

Church of the Infant Saviour

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 18, 2016

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



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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: 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

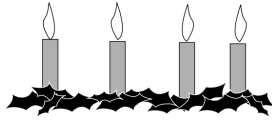
Marian Prayer Group – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10:30AM,
in Church

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: December 17, 2016

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

Week of December 18, 2016

Sun: 8:00AM: John Marshall (Healing)
 (Tom & Gabriele Stephens)
 9:30AM: Susan Morgan (Roselle Brock & Family)
 11:15AM: George Vogel (Schmitt Family)
Mon: 8:00AM: Denise Puleo DeSimone (Piccinini Family)
Tues: 8:00AM: Rose Marie (Mike) Pinto (Selear Family)
Wed: 8:00AM: Nick Dilemme (Perry Family)
Thur: 8:00AM: Elizabeth Gallagher (Mary Fay)
Fri: 8:00AM: Margeurite Kwiatowski (Perry Family)

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2016

5:00PM Leroy Palmer (Ann Palmer)
 7:00PM Our Lady of the Valley:
 10:00PM: Special Intentions & Blessings for the
 Tartaglione & Dushaz Families (Tartaglione Family)

Christmas Day, December 25, 2016

Sun: 9:30AM: Special Intentions and Blessings for the
 Fay & Gallagher Familie (Mary Fay)
 11:15AM: Leroy Palmer & Rose Marie Wilkins (Ann Palmer)

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

SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Loving Memory of
Jean Davey & Dorothy Rose
Requested by: Joe & Rosemary DeCaro

Readings: December 25, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 (164ABC)
 Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
 Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-16
 Gospel: John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Please pray for the sick: John Araneo, Roland Mora, Helen Denedy, 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 Gatzon, 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, Karleen Hilsman Betty Sasso and Henry Carr

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 he 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), 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 (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.

Genacle 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.

Religious Ed News:

PBE & EJR Christmas Plays will be presented in the Church, Parents are asked to arrive at 4PM. **PBE will be on Dec. 20** and **EJR will be on Dec. 21st.** Every Child will be participating.

8th Level: On Dec. 12th Sex has a Price Tag at least one parent must attend 7-8:30PM. And all Community and Sponsor Paper work **MUST BE HANDED IN.**

Dec. 19th there will be no classes for the 6th & 8th Levels due to Archdiocesan wide Reconciliation.

Dec. 20th no 7th Level Classes.

The Last day of classes for all grade levels will be on December 22nd and classes will resume on the week of January 3rd except for the first level which will begin on January 8th.

Season of Advent III

As this season of *Advent* progresses, each week, one more candle on our *Advent wreath* is lit. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. And so, the traditional lighting of the fourth candle on this Sunday signifies that the lights of our faith and life grow stronger and brighter every week. All the candles, together with the Candle of Christ, which is in the middle and which will be lit on Christmas signify the light of Christ that illuminates the lights of our faith and life. This ritual that we repeat each Sunday of Advent also marks the four decades that the Israelites wandered in the desert searching for their Promised Land with realistic expectation.

Amidst all these beautiful insights about Advent, still for some, Christmas may come at the darkest time of their lives due to certain devastations and miseries that they experience. Some unfortunate events may bring frustration, hopelessness, and helplessness into the lives of those who were affected by it. However, just as the light in the advent wreath burns a little brighter each week with the gradual lighting of it, each week we are invited to live with anticipation. Amidst helplessness and even hopelessness, with the Advent wreath, we are called to burn brighter with faith, hope, and love because Christmas is coming. We are invited to grow deeper in our faith and communion with Jesus and then to be more hopeful.

We are called to trust God to believe that He makes all things new. Almost always our problem is the unwillingness to allow God to enter into our world. Sometimes the unreasonable dreams and hopes that we have may hinder us to be hopeful in the real sense and meaningful way. For example, when we go through life refusing to let go of a hope that can never be for us, such as refusing to accept that we are not that physically attractive anymore, not that strong enough or athletic anymore, not talented and bright enough anymore, then we will always live in frustration, bitterness, and resentment. We can be caught up in unrealistic hope of daydreaming that prevents us from living as we imagine constantly, "if only." In that daydream we can never be happy because we are refusing to accept the spirit that God has given us for this present moment. By refusing to die to false dreams, we will never move forward with a realistic hope that helps us to be truly joyful.

We are promised that our own longing for fullness will be fulfilled when we empty ourselves humbly from our false daydreams and allow Jesus to be born in us at Christmas. At first, the news of the birth of Jesus, who came down in humility and simplicity, was announced to the humble shepherds near the little town of Bethlehem. Their humility and emptiness allowed them to rejoice at the birth of the Saviour of the world. **Emmanuel, "God among us,"** became the source of their joy.

