

Church of the Infant Saviour

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December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wed-Friday 9AM-4PM
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DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague Novena - after Friday
8:00AM Mass -- Every third Friday Anointing of the Sick
during the Novena

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

Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



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.

THE HOMEBOUND are visited regularly. To arrange a visit, please
call the Parish Office at 744-2391

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. Niranjn, Deacon
Jack or Deacon Frank.

**The Monsignor James S. Conlan Knights of Columbus Council
5329:** Meets the first Thursday of the month in the Pre-School
Building call Charlie Cino 744-6174



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“O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. We pray that you hear our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.”

Mass Intentions

Sat: December 16, 2017

8:00AM:

5:00PM: Joan Carr (Anne Turnbull)

Week of December 17, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: Colleen Graham (Gluszak Family)

9:30AM: Mary Marino (Her Family)

11:15AM: Veronica Wilt (The Perry Family)

Mon: 8:00AM: Dottie Barbieri (Anne Turnbull)

Tues: 8:00AM: Bruno Corti (Vilma Coates & Family)

Wed: 8:00AM: Len DePetro (Anne Turnbull)

Thur: 8:00AM: Raymond Mazzola (Perry Family)

Fri: 8:00AM: Elizabeth Gallagher (Happy Birthday In Heaven)
(Her Daughter Mary Fay)

Sat: 8:00AM:

5:00PM: Herbert Black (Tim Coughlin & Jessica Benedict)

Week of December 24, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM:

9:30AM:

11:15AM: For the Deceased Members of the Ditzio/Marino Families (Ditzio Family)

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the

Ditzio / Marino Families

Requested by The Ditzio Family

WV Sanctuary Lamp:

In Loving Memory of Ed & Irene McConnell

Requested by Ed & Sherri McConnell

Readings: December 24, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 (8B)

Psalm: 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Cenacle for Life: Please join the Healing Hands for Life Ministry 1:00PM every Thursday in the Mother's Chapel to pray for the end of Abortion and the Sanctity of Life -- Please consider joining them in prayer.

Religious Ed News:

Religious Ed Christmas Play for PBE levels 2-5 will be on December 19th, The Christmas Play for EJR levels 2-5 will be on December 20th. Parents are asked to arrive at 3:49PM at the Church.

NOTE CHANGES: Students: PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT your Yellow Mass Cards are to be stamped at the end of the Mass, the minimum of 20 Masses to be attended are required to be promoted to the next grade level. There will be no baskets. Look for the adult who has the stamp either in the vestibule or the church hall. Students will keep their card until it is to be collected from them in April 2018.

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 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, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear,, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzon, Joseph Manfredi, Anthony Gordon, Eric Maurin, Roland Rossi, Kurt Schaffner, Frank Rispoli, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Clare Dougherty, Michael Phillip, Brayden Ackerman, Trevor Holts, Fran Hodges, Karleen Hillsman, Jarrett Winum, Baby Alyssa, Sister Margaret Ellen Burke, Robin Masiero, Al Masiero, Butch Covert, Mary Fay, Baby Sydney, Phil Sanfilippo, Robert Pawlowski Katie Araneo Joanna Filippini, John McPhillips, Jen Rommel and Catherine Veluta

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); 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), Eddison Parris (Camp Lejeune, NC); Capt. Francis Pascucci (USMC), Michael Haffner (Airforce), Breana Mangold (Navy), Christopher Mangold (Navy), Heather Owey (1st Lt. Army), John A. Burrow (Air Force), Christopher Chase (Ensign, Navy), Nicholas G. Burrow (AirForce), Andrew Starke (Army), Daniel Vasseur (Navy), 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 Thank and Pray for Our Men and Women who have bravely fought so that we can preserve our freedoms.

Come Lord Jesus!

When we focus our attention on the liturgical year, it is obvious that there are two seasons of intense preparation to give witness to the birth, life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It is the nature of the *Season of Lent* to prepare before Easter. It is a season that leads Christians to participate actively in the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus. Then, the *Season of Advent*, which comes from the Latin word, *adventus* meaning, “coming” is another segment of the liturgical year that invites Christians to prepare in order to welcome the glorious coming of the Lord Jesus who has already come and Risen.

Christ has already come at Bethlehem on that first Christmas. This is the first coming of Our Lord, the one we are most familiar with and celebrate every Christmas. Then, again, He also comes to us now, every day, in such mysterious ways, as in prayer, grace, word, and sacrament. And these are the other ways that Our Lord comes to us.

Then there is yet another coming of Christ. He will come at the end of time, as the judge of the living and the dead. Hence, the *Season of Advent* is a very important season in the liturgical year since it paves the way for Christians to prepare for His second coming. The last words found in the Bible in the *Book of Revelation* ends with an invitation for us to come to Jesus and for Him to come again: “Maranatha: Come, Lord Jesus.” (Revelation 22:20).

The book of Revelation, which is the last document of the whole Christian Bible, was written to Christians in the province of Asia to give them hope and courage in the face of persecution. Even so, our world today, is filled with terror of all kinds; Suicide bombers, anthrax, radioactive bombs, killer epidemics, kidnappings, gangs, rapes, murders, and wars. Everywhere we look, the trend is downward. In Many ways, the inhumanity of human beings to one another is growing worse.

