

Church of the Infant Saviour

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Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



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Father Raymond Pavlick, Weekend Assistant (Retired)
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Deacon Frank Rose

Parish Trustees: Dr. Richard Reich
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Parish Council Chair: Dn. Jack Carr

Parish Secretary/Notary Public: Mrs. Patricia Ditizio
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.



Pray, Fast, Give Alms

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Mass Intentions

Sat: March 11, 2017

8:00AM:

5:00PM: Joan Davey (Gail Baumann & Family)

Week of March 12, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: Pasqualina Tartaglione (Son & Family)

9:30AM: Helen Dennedy (Cino Family)

11:15AM: Kathleen Mercurio (Michael & Mindy Brock)

Mon: 8:00AM: All Souls In Purgatory

Tues: 8:00AM: For All Those Affected by Abortion

Wed: 8:00AM: Henry Carr (Ken & Nancy Finnegan)

Thur: 8:00AM:

Fri: 8:00AM: Lucy Cortright (Cathy & Lou Corti)

Sat: 8:00AM: Dorothy Batchasingh (25 Years in Heaven)
(Her Daughter Gillian)

5:00PM: Ryan Berry (Pat & Joe Ditzio & Family)

March 19, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: Henry Carr (Dn Frank & Patti Rose)

9:30AM: Lucy Cortright (Lou & Cathy Corti)

11:15AM: Sean Laffan (Perry Family)

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

**The Lenten Reconciliation will be held on Monday,
April 10 Confessions will be heard from 3-9PM**

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Special Intentions & Prayers for Anthony D'Agostino

Happy 100th Birthday

Requested by Mary Fay

Readings: March 19, 2017

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 (28A)

Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-6

Gospel: John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke is currently undergoing some medical treatments and also celebrates a birthday on Ash Wednesday. Her address is 127 Sisters Hill Rd., Stanfordsville, NY 12581. Your prayers and cards would be greatly appreciated.

Please join us on Friday March 24th at 6PM for a very Special presentation of the Stations of the Cross presented by the Shadow Land Box Players in the Church Hall.

Cenacle for Life: The Cenacle will not be meeting on Fridays at 4:00 during Lent, as we will be attending the Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM. Our Cenacle will resume on Friday, April 21st at 4:00PM. Please try to join us.

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 pray for the sick:** John Araneo, Roland Mora, George Burrow, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, Linda Carlson, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Peg Broughal, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzen, 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 Hillsman. Cole Meier, Jarrett Winum, John Gillespie, Baby Alyssa, and Sister Margaret Ellen Burke

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 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.

March 3

March 10

March 17

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

March 24 - Shadow Land Boxers 6PM

March 31

April 7

Stations of the Cross

Season of Lent is a period of grace, which calls us to pray more, sacrifice, and to do charitable and good works. Also, this Lenten season prepares us for the celebration of Easter. Since the earliest times of the Church, there is evidence of some kind of Lenten preparation for Easter. This preparation in the life of pilgrims was a journey of faith toward light and hope. Christian pilgrims express such yearnings by walking the **Stations of the Cross** alone or in groups. Other than during Lent, especially on Lenten Fridays or Good Friday, some Catholics may follow the stations regularly throughout the year. On Good Friday, the Holy Father presides over a nighttime Stations of the Cross service at the Coliseum of Rome.

For many centuries, the **Stations of the Cross**, which is commonly known as the **Way of the Cross** (the **Via Crucis**) or the **Via Dolorosa** has been one of the popular devotions. Since the devotion of the stations depicts sufferings and death of Jesus, believers are called to meditate on the passion and death of Christ in general. **Stations of the Cross** considered to be originated in pilgrimages to Holy Land, especially in Jerusalem. On the streets of Jerusalem, Jesus carried His cross. Then, in the year 312, after Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity, churches were built for the faithful to worship openly and this pathway was marked with its important stations. St. Jerome (342-420 AD) who happened to live in Bethlehem during the later part of his life attested to the pilgrims who came from various countries to visit those holy places bravely and following the Way of the Cross. Thus, from the times of the earliest Christians, believers have visited the Holy Land in order to walk where historical Jesus had walked. More specifically, believers had the intention to retrace the path that Jesus had taken to Calvary. Traditionally, some believed that Our Blessed Mother used to visit the places that the passion of Christ were supposed to have taken place in Jerusalem.

