

# Church of the Infant Saviour

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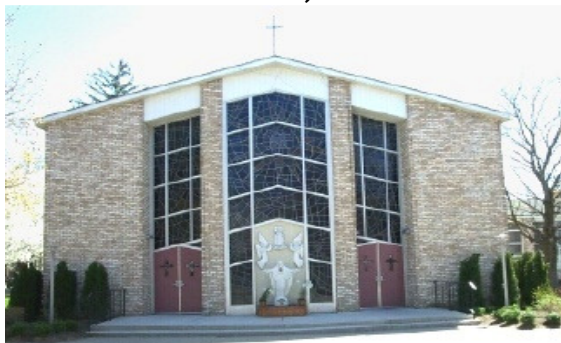
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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 26, 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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10:30AM,  
in Church

**Mother's Chapel** - 9AM-6PM

**Ultreya** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25, 2017**

8:00AM: Dorothy Batchasingh (Her Daughter Gillian)  
5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (His Wife Anne)

**Week of March 26, 2017**

**Sun:** 8:00AM:  
9:30AM: Albert Rein, Sr. (Lou & Cathy Corti)  
11:15AM: Charles Cino, Sr. (Ron & Mary Walton & Family)  
**Mon:** 8:00AM:  
**Tues:** 8:00AM: John Giuliano (Roselle Brock & Family)  
**Wed:** 8:00AM:  
**Thur:** 8:00AM: Leroy Palmer (Happy Birthday In Heaven)  
(His Wife Ann)  
**Fri:** 8:00AM:  
**Sat:** 8:00AM: Joan & Henry Carr (Paul & Marianne Rouis)  
5:00PM: Joan Henke (Robert & Nancy Miller)

**April 2, 2017**

**Sun:** 8:00AM: Henry Carr (The Walker Valley Catholic Society)  
9:30AM: Helen Dennedy (The Knights of Columbus)  
11:15AM: Joan Henke (Mindy & Michael Brock)

**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: April 2, 2017**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14 (34A)  
Psalm: 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11  
Gospel: John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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

**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.*

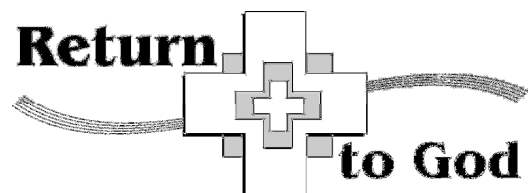
**Please pray for the sick:** John Araneo, Roland Mora, George Burrow, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, Linda Carlson, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Peg Broughal, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzen, Joseph Manfredi, Anthony Gordon, Eric 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.

Please note that holy hour only on April 12th will be from 6-7pm due to church cleaning starting at 7pm. Further information on Church cleaning can be found on page 4 of this bulletin.



## Who Do We Say That Jesus Is?

Last week, I began to write a series of articles based on the question that Jesus poses on all of us: “Who do you say that I am?” This series of articles may go along with the *Book Discussion* series conducted by the *Adult Faith Formation* of Infant Saviour Church. And these series of book discussions are an important learning tool through dialogue on the identity of Jesus. If God became a human being, then it is very important to see what kind of human being God became? In that sense, some believers tend to think emotionally and rationally to the mysterious nature of God in the guise of a helpless infant. If God took human form in history, then there He had to be in the form of a child.

And yet, one of the problems that we encounter when trying to discover more about the childhood of Jesus is the lack of early sources. The Jewish and Gentile sources make no mention of the early years of Jesus’ life. St. Paul who wrote the earliest Christian text mentions nothing about anything prior to the public ministry of Jesus. Then, the canonical gospel accounts; Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John note little about the childhood of Jesus. We know only a handful of events: the family’s escape to Egypt (Mt 2:14) and return to Nazareth (Mt 2:23, Lk 2:39); His increasing wisdom (Lk 2:40-52) and His visit to the Temple in Jerusalem at age 12 and obedience to His parents (Lk 2:41-51). Beside the birth stories of Christ in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, very little is written about the childhood and teenage years of Jesus in Nazareth until He reached His age of twelve and accompanying His parents on their annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem. And these narratives of the infancy of Jesus, which speak about the accounts of the first years of Jesus, were found only in the latter part of the first century. According to many biblical scholars, there are no historically accurate accounts about Jesus’ childhood and teenage years other than the canonical Gospels that were written sometime between 70 and 100 CE.

