton (Army) Ed Ryan (Iraq); Jamie Flodin (Marines); Lyndsey Flodin (Marines) Chris Corti (US Air Force); Sean Patrick Barry (Marines), Louis Springer (Commander, Navy); John Broughal (Air Force) Michael Ditzio (Navy), Captain Caitlin Conley (Fort Bragg, NC) James Grabinski (US Air Force), Jeremy Reinhardt (Navy) Eddison Parris (Camp Lejeune, NC); Capt. Francis Pascucci (USMC), CPT Jennifer Pascucci, (Army); Michael Haffner (Airforce), Heather Owney (1st Lt. Army), John A. Burrow (Air Force), Breana Mangold (Navy), Christopher Mangold (Navy), Christopher Chase (Ensign, Navy), Nicholas G. Burrow (Air Force), Andrew Starke (Air Force), Daniel Vasseur (Navy) Philip Longden (Army), Alex Hyde Goudreau (MP Army), Matthew Wilkins (Air Force), Zachary Sawitsky (Marines), Jake Sawitsky (Marines), Aaron Nahs (Air National Guard), James A. Tremper, Jr. (Army), Sean Kane (Army), Arthur Jefferson III (Army), Timothy Fay (Master Sergeant, Air Force), Casey Fay (1st. Lt., Army), Brian Daniel Gray (Marines), Devin Masiero (Marines), William LaCovara (Air Force), Gerardo Balsa (Airforce)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN:

Almighty God, we stand before You asking for Your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with Your invincible armour our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen.

Religious Ed News:

8th Level: All students and parents must attend Stations of The Cross at 6:30PM on March 18th.
March 14-- 7PM-8:30PM 8th Level "Right to Life" one parent MUST attend.
Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10AM on March 19th.

CYO NEWS: March 19th Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers needed.

PTAF IMPACT (Held in Harriman) April 15 - 17. Cost is \$110.00
See Mrs. Tartaglione or Mrs. Coates for more info.

February 12
February 19
February 26

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT DURING LENT AT 6:30PM:

March 4
March 11
March 18

Reconciliation for Lent will be on Monday, March 21st. Confessions will be heard from 4-8PM.

## Deacon - Symbol of a Servant Church

When I was asked to prayerfully consider becoming a deacon, I didn't know much about them. Were they some kind of special altar server who could also read the Gospel at Mass? But when I began to research the diaconate, what I found surprised me. The word diaconate or diakonia, from the Greek, literally means *servant* or *to serve among others*. This piqued my curiosity. Service, of course, is something that's at the heart of our faith. In both Matthew and Mark's Gospel, Jesus himself says, "Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mt. 20:28, Mk. 10:45) Wherever Jesus went, he served the people in various ways...teaching, feeding, healing, forgiving, raising them from the dead. Jesus was the servant par excellence. And we know that, in all things, Jesus Is the ultimate model in faith. Jesus leads us by example. Before agreeing to enter into diaconate formation, I thought about every ministry I was involved in. At that time, I was on the RCIA team, the parish council, men's prayer group, doing overnight's at a local homeless shelter and visiting the sick and the elderly. All of these things were, at their root, various ways of serving others. And so, to me, the diaconate was, in a sense, a natural extension of how I was living my faith. On the other hand, I also thought, if I was already involved in serving God's people in a number of ministries, then why get involved in the diaconate? After all, diaconate formation is a fairly intense five-year program in the Archdiocese of New York. But I knew, and had known for some time before being asked, that God was calling me to do something more. And when the diaconate was brought up to me, I began to pray to God...asking Him if this diaconate thing was His will for my life.