On His way to the Calvary, there were several places where special events had taken place. They are the condemnation of Pilate, the meeting with the weeping women, and the Crucifixion itself. At those places the pilgrims used to stop to remember and meditate on the event. The places that they stopped were called **stations**. This word, *station* came from the Latin term, *statio* meaning “a gathering at a place.” There was a belief that faithful receiving indulgences for praying at the following stations: At Pilate's house, where Christ met His mother, where He spoke to the women, where He met Simon of Cyrene, where the soldiers stripped Him of His garments, where He was nailed to the cross, and at His tomb.

But, when the Muslims seized the Holy Land it became almost impossible for the Christian pilgrims to go to the Holy Land. While during the Crusades thousands of Christian soldiers took up arms against Muslims, one holy person known as St. Francis of Assisi followed the example of Christ. St. Francis made a great attempt to convince the Sultan of Egypt, Malik al-Kamil and tried to put an end to the conflict of the Crusades in 1219. The enthusiastic desire of St. Francis to share his “good news” with the Sultan, without insulting Islam or refuting the prophet Mohammed, became a very unique and inspiring moment. That indiscriminate attempt of St. Francis led to establish a peaceful encounter between Christians and Muslims. That peaceful encounter called Christians to live in harmony with Muslims. Being the nephew to the great Saladin al-Din and being known as a kind, generous, fair ruler, Sultan Malik al-Kamil allowed the followers of St. Francis (now called Franciscans) to take charge of the shrines of the Holy Land and to be their guardians.

Since all could not go to the Holy Land to follow the way of the Cross on the pilgrimage route in Jerusalem, known as **Via Dolorosa** (which meant the “way of sorrow”), Franciscans began to construct the simulations of the way of the cross in their churches in Europe. That way, the believers were able to follow the path of Christ to the cross in spirit. At first the stations were erected only in Franciscan churches. But, since this devotion was seen as a powerful way of arousing devotion to the passion of Christ, it became so popular and grew continually in Europe. And so, in the fifth century, there began a great interest to develop pious practices like erecting and having stations in other holy places for the purpose of pilgrims who could not travel to the Holy Land due to the occupation of Muslims and Jews and also due to the impossibility of every believer to be there because of their poor health and life situations.

As time passed, these stations were modified in order to include other biblical scenes, such as Jesus' agony in the Garden and the promise of paradise to the good thief. Eventually, this pious practice developed over several centuries until it included 14 traditional stations. At the end of the 17th century, since this devotion became more and more popular, Pope Innocent XI granted the right to erect stations in all of their churches (1686). Pope Benedict XIII extended the indulgences to all of the faithful in 1726. Then, five years later, Pope Clement XII permitted stations to be created in all churches and fixed the number of stations at 14. In 1742, Pope Benedict XIV exhorted the whole Church to enrich their churches with the Way of the Cross. To date, there are 14 traditional stations and Pope Paul VI attested to the significance of the stations in the devotional life of Catholics. While Pope Paul VI approved a Gospel-based version of the stations in 1975, Pope St. John Paul II also wrote his own version of the Stations.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.

Religious Ed News:

8th Level: Students and Parents must attend on March 24 Stations of the Cross presented by the Shadow Land Box Players at 6PM in Church Hall

The Duck and the Devil:

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target.

Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner. As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved!

In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile; only to see his sister watching; Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing. After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes" but Sally said Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him "Remember the duck.? so Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked the children if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper" Sally just smiled and said, "Well that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." she whispered again, Remember the duck? So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help. After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's; he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He went to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck.

Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug and said, Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing, but because I love you I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you"

"Thought for Lent and everyday thereafter"

Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done...and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, cheating, debt, fear, bad habits, hatred, anger, bitterness, etc.) ...whatever it is...you

need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know the He loves you and that you are forgiven.

He's wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you. The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness: He not only forgives you, He forgets it. It is by God's grace and mercy we are saved. Always remember that God is always at the window and when Jesus died on the cross; He was thinking of you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN DINNERS:

Lenten Dinner #3 Friday **3/10** at 7PM following Stations of the Cross is **Pasta Fagioli**. This is a take-out meal and is available for \$5 each. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the Church or you can email us at kofc5329@hvc.rr.com. Please let us know how many of each you want. Be advised that the sign-up sheet and email orders should be in no later than Thursday morning. Thank You.