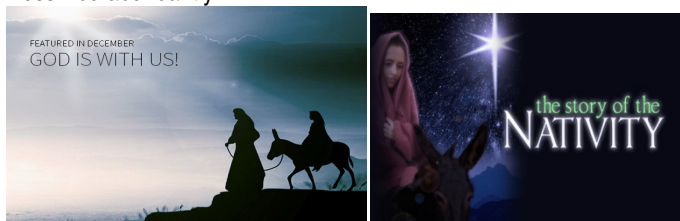
Next Sunday, we are going to share the joy of this miracle of the coming of Christ with decorations and every kind of festivity. When we enter our Church to celebrate Christmas, we see how beautiful it is with all its lights and decorations. Thank you to all those who worked hard and the generous volunteers who give their time and energy very generously to decorate, clean the whole Church and the Church hall for Christmas.

Fr. Niranjana Rodrigo, Ph.D.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:

Thank you to all that participated and for getting the gifts in on time so that the children's family will receive them in a timely manner. We appreciate your generosity in helping the children in need in our Pine Bush Community to have a special Christmas. Thank you!

FORMED: Our Archdiocese has given us free access for one full year to some of the best Catholic resources available right in our own homes! The FORMED website, www.formed.org, offers a compilation of movies, books, audio and video programs that are catechetical, inspirational and entertaining. Simply surf out to www.formed.org and sign up using our parish code, **N68TMK**, and under the section entitled 'Register - Sign up free using your parish code' you can create your own sign in and password. You can also sign up by going on to our website infantsaviour.org. Once you've signed up, you can use FORMED on your home computer or your smartphone at any time that's convenient for you. Programs like Symbolon, Catholicism, Litehouse Media Audio presentations, The Lectio Series, Opening the Word, Hearts Afire and more are available to broaden your knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Presenters like Scott Hahn, Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray speak on a multitude of faith topics. It's all just a click away! We strongly encourage you to sign up and see what's available. May God Bless You abundantly!



Thank you to all who had participated in our Church Cleaning. Job well done!

Collections:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Sunday Collection Dec. 11, 2016	\$5,179.16	5,587.68
Immaculate Conception:	\$981.00	

(Parishpay included)

Thank you for your generosity.

Collections for the Month of December

Undated Christmas Flowers

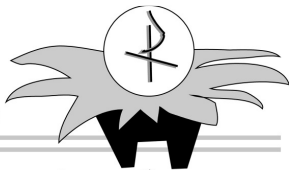
December 4: Weekly/Building Fund

December 8: Immaculate Conception

December 11: Weekly//Retirement Fund for Religious

December 18: Weekly/Parish Maintenance

December 25: Weekly & Christmas



Born to us

Jesus the Savior

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE 2016 We want to send a special thank you to everyone who participated in helping out the families in need in our Pine Bush Community. Your generosity is overwhelming. Thank You!

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.

The Pine Bush Knights of Columbus wishes to thank our parishioners for their generous donations towards our Coats 4 Kids and Christmas Dinner campaign. We were able to purchase 36 coats for boys and girls and are funding a large number of meals for families in need within our Parish and Community. It should be noted that Hannafords was also very generous in donating parts of the meals. The Council members were overwhelmed by your compassion and may God Bless you and your families during this Christmas Season and beyond.

The Pine Bush Knights of Columbus wish to announce that the winner of our raffle for The Westchester Dinner Theater tickets was Peg Broughal. We wish to thank all who participated and purchased raffles as it is with fundraising events such as this that we are able to give back to the Church and the Community during the year.

"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

Christmas 2016 Mass Schedule:

December 24: 5pm: Infant Saviour Church

7pm Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley

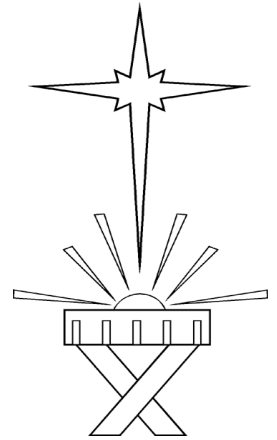
10pm Infant Saviour Church

December 25: 9:30am: Infant Saviour Church

11:15am: Infant Saviour Church

CONFESSIONS will be heard on Monday, Dec. 19

from 4-8pm



THE ORIGIN OF THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

People often think of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' as the days preceding the festival. Actually, Christmas is a season of the Christian Year that lasts for the twelve days beginning December 25 and lasting until January 6 - the Day of Epiphany, when the Church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the Light of the world and recalls the journey of the magi.

From 1558 until 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During that era someone wrote 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without the risk of persecution.

'The 12 Days of Christmas' is, in essence, an allegory. The song has two levels of interpretation: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol is a code word for a Religious reality. The 'true love' represents God and the "me" who receives these presents is the Christian (a Catholic in this case).

The hidden meanings are:

- v The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ a tree as a gift from God.
- v The two turtledoves are the Old and new Testaments, another gift from God.
- v Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love - the three gifts of the Spirit that abide (1 Corinthians 13).
- v The four calling birds are the four Gospels, which sing the song of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- v The five gold rings recall the Torah (Law) the first five books of the Old Testaments, also called the "Books of Moses."
- v The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.
- v Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:8-11, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4:10-11)
- v The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes.
- v Nine ladies dancing. These are the nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
- v The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
- v Eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples. (Excludes Judas.)
- v Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the 12 points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So the next time you hear "The 12 Days of Christmas", consider how this otherwise non-religious-sounding song had its origins in the Christian faith.