

Church of the Infant Saviour

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January 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor
Father Raymond Pavlick, Weekend Assistant (Retired)
Deacon Jack Carr
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. Jeanette Coates, Secretary
Mrs. Gail Baumann, Former Coordinator

Adult Faith Formation: Mrs. Rosemary DeCaro

Catholic Youth Organization: Mrs. Jeanette Coates
Mrs. Lula Tartaglione

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. 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. Niranjan,
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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Mass Intentions

Sat: January 27, 2018

8:00AM: Victoriano Franco (Gonzalez Family)

5:00PM: Ethel Taylor (Bob & Mary Boylan)

Week of January 21, 2018

Sun: 8:00AM: Mamie "Peggy" Meyer (Louis & Marie Aponte)

9:30AM: George Burrow (His Sister Lanie Burrow)

11:15AM: Henry Teabucco (Ken & Nancy Finnegan)

Mon: 8:00AM:

Tues: 8:00AM: Ray & Roserita Dufresne (Happy Anniversary)

Wed: 8:00AM:

Thur: 8:00AM:

Fri: 8:00AM: All Souls In Purgatory

Sat: 8:00AM: Andrew Gallagher (His Daughter Mary Fay)

5:00PM: Mary Rose Danza (Dcn Frank & Patti Rose)

Week of February 4, 2018

Sun: 8:00AM: Ann Fontana (Walker Valley Catholic Society)

9:30AM: Kim Caramatti (Chess Family)

11:15AM: Netta Ditzio (Dcn Jack & Jenn Carr)

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

Readings: February 4, 2018

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7, (74B)

Psalms: 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Religious Ed News:

8th Level Students: January 29th, Study of Church Saints in Church Hall and Adoration in Church at 8PM – parents are invited to attend.

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.

**Eucharist Adoration will be held in the Mother's
 Chapel from 9AM-6PM
 on First Friday, February 2, 2018
 Please come and devote some time in Prayer**

*The Lord is righteous in all he does, merciful in all his acts.
 He is near to those who call to him, who call to him with
 sincerity. Psalm 145 17-18*

Mission Statement of Infant Saviour: We, the Catholic Faith Community of Infant Saviour Parish in Pine Bush, NY center ourselves in the Presence and Worship of the Eucharist and share the love of God through proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. We welcome all faithful to join in our celebration of the love of God and our communion through sacraments, prayer, education, and caring for others and strive to serve the need of God's people. We dedicate our time, talents, and treasure to the service of all as we build the Kingdom of God and are committed to the education and spiritual guidance of our faithful: adults, youth and children. We commit to this mission in the name of Jesus Christ so that the future generations will be nurtured in our faith tradition.

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.

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 Gatzen, 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, Catherine Veluta, Todd McDowell, Thomas Fay, Jr. and Miriam Vasseur

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.

Mindfulness in Christian Faith -3

Since the practice of contemporary mindfulness is often rooted in Buddhism and Eastern spiritualities, some orthodox and traditional Catholics may wonder whether engaging in the practices of mindfulness as a source of help to deepen one's prayer life and contemplation is right. It is always good to keep in mind that though this practice of contemporary mindfulness is rooted in Buddhist meditation and Eastern spiritualities, it is not inherently Buddhist or spiritually Eastern since contemplation, prayer, and even practice of meditation is a major part of any religion, including Judaism and Christianity.

Also, we need to note how the great mystics in Christian and Jewish traditions have used similar types of mindfulness techniques to explore and deepen the contemplative forms of prayer in their religious traditions. There are historical Jewish and Christian precedents for mindfulness, especially Christian Mysticism, Contemplation, Centering Prayer, and Jewish mysticism. The principles of mindfulness were expressed in Holy Scriptures of Judaism (Old Testament) and New Testament and throughout Christian history. And so, Christians, Jews, and believers in any religion can use the techniques of mindfulness helpfully.

In last week's bulletin article, we discussed briefly how mindfulness can be helpful for our prayer and devotional life in Jewish tradition. It is good to know how this practice of mindfulness can help us as Christians and in our prayer life. For centuries, contemplative Christians have taught the value of silence and meditation can help them to deepen their prayer life. The power of concentrating on one's breath has helped many contemplative Christians to experience God in the present moment.

Many saints have written about the awareness of the present moment as central to the mystical life of Christians. Christians, like Brother Lawrence spoke about the awareness of the present moment in "practice of the presence of God." For him, abandonment to Divine Providence is one of the elements in practicing the presence of God. Basil Pennington, Thomas Keating, and Thomas Merton wrote intensely about the 'contemplative' aspect of Christian prayer. Contemplation is a spiritual practice designed to help Christians to commune with God and overcome focus on self in prayer. Contemplative aspect of Christian prayer is built on the mystical tradition of not using much word in prayer. To pray without words can be considered as one of the keys to contemplative prayer since in such a way of praying one focuses on being receptive to God while not talking to God. In his journal, Thomas Merton illustrated the contrast between mindfulness and mindlessness. Also, in his writings, Merton has shown how Christian prayer and meditation practices can help us to experience the presence of God at the moment.

Again, Centering Prayer that was developed by Trappist monks was another faith based prayerful practice that can have similar features of mindfulness. Centering prayer is another contemplative practice that helps the believers to focus one's awareness of the presence of God in the present moment.

Christian mindfulness is a way of integrating the Christian faith with this practice of mindfulness. Hence, Christian mindfulness needs to explore life of prayer, practice of meditation, and practice of mindfulness from Biblical and Christian perspective. It is an activity that helps believers to trust God more in our lives. A mind that is distracted by external affairs is hardly prepared for meditation.