St. Paul's in Bullville Adult Faith Formation

Committee, invites you to join them, Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, as Fr. Jim Hess, O. Carm. presents a day of reconciliation, discussion and prayer. Doors open at 9:00 am with coffee and refreshments with the program beginning at 9:30 am. Please bring a brown bag lunch. A free will offering will be accepted. Contact Anna at St. Paul's, 361-3107 if you plan to attend.



Saturday April 22nd, 2017

RESTORE: RE: *AWAKENING*

A Conference for Catholic Young Adults at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh
www.RESTOREcatholic.com

"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

Collections: 2017 2016

Sunday Collection March 5, 2017 \$6,261.72 \$5,815.72

Building Fund Collection: \$2,691.00

(Parishpay included)

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Collections for the Month of March 2017

March 5: Weekly/Building Fund

March 12: Weekly

Undated Easter Flowers

March 19: Weekly/Maintenance

March 26: Weekly/Catholic Relief

ParishPay is the best means available of supporting our parish.

Currently, we have 84 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 gen your spiritual home. May God Bless You All Abundantly.

40 Days for Life: March 1 - April 9 You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 725,000 volunteers! 12,668 babies saved from abortion; 141 abortion workers converted, 75 abortion centers closed. Here is how you can take part: In Newburgh Vigil location: on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood located at 136 Lake Street. Vigil hours from 7AM to 5PM daily Local Contact.: Wendy Wood 845-820-4366 or ocrighttolife@gmail.com and in Goshen Vigil Location: 7 Coates Drive, we stand in the grassy area on Coates Drive, we are not permitted to stand in front of Planned parenthood. Vigil Hours 7Am to 7PM daily. Local Contact: Veronica Murphy 845-551-8560 or

Lenten Parish Mission Retreat here at Infant Saviour with Father Francis Amodio, O.Carm. -- Dates: March 26, 7:00PM; March 27, 7:00PM; and on March 28 at 7PM. A Parish Mission is special time in a parish when its community gathers together to gain further insight into a faith filled life. It is a time for each parishioner to renew one's personal relationship with Jesus and to experience peace and healing. It is also a time to revitalize the Parish in its mission and to be sustained as a community by the love of Jesus. And so, it is a grace-filled opportunity for the parishioners to experience a spiritual renewal in their faith journey through the Eucharist, prayer services, and preaching.

BEREAVEMENT FACILITATOR TRAINING: Family Life Respect Life is sponsoring this training in Staten Island on March 25 from 10AM to 5PM at St. Clare's Church and two consecutive Thursdays March 16 and 23rd at St. Jean Baptiste High School, NYC and also in Yonkers on Saturday June 10, 2017 in NYC. All lunches are provided there is no cost to you. **Please Note:** To be able to attend any one of these training classes you need Pastor Approval, there is a recommendation form that Father Rodrigo would have to fill out for you and send it to the Family Life Respect Office. Anyone who would be interested please call the Parish Office.

LIVING EVERY DAY WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE with Matthew Kelly and Special Musical Guest Eliot Morris -- Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you ready for more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? More joy? A clearer understanding of God's plan for your life?! Join us for one of our Passion & Purpose events at Sacred Heart Church in Monroe, NY on April 7, from 6:30PM-10:30PM. Tickets \$39.00 per person -- Tickets are selling fast. It has been a life changing event for tens of thousands of people. Living Every Day with Passion and purpose is presented by internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly and the incredibly talented Eliot Morris. For more information or to purchase your ticket www.DynamicCatholic.com/Monroe or call 859-980-7900.

Be Bold Be Catholic.

WALKER VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIETY NEWS: **March 15:** Business Donation Letters mailed out; **Thursday April 6:** Meeting, Follow up on raffle tickets, Easter Basket/May Crowning Plans; **April 9:** Palm Sunday: Make Easter Baskets after 8AM Mass; **April 23:** Spring Coffee Hour after 8AM Mass

In lieu of a Spring Tricky Tray Social, the **Walker Valley Catholic Society is holding a cash raffle.** Tickets are \$20.00 each with prizes of \$2500, \$1000, and \$500. Only 400 tickets will be sold. The drawing is on May 14, Mother's Day, and you need not be present to win. Tickets are available in the Church Office and from any Catholic Society Member. Tickets will be sold after all masses the weekends of March 11-12, 25-26 and April 1-2 and 22-23. We need the support of the entire Parish to make this a success. Thank you. Any questions, please call Nancy Miller 744-3782.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Church of the Infant Saviour on 3/30/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle