

Church of the Infant Saviour

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May 8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor
Deacon Jack Carr
Deacon Frank Rose

Parish Trustees: Dr. Richard Reich
Dn. Frank Rose

Parish Council Chair: Dn. Jack Carr

Parish Secretary/Notary Public: Mrs. Patricia Ditzio
Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wed-Friday 9AM-4PM
Tuesday 9AM-6PM

RCIA Ministry: Dn. Jack Carr

Religious Education: Mrs. Gail Baumann, Coordinator
Mrs. Jeanette Coates, Secretary

Adult Faith Formation: Mrs. Gail Baumann

Catholic Youth Organization: Mrs. Jeanette Coates
Mrs. Lula Tartaglione

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

Knights of Columbus Council 5329:
Meets the first Thursday of the month in the Pre-School Building, call Charlie Cino 744-6174.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Evening: 5PM-Pine Bush

Sunday: 8:00 AM – Walker Valley

9:30AM & 11:15AM – 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 3rd 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.

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 – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10:30AM, Mother's Chapel

Ultreya – 2nd 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: May 7, 2016

Sat: 8:00AM:
5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (His Wife Anne)

Week of May 8, 2016

Sun: 8:00AM: Lucy Cortright (Lou & Cathy Corti)
9:30AM: Mae Dunn (Celeste & John Goff)
11:15AM: Stella Winnie (Tara & Jim Glennon)
Mon: 8:00AM: Christopher O'Mara
(Annette Kahle & Joe McLaughlin)
Tues: 8:00AM: Edward F. Devlin (Andrew & Darlene Devlin)
Wed: 8:00AM: John Marshall (Healing)
(Tom & Gabriele Stephens)
Thur: 8:00AM: Elizabeth Gallagher (Mary Fay)
Fri: 8:00AM:
Sat: 8:00AM:
5:00PM: Rose Marie Wilkins (Ron & Mary Walton & Family)

Week of May 15, 2016

Sun: 8:00AM: Lucia Rein (Lou & Cathy Corti)
9:30AM: Phillip Cruise (Joan & George Gallant)
11:15AM: Liliana LaRosa (Her Mother Luisa & Family)

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

Readings: May 15, 2016, Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 (63C)
Psalm: 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17
Gospel: John 20:19-23

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.

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.

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.

Walker Valley Catholic Society:

Sun. May 8 **Mothers' Day:** May Crowning after 8 AM Mass

Please pray for the sick: John Araneo, Roland Mora, Helen Kennedy, 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, Joseph Manfredi, Anthony Gordon, Eric Maurin, Roland Rossi, Kurt Schaffner, Frank Rispoli, Natalie Saft, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Clare Dougherty and Michael Phillips.

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 (AirForce), 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 (Air Force) Colin Cummings (Marine Corps)

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: Monday, May 9, Candidate only Rehearsal and last day of Class.

May 15, Confirmation at 3PM all students must arrive at 2:00PM
Registration for Religious Education for 2016-2017 year is now in progress PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE any registration received after June 30th will have an additional charge of \$50.00. Any outstanding registration fees for 2015-2016 MUST BE PAID BY END OF APRIL, 2016. If you have a child going into first grade in September you must register your child for Religious Education as quickly as possible.

The Walker Valley Catholic Society had a very successful Tricky Tray Social on April 30. We were thrilled to collect 20 bulletin coupons at the door and are very grateful to those parishioners who came out to support us that evening. Thank you also to all those who donated items to us. In addition to all the items that were placed in our boxes, we also had parishioners who donated themed baskets, jewelry, and gift cards to Hannaford's and the Grist Mill. We appreciate everyone who helped us in any way. Thank you!

On Friday, May 13, 2016 at 7:30 pm at **St. Margaret's Church** located at 115 West Central Ave., Pearl River, NY there will be a Mass in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Please join us at St. Margaret's for this celebration - a light reception will follow - all are welcome. For more information please call Brenda at 845-735-5489 or email her at ReligiousEducation@SaintMargaretParish.com

Towards Christian Understanding of Death and Dying

Death is all around us and it is an unavoidable reality. It can be considered as the most certain aspect of life. In the created order of nature, all living organisms decay and perish with time. Although death touches each of us at one point in life, it appears to make most people uncomfortable. Among many other reasons, one common reason can be that death forces everyone to come face to face with their own mortality. It also forces them to acknowledge that our loved ones; spouse, parents, siblings, and friends will one day leave us. Thus, we all are destined to die one day. The law of life and of nature sees death as an appointed, unavoidable, and normal destiny of the cycle of life. Even the Holy Scriptures of the religious traditions, especially, Hebrew Scriptures speak of “a time to be born and a time to die.” (Eccles. 3:2).

The reality of death remains as a mystery to humankind since the beginning of creation. It has always been a topic that has raised many questions, which are not easily answered. It is hard to imagine whether there would be a thoughtful person, whether a believer, an atheist, or a seeker who hasn't pondered on the questions of death. What happens at the moment of death is still a mystery. Is there life beyond this physical living?

It seems impossible to figure out what comes after death, since none were able to come back or return from the other side of that curtain who stated what would be there. However, those who believe in near-death experiences discover that those patients who were clinically dead and who came back to life, stating certain experiences which they had, as remarkably similar. However, belief in life after death is both timeless and it is global. Also, there are many facts that are known about death for some. Almost most of the cultures believe in an afterlife. Belief in life after death or afterlife runs especially high in non-Western countries, especially in Asia. But, also in America it appears to run high as 75 percent.

According to one's experiences and understanding, each person views and defines death differently. Our beliefs, values, and feelings about death dictate how we live our lives. Our beliefs and values help us to a greater extent to have good insights and understanding in facing a situation in which someone is dying. Also, the views of death have undergone radical changes in the last few generations. Twentieth century people in our secular age and its humanism and existentialism claim that death is the end of life and there is nothing beyond this life. Like, these people those who do not want to hold onto a belief system of a religion or spirituality, may face death with an entirely different set of feelings and emotions. Thus, the question is; is there any hope in the assurance for those who mourn over their lost ones who are dear to them?

The consoling thing is certain religious beliefs; especially the beliefs in Christianity may give hope in the assurance for those who mourn that their loved ones would spend eternity with God in Christ. However, this survival after death is not a natural given. But, it has become possible and actual in the Resurrection of Jesus. Those who live in Christ and die in Him will find this eternal life in Him. If we or our loved ones do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, it can be the right time to think about it prayerfully. No matter what, we have all sinned and that eternal life is a gift. Jesus paid the price for our sins and offers us the gift of eternal life if we surrender our lives to Him and live in Him.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.



**Wishing All
Mothers and
Grandmothers and
Great-
Grandmothers a
very Happy
and Blessed
Mother's Day**

Dear Lord, we give you
thanks and praise for
mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers,
who give life and count toes and tend to every need;
may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to
care for their families and themselves with great joy.
We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and
cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong
and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are
separated from their children because of war, poverty,
or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our
Lord who wipes every tear away. We pray for women
who are not mothers but still love and shape us with
motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers,
grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no
longer with us but who live forever in our memory and
nourish us with their love. Amen.

On Sunday, May 22, St. Mary's Church (in Port Jervis, NY) will be hosting a special choral concert. Featuring our own Junior and Adult Choirs and Choirs from around the area. The concert will start at 3 PM. A free will offering will be taken in place of admission to allow all our families to attend. Bring a friend!

Collections:	2016	2015
Sunday Collection 05/01/2016	\$5,703.20	\$5,421.92
Maintenance Collection:	\$1,569.00	
(Parishpay included) Thank you for your generosity.		
<u>Collections for the Month of May</u>		
Undated Mother's Day Remembrance		
May 1: Weekly/Church in Europe		
May 5: The Feast of the Ascension		
May 8: Weekly/Building Fund		
May 15: Weekly		
Undated Father's Day Remembrance		
May 22: Weekly/Maintenance		
May 29: Weekly		

Town of Shawangunk 2016 is hosting a 6 week summer camp from Saturday July 5-August 12th 9AM to 3PM for children from ages 5 to 14 years old. Camp will be held in Verkeerderkill Park. How to Register: Shawangunk Town Hall 14 Central Avenue, Walkkill, NY or you can download forms at shawangunk.org For more information or to register please go to the website or call Gillian Batchasingh at 917-848-8633 or April Grieco at 978-1566. There will be a residence and a non-residence fee applied. Registration deadline is June 15.

Looking for a Meaningful Volunteer Opportunity?

The Ladies of Charity are a diverse group of Catholic women who volunteer to meet the critical needs of those in challenging situations through:

- Engaging in Ministries with flexible time commitments in Parishes, Nursing Homes, Child Care Agencies and others institutions that care for the marginalized
- The creation and donation of handmade items for those we serve
- Providing spiritual and social support for our volunteers

For more information or to become a Lady of Charity please contact us at: Ladies of Charity of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022 Phone: 212-371-1000 x2542 or email: LOC@archny.org.

Camp Veritas 2016: Camp Veritas is a one week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th-12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2016 July 24-30 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY ; July 31-August 6th, 2016 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 14-20, 2016 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment has opened on 1/1/16 and the enrollment price for each week is \$400.00 per camper. More details and enrollment forms for campers and volunteers (18 and over) can be found at www.campveritas.com.

St. Joan of Arc in Sloatsburg is hosting a 2016 **Carnival** from Thursday May 26th - Friday May 27th from 6PM-11PM and on Saturday May 28th - Sunday, May 29th 1PM-11PM.. They are located at the intersection of Orange Turnpike and Eagle Valley Road. Ride all day with a wristband purchase; Fireworks show on Sunday at 9:30PM.

"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.

Cardinal's Appeal 2016 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. Goal: \$42,000.00; As of May 6, 2016 Pledged: \$24,246.00 -- 78 Gifts. Please consider a sacrificial pledge to the 2016 Appeal. Thank you.

WHAT IS PARISH PAY?

Parish Pay is an alternative means of fulfilling your stewardship commitment to Infant Saviour Church that benefits both you and the parish. It is considered as the best means available of supporting our Parish.

Instead of weekly and special collection envelopes, the program collects your contribution amount from your checking, savings, or credit account on the date and frequency you specify. The funds you designate are deducted from your account and directly credited to Infant Saviour Church. Currently, we have 70 families in our Parish participating in ParishPay and we would like to grow that number. Enrollment is easy, friendly, secure, and most of all there is no cost to you for using Parish Pay.

BENEFITS TO YOU

You do not have to worry about bringing your envelope and checkbook to Mass every week.

You can provide regular ongoing support to Infant Saviour Church, even if you are away or unable to attend Mass, especially in the summer months.

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 secure and confidential.

You can easily adjust the amount of your contribution anytime via the secured website or by calling the Parish Office. You will receive email reminders in advance of your scheduled contributions. You receive a year-end summary of your donations for tax purposes.

BENEFITS TO INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH

It provides a more predictable stream of income that will help the Church do a better job forecasting and budgeting. It reduces the expense process of regular weekly donation envelopes. It ensures consistency in giving during the lean summer months when parishioners travel and are away. It ensures an accurate and consistent record for generating tax letters.

IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP!

The quickest way to enroll is by using the website www.parishpay.com and scroll down to the "get Started" link and placing the Church's zip code in or by calling the Parish Office @ (845) 744-2391 x 10. There is also a link to Parish Pay through our own parish website, www.infantsaviour.org.

For those of you who worry about what other people will think when you don't put anything in 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 Abundantly.