Hence, we live in a day of uncertainty and confusion, and in some cases, despair. Many thoughtful secularists see little hope for the future. A feeling of pessimistic futility pervades the thinking of the world. Some have the opinion that human history has no other goal than ultimate self-destruction. Some people feel this way may be because they do not know the One who can bring human history to a meaningful consummation; our Lord Jesus Christ. And they are ignorant of the final book of the Bible, which specifically describes the plan of God for bringing history to a triumphant conclusion.

At the end of the last chapter of the book of Revelation, three times the author has recorded the promise of Christ: “I am coming quickly” (Revelation 22:7-20). In verse 20, all faithful Christians, respond with deep yearning: “Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” The hope of we believers is the hope of the people of Israel. This hope has already been accomplished in Jesus our Lord. However, His ongoing coming into our lives will be finally fulfilled and completed at the *parousia* of the Lord. His second coming at the parousia is the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming. Therefore, the cry of we believers at that time is: “Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!”

We always hear in this season of Advent that it is a time of ‘patient waiting’ and looking ahead in expectant hope. Why? It is because, we need a savior. For some who may not affiliate to any religion may still need a higher power to be in the process of recovering. Simply surviving and operating on just our own efforts and powers is not working. We may find ourselves simply sinking into deeper and deeper isolation.

God is offering us in His Son, Jesus Christ the abundant life. Advent calls us to take a break from the fast pace of our real-world holiday preparation and enter a sacred space of joyful anticipation of the coming of our Lord at Christmas. Let us make this holy season something unique to us.

This season reminds us the significance of “waiting” and the theme of “waiting for the Lord.” Paul Tillich once stated: “Our time is a time of waiting, waiting is its special destiny. And every time is a time of waiting, waiting for the breaking in of eternity. All time runs forward. All time, both history and in personal life, is expectation. Time itself is waiting, waiting not for another time, but that which is eternal.”

Collections:

Undated Christmas Flowers
December 17: Weekly/Maintenance
December 24: Weekly/Christmas
December 25: Christmas
December 31: Weekly

Collections: 2017

Sunday Collection: Dec. 10, 2017 \$ 5,529.80
(Parishpay included)

ALL CURRENT PARISHPAY USERS PLEASE

READ: Parish Pay is now LPI which is an alternative means of fulfilling your stewardship commitment to Infant Saviour Church that benefits both you and the parish. It is considered as the best means available of supporting our Parish. **For those who are using ParishPay**, PLEASE NOTE THAT all has been transferred from ParishPay to LPI -- you do not need to do anything unless you want to change the amount you are giving, account it is being taken from or enroll into the program. *All information remains confidential and secure.* Website link has changed. *You do need now to log on to infantsaviour.org* and go to bottom of first page and link onto the website provided. Once on the site please log on using your email and your password that you have been using for ParishPay, they will then ask you a few questions to authenticate yourself. You can also do this by phone. Phone number is 1-800-950-9952. If you run into an error message, please call the Parish Office or the phone number for LPI. As in the past, the funds you designate are deducted from your account and directly credited to Infant Saviour Church. Currently, we have 73 families in our Parish participating in ParishPay and we would like to grow that number. Enrollment is easy, friendly, secure, confidential and most of all there is no cost to you for using LPI.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at (845) 744-2391 x 10. We encourage you to surf out to LPI's website and see just what this way of giving has to offer. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to Infant Saviour Parish, your spiritual home. May God Bless You All Abundantly.

"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. **God Bless you for your support.**

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

Please note that there will be an additional fee of \$200.00 to \$200.00 to add a picture. Payment plans are available.



We want to send a Special Thank you to all who have participated in the Christmas Food Drive and The Christmas Giving Drive, because of your generosity you have given the families in need in our Community a very special Christmas! God Bless!

RENEW & REBUILD 2017

We are very thankful to the families thus far who have made their sacrificial pledges so generously towards the Renew and Rebuild campaign. Last week pledges raised for commitment week was \$117,690.00, total pledges raised at present are \$529,958.00 We are at 81% of our assigned goal which is \$653,000.00. We are asking that for those who have not yet made a sacrificial pledge to prayerfully consider making one. As of November 17 we have received payment from Diocese of \$49,959.38. Thank you!

Father Niranjan Rodrigo

ATTENTION ALL ENVELOPE USERS: *Your yearly box of envelopes for 2018 will be set up for pick up in alphabetical order next week, December 24th in the Church Hall. If you do not see your box, Please call the Parish Office at 744-2391. Thank you.*



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

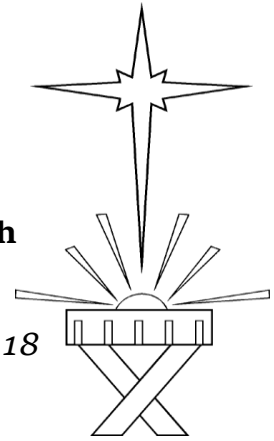
John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

Christmas 2017 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. 18
from 4-8pm

On December 24th 8:00AM, 9:30AM and 11:15AM Sunday Masses will be celebrated for the 4th Sunday of Advent



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:

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