In practicing mindfulness, contemplation, and prayer based on Christian faith, a believer can experience spiritual, physical, and mental health related benefits. These ways of deep praying can help the believers to bridge the gap between faith and day –to–day life events. Thus, one can experience the inner peace in one's life which can come from the trust in loving God. In fact, the inspirations based on mindfulness can already be found in the teachings of Jesus when He says, "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Look at the birds of the air: They do not sow or reap or gather into barns and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Therefore, the practice of mindfulness helps us to be more present to everything in our lives.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.

COLLECTIONS:

January 28: Weekly/Maintenance
February 4: Weekly/Building Fund

Collections: 2018

Sunday Collection: Jan. 21, 2018 \$5,589.80
(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.

St. John's, 77 Murray Avenue, Goshen, Parent's Guild will be hosting a Community **Pancake Breakfast at St. John's School** on January 28, 2018 from 8:30AM to 12:30AM. Come for breakfast – stay for the raffles, children's activities and hot chocolate bar. \$8.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child, and children under 3 are free. Tickets will be sold at the door. Gluten Free pancakes are available upon request. ****Visit their open house from 11AM to 2PM**.**

FOR ALL ENVELOPE USERS: Your yearly box of envelopes for 2018 can now be picked up in the Parish Office starting the week of January 29th.

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. Total pledges raised at present are \$653,000.00 We are at 100% of our assigned goal! We are asking that for those who have not yet made a sacrificial pledge to prayerfully consider making one. Anything passed our goal we will receive 85% of money back. Thank you!
Father Niranjan Rodrigo

Sponsored by Family Life Ministry the **Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents** whose Children of any age have died by any cause are having one-day Spiritual Retreats on the following upcoming dates: February 24: Church of the Magdalene, Sleepy Hollow (Westchester) 9:30AM-7:30PM; April 28, St. Peter/St. Mary, Haverstraw, Spanish-language retreat (Rockland) 9:30AM-8:00PM; and October 20, St. Francis of Assisi (Manhattan) 9:30AM-7:30PM. Cost \$25 per person, \$40 per couple, includes breakfast, lunch, dinner. Scholarships are available. To register online, www.emfgp.org/2018-archny, or contact Sue DiSisto, Parenting and Family Life Education: susan.disisto@archny.org or (646) 794-3191.

Annual Archdiocesan Black History Month Mass & The National Day of Prayer for the African American & African Family "Sharing the Journey" will be on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 2PM at ST. Patrick's Cathedral – 5th Avenue and 51st Street, NYC. All are welcome! Guest Homilist will be Rev. Patrick Smith, Pastor St. Augustine Catholic Church, Washington, D.C. For more information contact the Office of Black Ministry 646-794-2681; www.obmny.org; obm@archny.org.

I If you are not a registered Parishioner and would like to register or have a change of address, please fill out form and drop in collection basket or mail to the Rectory.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____

Check

_____ New Registration receive envelopes _____

_____ Change of Address

_____ Moving out of Parish



In Appreciation for our hardworking volunteer and custodian - Jerry Domingue

It is always good to appreciate committed parishioners who are willing to do more than they receive. Sometimes those volunteers and employees who faithfully serve "behind the scenes", are largely unknown to members of our congregation. Very often their good works are not seen and they are not much noticed. I would like to state a few words of public recognition and thanks for all what they do for our church.

Jerry Domingue is a leading member in our parish of Infant Saviour. His presence as a parishioner and a hard working custodian in our church inspires all of us so much. It is because of Jerry's talents, generosity, help and great commitment that I was able to do certain improvements in the church. We would like to "Thank you for your generosity."

Jerry has also volunteered in helping with the installation of the marble to the sanctuary, painting both churches, building the grotto, making the manger, and creating the structure for the Infant Saviour of Prague that is on the Altar. At present, he is working hard in cleaning and varnishing the pews in our church. Jerry, we have no words to thank you for your generous giving to your church. God sees all what you do.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:10)

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Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? Catholic Schools offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that helps children of all backgrounds get the best start in life. Our students have outperformed NY State and City Schools in ELA and Math proficiency scores three years in a row. And over 99% of our high school seniors graduate and 99% of them go to college or post-secondary education. Our schools offer a secure learning environment, where respect, courtesy and service to others are always part of the curriculum. And tuition is now more affordable than ever: Financial Assistance and Scholarships are available for qualifying families. To find a Catholic school near you, book a personal tour, or for help with your admissions or financial assistance, visit www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org or call our bilingual helpline (646) 794-2885.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – January 28 – February 3

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we welcome you to see the wonderful things our Catholic Schools have to offer!

Orange County Catholic Elementary Schools to host Open Houses on these dates:

- Goshen – St. John – 77 Murray Avenue, Goshen
Jan. 28, 9am – 12pm, Jan 30, 9am – 11am
- Middletown – Our Lady of Mount Carmel –205 Wawayanda Avenue, Middletown
Jan 29 – Feb 1, 9am – 11am
- Monroe – Sacred Heart – 26 Still Road, Monroe
Jan. 28, 9am – 2pm, Jan 30, 9am-11am
- New Windsor – Sacred Heart –148 Windsor Highway, New Windsor
Jan 30th, 9am – 11am
- Walden – Most Precious Blood – 180 Ulster Avenue, Walden
Jan. 30, 9am – 11am
- Warwick – St. Stephen/St. Edward –75 Sandfordville Road, Warwick
Jan 29 – Feb. 1, 9am – 11am

REMAINING TOURING TUESDAYS: January 30, February 13, March 13, and April 24 from 9-11 am. Prospective families interested in applying for grades Pre-K 3 to Grade 8 can apply and learn about scholarships and financial assistance in several ways:

- online at www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org By phone at 646-794-2885 In person, at the school of interest To learn more about our faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school programs, visit www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org or call 646-794-2885 to speak with a Catholic School representative.