

Church of the Infant Saviour

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33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 13, 2016

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
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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: Sister Shinty Antony, Director
Mrs. Gail Baumann, Past Coordinator
Mrs. Jeanette Coates, Secretary

Adult Faith Formation: Mrs. Rosemary DeCaro

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 or Dn. Frank Rose.

ADULT BAPTISMS:

We use the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal Novena – after Saturday 8:00AM Mass

Holy Hour – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:30PM

Marian Prayer Group – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10:30AM,
in Church

Mother's Chapel - 9AM-6PM

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: November 12, 2016

Sat 8:00AM:
5:00PM: Florence & Lewis Bardin
(John & Sue Bardin & Family Week of

November 13, 2016

Sun: 8:00AM: Mary Gasparovic (Kiselak Family)
9:30AM: Thomas Marrone (Gail Baumann & Family)
11:15AM: Charles Ditzio (His Family)
Mon: 8:00AM: Bob Turnbull (Corcoran Family)
Tues: 8:00AM: Deceased Members of the Marino Family
(Ditzio Family)
Wed: 8:00AM: Christine Circhio
(Patricia Carluccio & Augusto Tenaglia)
Thur: 8:00AM: Ignancio Scacco (Rossella & Kevin Dowd)
Fri: 8:00AM: John Marshall (Healing)
(Tom & Gabriele Stephens)
Sat: 8:00AM:
5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (His Wife Anne)

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Sun: 8:00AM : Ralph Sheehan (21st Anniversary In Heaven)
(His Wife Sue)
9:30AM: Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki &
Andrew & Johanna Seaman (Their Son & Daughter)
11:15AM: Pasquale Marino (His Family)

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

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Special Intentions and Prayers for Our Country

Readings: November 20., 2016

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 (162C)
Psalm: 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

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
Please consider joining them in prayer

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.

Please pray for the sick: John Araneo, Roland Mora, Helen Deneddy, George Burrow, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, Linda Carlson, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzten, Edward Staff, Joseph Manfredi, Anthony Gordon, Eric Maurin, Roland Rossi, Kurt Schaffner, Frank Rispoli, Natalie Saft, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Clare Dougherty, Michael Phillip, Brayden Ackerman, Fritz Meier, Trevor Holts, Fran Hodges, and Karleen Hilsman

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.*

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) 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 Owey (1st Lt. Army), John A. Burrow (Air Force), Breana Mangold (Navy), Christopher Mangold (Navy), Christopher Chase (Ensign, Navy), Nicholas G. Burrow (AirForce), Andrew Starke (Army), 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), Matthew Cruver (Air Force National Guard). Michael Balsa (Marines)
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.

WALKER VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIETY NEWS:

Wed. Dec. 7 **Dinner Meeting:** Erie House, 6 PM
Sun. Dec. 11 **Decorate Church for Christmas** (After 8 AM Mass)

There will be a Cannoli Sale after the 9:30 and 11:15AM Masses on November 20th hosted by the CYO

Religious Ed News:

8th Level: Conference Retreat at Pallotti Center in Harriman -- Students must arrive at Church at 4PM and will return back to the Church between 9:30-10PM

Advent Wreath Day will be on November 26th in the Large First Floor Classroom from 9AM-12PM. You must register ahead of time so that proper amount of materials can be ordered to make the wreaths. An excellent way of sharing the start of Advent with your family.

All Saints Day

Saints have been a part of the Christian Church since its beginning. Are saints born holy? If not, what makes them so? Can anyone be a saint? According to the experiences of many spiritual persons and writers, saints in our Catholic tradition are not born. They were transformed into their saintly nature through love and trust, along the way to the cross of Christ. As we read the lives of most of the saints, we come to realize that many of them were ordinary human beings like we are. They faced and experienced the same problems that we go through. Some died, not only after experiencing physical suffering, but also psychological suffering throughout their lives. Some saints, during certain periods of their lives, felt certain spiritual dryness as they felt no sense of God listening to their prayers.

Sometimes our veneration of these saints leads us to view their lives with rose-colored glasses. We only see and read their holiness and success and we don't recognize their struggles and human limitations. By doing so, we miss out on the opportunity to allow their example of overcoming those struggles to form us. If we critically explore the lives of any saint, we come to know that they are not one dimensional. They didn't live on a pedestal that we can never hope to reach. Rather, they lived lives of suffering and struggle. Many saints, who endured painful spiritual dryness and darkness during certain periods of life, teach us that the absence of spiritual and religious awareness of God can be moments of purifying our faith. Ultimately, our faith does not rest not on emotions, but on our trust in God's grace.

All the Apostles of Jesus and many of His disciples are considered as saints in our Catholic tradition. Almost all of them had the opportunity to hear the words of Jesus and experience His physical presence directly. But, still almost everyone struggled in identifying the true nature and the mission of Christ, especially His divine nature. St. Peter who denied Him, St. Thomas who doubted His Risen nature, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed Him are examples of all those who struggled in knowing Christ the Lord. However, all of them strove to overcome their weaknesses and now stand as examples for us.

As we read the lives of the saints, we come to realize that many of them were ordinary people like ourselves. They faced the same problems and had to make many of the same kind of choices that we make. Their true life stories confirm that experiencing psychological and physical struggles does not preclude anyone from holiness. According to some spiritual authors, certain saints struggled with scrupulosity (a form of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder) for a period of time. As a result, they experienced anxiety, fear, and uncertainty that came with their struggles with scrupulosity. And our struggles in knowing and experiencing the presence of God and the spiritual dryness that we may encounter does not mean that we are failing God in some way. Instead of being intimidated by the holy and heroic lives of the saints, let us be inspired by the fact that they experienced very real and human experiences, just like us. Except the Blessed Mother, Mary the Mother of God, saints were sinners like the rest of us.