The deacon's ministry can be broken down into three categories. The "ministry of the Word" includes preaching, catechizing, and evangelizing and sometimes presiding at public prayers such as the Stations of the Cross. The "ministry of the altar" includes assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, preparing people to receive the sacraments, and presiding at baptisms, weddings and funerals...always according to the needs of the parish. The "ministry of charity" includes things like: visiting the sick, service to the poor (such as volunteering at a food pantry or a men's or women's shelter), ministry at hospitals, prisons or nursing homes; pro-life witness; and sometimes even certain roles in parish administration can be included. These three kinds of ministry are all important, and every deacon is, in some way, active in these areas.

It's important to note that the deacon is a minister who is in the Church, but also in the world. The deacon is one of the ordinary ministers of the Sacrament of Baptism, the priest being the other. Through their office, deacons can also be the Church's official witness at the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. They can preside at wake services and burials. They can, if given the proper permission, perform Communion services. If they assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, they should read the Gospel. If they have proper preaching faculties, they can also give the homily at the Mass if called upon to do so.

The deacon is also in the world in that, they can be married and hold jobs and have a career. I was once called by a parishioner while I was at work who asked if they could come down to the parish to speak with me. When I told them I was at work, but could meet them afterwards, they said, "I don't understand...didn't you give the homily this past Sunday?" Some deacons are retired and can spend more of their time at the church, but many have a full-time job and a family. A deacon is an ordained cleric of the Catholic Church, but doesn't live at the church.

Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world...of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church. The deacon is a ritual sign to the world of the image or character of the Church as servant. The deacon is a symbol of what all Christians should be doing for others...serving them.

Your Servant in Christ

*Dn. John Paul Andrew Carr* – ordained June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at St. Patrick's Cathedral

God Bless You

## Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner

The Knights of Columbus is holding a "PIZZA and a MOVIE Night" on Friday March 11 at 7PM in the Church hall immediately following Stations of the Cross (which are at 6:30 in the Church proper) for Lenten dinner #5. It is an eat in dinner of homemade pizza and the cost is \$5 per dinner. Refreshments will also be served and as usual there is a sign up sheet in the back of Church or you can email us at [kofc5329@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kofc5329@hvc.rr.com) by Thursday morning. We will be showing the movie, Little Boy. This is a tale about an eight-year-old boy who is willing to do whatever it takes to end World War II so he can bring his father home. The story reveals the indescribable love a father has for his little boy and the love a son has for his father. Starring Emily Watson, Kevin James, Michael Rapaport, Jakob Salvati.

Jonathan Stagliano, Boy Scout with Troop #37 in Pine Bush, will be holding a Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for his Eagle Scout Project. Jonathan will be replacing the roof over the Dog Kennels at the Middletown Humane Society. The Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2016 from 8:00 am - 11:30 am at the Pine Bush Fire House. Adults \$7.00, Kids under 12 \$5.00 and Kids under 5 are FREE. We hope you can come out to support Jonathan and all the dogs at the Humane Society who will benefit from this project.

**"Tree Of Life"** The Donor Recognition Tree is one way of recognizing, remembering and honoring a living or deceased " family member or friend, commemorate an anniversary or other event or thank the Lord for favors received. The tree is on the wall in the main Church by Mother's Chapel. The forms that need to be filled out with who you want to have dedicated, have been placed in both Churches and in the Church Hall. *God Bless you for your support.*

**One Leaf: \$400.00**  
**One Acorn: \$800.00**  
**One Stone: \$1,300.00**  
**Mini Tree: \$4,000.00**

**Please note that there will be an additional fee of \$200.00 to add a picture.**

*Payment Plans are available. 744-2391 ext. 10*

**Cardinal's Appeal 2016** has now begun. During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus is for all of us. It is only with **your help** that the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities. Answer the call and donate today!. You can also make an online donation by visiting [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org). Goal: \$42,000.00; As of March 4, 2016 Pledged: \$11,170.00 -- 29 Gifts. Please consider a sacrificial pledge to the 2016 Appeal. Thank you

# WE NEED YOU!

Many hands make light work . Parents please come with your children to help clean the Church on March 22 at 6PM for the Easter Season. It will be a great way to engage in fellowship with other members of our Church. It will also be a good way for the 7th and 8th grade level children to obtain community hours needed. *IF YOU HAVE OLD TOWELS/PLAIN TSHIRTS THAT YOU CAN DONATE FOR CHURCH CLEANING PLEASE BRING THEM TO PARISH OFFICE BY March 20.*

**We would like to thank the *CYO* and Knights of Columbus for their donation for the new TV which will be used for the Religious Ed and Church programs.**

<b>Collections:</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Sunday Collection 02/21/2016 (ParishPay Included)	\$5,514.92	\$5,563.22

Thank you for your generosity.