Therefore, it is not that possible to reconstruct from the canonical Gospels a complete chronology of the life of Jesus. Then, it is also good to know that certain accounts of the childhood of Christ were included in the so-called apocryphal gospels. These apocryphal gospels are not included nor accepted into the modern canon of the New Testament since they were not considered inspired by the Fathers of Church. The Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, and Protestant churches generally do not view these apocryphal gospels and writings as part of the Bible. Also, today, many orthodox scholars consider them as Gnostic in nature. These canonical gospels were written much later, probably by those who were seeking to fill in the gaps in relation to childhood of Jesus. It appears in these Gospels that Jesus as a child using His power to perform miracles in some ways for entertainment rather than for the will of God. Thus, this kind of attributes and approaches to miracles of Jesus do not fit with the personality and nature of Jesus pertained to in the canonical Gospels. In that sense, according to some biblical scholars, they are not accepted as accurate or correct expressions of the Christian faith.

Although we do not have any historically reliable stories about Jesus before His public ministry, we can derive a few conclusions from the Gospels. He was probably born very near the end of the reign of Herod the Great, probably shortly before 4 B.C. His birth stories talk about Him as an extraordinary person. And so, these kinds of extraordinary stories would have been circulated among His relatives, neighbors, and later among His disciples. According to Catholic point of view, He is the only child of Mary who remained perpetually a virgin. Belief in the perpetual virginity of the mother of Jesus grew in the second century. Then, it became universally accepted in the fourth century. Joseph, His foster father, probably would have died before Jesus began His public ministry.

The early years of Jesus before His public ministry lie hidden in the silent solidarity of one who walked with His people some thirty years. Our general knowledge of the times and culture in which Jesus lived and how He lived and what He said during His public ministry would help us to understand how He grew as a child and what He experienced. Then, where someone grew up and among what sort of people that person lived are crucial to know about a person. To some extent, we can learn some facts about the childhood of Jesus from the country and the area of His youth: Nazareth of Galilee (Mk 1:9). Matthew, Luke, and even John identify Jesus as a Galilean (Mt 26:69; Lk 22:59; 23:5-6; Jn 7:41). Jesus grew up in a Galilean atmosphere permeated with the teachings of the Hebrew Scriptures. Most likely, He attended a Jewish school as a child since those schools were common even in remote areas. Let us explore more on the childhood of Jesus in the next Bulletin article.

*Jr. Nirajan Rodrigo, Ph.D.*

### Religious Ed News:

2nd Level - April 6 - Parent Meeting with Fr. Rodrigo and Deacon Frank 7PM in the Church Hall.

PBE levels 2-5 and 7th Level on April 11th there will be no classes.

EJR levels 2-5 on April 12th there will be no classes.

**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 ocrighnttolife@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

**SPRING FLING: Pine Bush Catholic War Veterans on April 22 from 7PM-11PM** 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.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN DINNERS:**

Lenten Dinner Friday **3/31** at 7PM following Stations of the Cross will be red and white clam chowder. 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](mailto: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.



Many hands make light work . Parents please come with your children to help clean the Church on April 12th, at 7PM for the Easter Season. It will be a great way to engage in fellowship with other members of our Church. It will also be a good way for the 7th and 8th grade level children to obtain community hours needed. **IF YOU HAVE OLD TOWELS/PLAIN TSHIRTS THAT YOU CAN DONATE FOR CHURCH CLEANING PLEASE BRING THEM TO PARISH OFFICE BY *March 20*.**

### Healing Mass

Sponsored by: **Nat'l Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>; 7:00PM Shrine of OLMC 70 Carmelite Drive Middletown, NY There will be opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for any bodily, spiritual, mental and emotional ailment.

