

Church of the Infant Saviour

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor
Father Raymond Pavlick, Weekend Assistant (Retired)
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 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 18, 2017

8:00AM:

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

Week of 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)

Mon: 8:00AM:

Tues: 8:00AM:

Wed: 8:00AM: Helen Dennedy (Ken & Nancy Finnegan)

Thur: 8:00AM: Michael Fay (L) (His Mom Mary Fay)

Fri: 8:00AM:

Sat: 8:00AM: Dorothy Batchasingh (Her Daughter Gillian)

5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (His Wife Anne)

March 26, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM:

9:30AM: Albert Rein, Sr. (Lou & Cathy Corti)

11:15AM: Charles Cino, Sr. (Ron & Mary Walton & 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**

Readings: March 26, 2017

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A)

Psalm: 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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., Stanfordville, 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 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 (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

Who Do We Say That Jesus Is?

These days the *Adult Faith Formation* group in *Infant Saviour Church* is conducting a *Book Discussion* series based on the book, “*Who do you say I am?*” written by Fr. William Barry who is a Jesuit and a renowned spiritual writer. This series of book discussions is an important learning tool through dialogue on the identity of Jesus. In Jesus’ time, people may have become so interested in the question of the identity of Jesus. It may be because many of them did not want to follow in the footsteps of someone who did not know one’s own identity and who was heading nowhere. Being aware of this kind of curiosity, Jesus Himself moved on to ask His disciples, “Who do you say I am?” And this question was meant not only for the people of His time, but also for each one of us today. Therefore, “Who do we say that He is?”

If God became a human being, then it is very important to see what kind of human being God became? If Jesus is God with us, then His story is an answer to the question, “Who is God?” Probably, we already have images and pre-conceived ideas in our minds and biases about Jesus. Amidst all these ideas about Jesus, to find the real Jesus, we need to look to most of the past and popular misconceptions about who He is. It is not a surprise that someone who has been the subject of so much discussion is mis-presented and misunderstood from time to time. This can be certainly the case with Jesus. Who is the Real Jesus? Who do we say He is?

Christians have always turned to Holy Scriptures as a reliable source of knowing about Jesus and then knowing Him. The continually increasing recent theological and Biblical studies on *Historical Jesus* reflect the diversity about the current perceptions of “Who Jesus was?” among the scholars and people at large. In fact the canonical Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John present somewhat divergent portraits of Jesus. Especially, in recent years the historical accuracy of the gospels has come under considerable scrutiny. Certain claims that some of the scholars have opinionated appear to have disturbed some Christians and even shaken the faith of many.

Whatever it can be, there is no doubt that Jesus of Nazareth was not a mythological figure, like Zeus that we come across in mythology. Jesus of Nazareth was a real human person of flesh and blood. Being a real human person, we can say for certain that the appearance of Jesus would have been different from what we usually see in religious arts and pictures. Jesus was a Mediterranean Jew and a “country person” from the Middle East. In that sense, He may have had certain dark features, with a skin that would have been tanned and weathered.

Jesus came from hundreds and thousands of years of Jewish spirituality and devotion to God. Since He was raised by a Jewish mother (Mary) and a Jewish foster father (Joseph), He was deeply Jewish by birth, formation of life, and socialization. And He remained a Jew all of His life. Since His childhood Jesus would have participated in the practices of common Judaism. He would have been told the stories of the Hebrew Scriptures, would have sung Jewish hymns, would have prayed according to Jewish tradition. In other sense, He would have been taught to follow the beliefs of Judaism and its laws of Torah.

As we know Jesus himself did not leave any writings that would help us to have some idea about Him. It appears that He never did any writings by Himself. Neither have we come across any letters that He Himself has written so far. But, then again neither did Socrates. We have learned much about Socrates and what he taught to his disciples through the writings of Plato who was one of his faithful students. Similarly, we are learning and experiencing many things about Jesus through the works and experiences of His own apostles and disciples.

It is the teachings of the Councils of the Church that the canonical writings in the New Testament are *divinely inspired*. Although they were written by human authors, they are words “taught by the Holy Spirit” which means divinely inspired. St. Paul in his second letter to Timothy says, “*All scripture is inspired by God (God-breathed) and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.*” (2Timothy 3:16) Inspiration means that the human authors were moved by the Holy Spirit of God in writing the Holy Scriptures. So that what they wrote was precisely what God wanted to be written. *Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.*

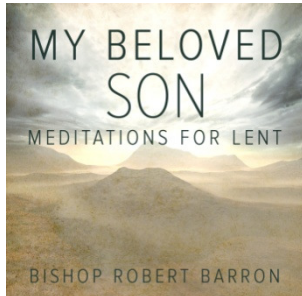
Religious Ed News:

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN DINNERS:

Please note that because of the Shadow Land Boxers coming to present a special Stations of the Cross which starts at 6PM there will be no Lenten Dinner served this coming Friday, but will be served again on Friday March 31st. Take out Dinner being served will be announced in next week's bulletin.

FORMED



Bishop Robert

Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered in Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness. 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

SPRING FLING: Pine Bush Catholic War Veterans are hosting a Spring Fling with live music by the Mustangs '65 for tickets contact Jim Gill 361-2339 or Nancy at 313-5305 \$10 in advance \$20 at the door. Feel free to bring snacks to enjoy -- but please no outside beverages of any kind -- cash bar will be available.

Mount Saint Mary's Division of Philosophy and Religious Studies present Rhineland Mystics on Monday, March 20 at 7PM at the Kaplan Family Library - DC218, Free Open to the Public. The Rhineland Mystics refers to a group of Dominican spiritual writers, preaches and teachers who lived between the 11th and 15th century in the German Rhineland. The mystics were courageous men and women with creative spiritual insights. Sister Valerie who is a Dominican Sister of Amityville, she taught for 20 years in Puerto Rico. Upon return to the US, she taught at St. Francis Prep School in Queens, NY and for the past 16 years has been an adjunct professor in Religious Studies at Mt. St. Mary's College.) Sister

Valerie's talk will explore the area where they lived and preached, giving us an insight into their deep spirituality.

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 mamoirish@gmail.com. Learn more and get involved by visiting 40daysforlife.com/Goshen or 40daysforlife.com/Newburgh



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 (Parishpay included)	\$5431.93	\$6,407.72

Thank you for your generosity and support.

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.



Please come and share food with us at the St. Joseph's Table in Thanksgiving for all the Blessings given by St. Joseph at 1PM in the Church Hall today, March 19th. No Charge.



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.

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