### **Collections for the Month of March**

Undated Easter Flowers

March 6: Weekly/Catholic Relief

March 13: Weekly/Building Fund

March 20: Weekly/Maintenance's envelope dated March 22 (misprint)

March 25: Good Friday

March 27: Easter/Weekly

**ParishPay** is the best means available of supporting our parish. Currently, we have 70 families in our Parish participating and we would like to grow that number. Often times as we're preparing to head out to Mass, we forget to put money or a check in our envelope and decide to postpone giving until the following week when we can give two envelopes. But any delay in tithing could potentially hinder the parish from paying its bills in a timely fashion. With Parish Pay, there is no delay. Even if you can't make the Mass due to inclement weather, Parish Pay ensures that your giving to Infant Saviour will be available to the parish when it's needed most. It's a more consistent way of giving and it enables the parish to better calculate what amount will be coming in which makes things easier on the parish financially. With Parish Pay, tithing may be made through your checking account, savings account or even a credit card every week or month at NO cost to you. It's a secure and confidential way to tithe. Once you've seen the Parish Pay website, you realize just how quick and easy it is to modify your giving or even stop it entirely should you run into some sort of financial difficulty and find yourself unable to give. The quickest way to enroll is by using the website [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) , or calling the Parish Office 744-2391 x10. There is also a link to Parish Pay through our own parish website, [www.infantsaviour.org](http://www.infantsaviour.org). For those of you who worry about what other people will think when you don't put anything in the basket, you can simply deposit an empty envelope in the basket with the words Parish Pay written on the amount. We encourage you to surf out to the Parish Pay website and see just what this way of giving has to offer. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to Infant Saviour Parish, your spiritual home. May God Bless You All Abundant.

## About the Spanish Liturgy

Due to the pastoral process of the *Making All Things New* program and the structure of the Parish Cluster Groups of the parishes in Orange County and their pastoral needs, Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo and the Deacons at Infant Saviour were forced to take certain pastoral steps in regard to the Spanish Ministry at Infant Saviour.

After consulting with the Very. Rev. Bishop Dominic Lagonegro, Fr. Dan O'Hare, the Dean of the Orange County priests, and the present pastor of St. Joseph in Middletown, Fr. Dennis Nikolic and his associate Fr. Sandro, Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Dn. Jack Carr, Fr. Dennis and Fr. Sandro came to a decision that the Spanish Masses currently being celebrated twice a month at Infant Saviour will be discontinued and the spiritual needs of the Spanish community will be taken care of by St. Joseph's Parish in Middletown.

Based on decisions made by the Archdiocese of New York, St. Joseph's Parish in Middletown, has been designated as the church that will minister to the needs of the Spanish community in our area. St. Joseph's has been allocated a permanent Spanish-speaking priest who can minister to the needs of the Spanish community full-time, the people should attend mass and receive the sacraments at St. Joseph's Parish. The Spanish Masses currently being held at Infant Saviour on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month will be discontinued after the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2016.

We realize that there will be disappointment stemming from this decision. The Spanish community who has faithfully attended these masses at Infant Saviour are precious to Almighty God and to everyone at Infant Saviour Church and the Archdiocese of New York. You will all continue to be in our thoughts and prayers in the coming months as this transition comes about.

We ask you to prayerfully consider attending the Spanish Masses at St. Joseph in Middletown.

God Bless You All.