For more info: Carol Bezak, Shrine Director – (845) 343-1879

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:** Fundraising Pasta Dinner Boy Scout Troop 02, Finian Brown will be hosting a pasta dinner on Saturday, April 1st from 5PM-8PM at Town of Crawford Town Hall Building on Route 302, Pine Bush 2nd Floor, Adults \$8.00 (ages 14 and up), Seniors \$7.00, Children \$5.00 (ages 6-13) and Children under 5 are free. Funds raised by the dinner will be used to build dog training equipment for Pets Alive Animal Sanctuary, Middletown NY

### **Collections:** 2017 2016

Sunday Collection March 19, 2017 \$4,644.96 \$6,142.72

(Parishpay included)

(Palm Sunday)

**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](http://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](http://www.infantsaviour.org) Thank you in advance for your continued gen your spiritual home. May God Bless You All Abundantly.

### Collections for the Month of April 2017

**April 2: Weekly/Building Fund**

**April 9: Weekly ----- April 14: Holy Land Sanctuary (Good Friday)**

**April 16: Easter Collection**

**April 23: Weekly/Maintenance**

**April 30: Weekly/Church In Europe -----Undated Mother's Day**

**"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

### **Walker Valley Catholic Society News:** 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.

*On behalf of the Community of Infant Saviour Parish, I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for your extremely generous contribution of the double-oven for the Church Hall Kitchen. I am genuinely grateful for all that you have done and continue to do for our Parish Community. Please be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families.*

**Father Niranjan Rodrigo**

**Lenten Prayer:** God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass. Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

**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.

**Celebrating Holy Week at Infant Savior** Holy week begins with the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. During these days of Holy Week, we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples, His crucifixion, His time in the tomb, and His resurrection to new life. Holy Week ends with the glorious celebration of Easter. Let us come and worship together as a parish family and follow Jesus through the last days and event of His life.

**Palm Sunday – April 9, 2017**

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem was a moment of triumph. People welcomed Him as a king. On this day, we celebrate the glimpse of the glory of Jesus although we read the passion of Jesus for the first time.

**Monday, April 10, 2017** -- Day of Recollection -- Confessions will be heard from 4PM-8PM

**Holy Triduum** These are the most important days of the year in the life of our parish. The Paschal Triduum is the most solemn event of the church year. It encompasses three days during which we commemorate the essential part of our redemption: the suffering death and resurrection of Christ. On these three days, that are to be experienced as one, we celebrate the passage of Christ from death to life.

**Holy Thursday - April 13, 2017 (No 8am Mass)**

The Triduum observance begins at Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Washing of the Feet of the Liturgy recalls the commandment of Christ to "love one another" even by going into the extreme of humbling ourselves to become a servant as our Lord. As a whole, the liturgy celebrates the love of Christ for us that is being manifest in the Eucharist and in the sacrifice of Calvary.

**Tenebrae – 8:00 am**                      **Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday – April 14, 2017**                      **(No 8am Mass)**

The church gathers in silence to read and listen to Holy Scriptures and offer prayers for the whole world. Good Friday features the Adoration of the Cross in a solemn liturgy focused on the death and burial of Christ. In venerating the cross, we acknowledge that through the cross of Jesus we are led to glory.

**Tenebrae – 8:00 am**                      **Good Friday Liturgy – 3 pm**

**Easter Vigil – April 15, 2017 (No 8am Mass or 5pm Mass)**

Easter Vigil is the high point of the entire church liturgical year. The new fire is blessed and candles glow in celebration of Christ as our light. Salvation history is proclaimed through Sacred Scriptures, climaxing in the joyous proclamation that Christ is Risen. Those who have been prepared for baptism enter the church. The night commemorates our sharing in the dying and rising of Jesus.

**Tenebrae – 8:00 am**                      **Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday – April 16, 2017 Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Sunday morning 8:00am Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley and 9:30 am, and 11:15 am at Infant Saviour Church.

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