The lives of the Saints made this world a better place to live. Once an author wrote that the saints gave little thought to change the world around them. They mostly changed the world within themselves. And that attitude changed the world around them. The lives of the saints can serve us as inspirations. Pope Francis, in his homily during Mass on All Saints' Day in 2015, preached on the *beatitudes* stating that they are the most direct path toward happiness and holiness. He urged the congregation to imitate Jesus in walking the difficult, yet rewarding road to heaven. He further said that those who walk with Him and through Him enter eternal life. He encouraged those present to pray that they would have the grace, like Jesus, to be simple and humble.

Jesus' words are not just meant for His disciples, but for all of us to take the path to true happiness and the road that leads to heaven. Pope Francis said "It's a path that's difficult to understand because it goes against the current. But, Jesus tells us that whoever goes down this road is happy. Sooner or later, they become happy."

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.

The Giving Tree will be up next weekend! If you would like to help, please take an angel gift tag, purchase the requested gift, tag it and bring it to the Parish Office UNWRAPPED by Sunday, December 11. You can donate gift wrap if you wish, so parents can enjoy wrapping their children's gifts. EJ, PBE, Crispell school nurses and Birthright, have provided some children and babies names. Any donations of children's warm gloves and hats are also helpful to stock the Nurses "closet," to help children in emergency need at school Warm baby blankets, crib sheets and diapers in larger sizes are appreciated to help Birthright's babies in need. A special box will be placed in the Parish Hall and Church vestibule for depositing gifts. **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AN ANGEL TAG IF YOU CANNOT COMMIT TO THE DUE DATE**, otherwise, a child will not receive a gift! The nurses need time to collect and distribute these gifts. Thank you for your generosity and your promptness.

The Knights of Columbus are conducting a raffle for "Two Gift Certificates" (Good for four (4) people) for the Westchester Broadway Theater in Elmsford, NY. Each certificate is good for Dinner and one show (Any show of your choice from December 2017 thru January 2018) \$5.00 per Ticket. Tickets will be sold after Masses or you can call the Parish office at 845-744-2391. Drawing to be held at our December Council meeting and the winner need not be present to win.

The Pine Bush Knights of Columbus Council 5329 is once again asking for donations from Parishioners for those in need within our community. We will be procuring new winter coats for children in the district through the K of C Coats 4 Kids program and be providing Christmas Dinners for those who may otherwise go without. As usual we know that as in the past you, our Parishioners, will be as charitable as you can be and we thank you for your generosity. You can send a check made out to Pine Bush Knights of Columbus to PO Box 166, Thompson Ridge, NY 10985 or drop the check at the Parish Office. May God Bless You.

| Collections: | 2016 | 2015 |
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| Sunday Collection: November 6, 2016 | \$5,329.24 | \$6,143.21 |
| Building Fund Collection: | \$2,393.00 | |
| All Saints Day Collection: | \$999.00 | |

(Parishpay included)

Thank you for your generosity.

Collections for the Month of November

- November 1: All Saints Day
- November 6: Weekly/Building Fund Collection
- November 13: Weekly/Parish Maintenance
- November 20: Weekly/Human Development
- November 27: Weekly/
- Undated Christmas Flowers



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2016:

We want to give a special thank you for all that have given to help feed the families in need in our Pine Bush Community.

"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. *All proceeds will be used for Emergency Maintenance* **God Bless you for your support**

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

ParishPay is the best means available of supporting our parish. Currently, we have 72 families in our Parish participating and we would like to grow that number. 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. 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, or calling the Parish Office 744-2391 x10. There is also a link to Parish Pay through our own parish website, www.infantsaviour.org Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to Infant Saviour Parish, your spiritual home. May God Bless You All Abundantly.

If you are not a registered Parishioner and would like to register or have a change of address please fill out form and drop in collection basket or mail to the Rectory.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Date: _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____

Check

_____ New Registration receive envelopes _____

_____ Change of Address

_____ Moving out of Parish

ANNUAL SENIOR SOCIAL AND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Hosted by 7th Level Students and the Knights of Columbus on December 9th. Senior Social will be start at 6PM in the Church Hall, and the tree lighting will be held around 8PM. **Snow date for Senior Social only will be on Dec.16th**



*O God, we thank You for this day of life
for our eyes to see the sky, for our ears to hear the birds
for our feet to walk amidst the trees
for our hands to pick the flowers from the earth
for a sense of smell to breathe in the sweet perfumes of nature
for our minds to think about and appreciate
the magic of everyday miracles
for a spirit to swell in joy at Your mighty presence everywhere.*



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

The prophet Malachi warned that the time would come when all the evil people would be punished. He then speaks of the arrival of "the sun of justice, with its healing rays," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Some of the Thessalonians claimed Christ's return was imminent, so they stopped working and asked others for food. Paul describes his willingness to work, so that he would not impose on others. He encourages them to follow his example and earn their own living.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Jesus warns of the persecution all Christians will face because of him, and how some will even be put to death. Yet he says they will not be harmed because "by patient endurance you will save your lives." If Jesus' followers are loyal, they will be resurrected and their suffering will end.