

Church of the Infant Saviour

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January 10, 2016

The Baptism of The Lord

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo - Pastor

Deacon Jack Carr

Deacon Frank Rose

Deacon Frank Rose - Trustee

Dr. Richard Reich - Trustee

Deacon Jack Carr – Parish Council President

Mrs. Patricia Ditzio – Parish Secretary/Notary Public

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Wed– Friday
Mon, Wed-Fri 9:00 AM– 4:00 PM, & Tues. 9AM-6PM (744-2391)

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Evening: 5PM-Pine Bush

Sunday: 8:00 AM – Walker Valley

9:30AM & 11:15AM – Pine Bush

1st & 3rd Sunday of each month 2PM: Spanish Mass-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 third 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.

ADULT BAPTISMS:

We use the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5329:

Meets the first Thursday of the month in the Church call Charlie Cino at 744-6174.

EDUCATION & YOUTH LEADERSHIP:

Religious Education Office – 744-9944

Mrs. Gail Baumann – Coordinator

Mrs. Jeanette Coates – Secretary

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Gail Baumann, Coordinator 744-9944

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION:

Jeanette & Don Coates

Lula & Michael Tartaglione

744-9944

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

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary – 7:40 Rosary said before Daily Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena – after Saturday 8:00AM Mass

Holy Hour – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:30PM

Last Wednesday of Every month Holy Hour will be held at Our Lady of the Valley in Walker Valley 6:30-7:30.

Marian Prayer Group – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10:30AM, Mother's Chapel

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.



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Mass Intentions

Sat: January 9, 2016

8:00AM: In Honor of Our Blessed Mother
5:00PM: Deceased Members of the Ficken, Zobel
and Resor Families (Jack Schultz)

Week of January 10, 2016

Sun: 8:00AM: Deceased Members of the Ficken, Zobel
and Resor Families (Jack Schultz)

9:30AM: Bernard J. Wysocki (His Daughter)

11:15AM: Pat Marino (His Family)

Mon: 8:00AM: All Souls in Purgatory

Tues: 8:00AM:

Wed: 8:00AM: Deceased Members of the Purchio Family
(Their Family)

Thur: 8:00AM:

Fri: 8:00AM:

Sat: 8:00AM:

5:00PM: Thomas Matthews, Jr. (Giannini Family)

Week of January 17, 2016

Sun: 8:00AM: Albert Tremper (Pat & Jim Gluszak)

9:30AM: Smitty Northrop (1st Anniversary In Heaven)
(His Wife, Son and Grandson)

11:15AM: Madeline Rispoli (LaCovara Family)

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

Readings: January 17, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 (66C)

Psalms: 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Mass Intentions: If you wish to have a Mass said you can call or stop by the Parish Office to schedule Mass(es) needed – Phone # 744-2391. You may also reserve an unannounced Mass for \$5.00
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.

BAPTISMAL/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

AND REGISTRATION: Please note that you must be registered for at least three months in order to receive a sponsor certificate.

Cenacle for Life: Please join the Healing Hands for Life Ministry 4:00PM every Friday in the Mother's Chapel to pray for the end of Abortion and the Sanctity of Life

Please pray for the sick: John Araneo, Roland Mora, Helen Denny, George Burrow, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzen, Edward Staff, Rose Marie Wilkins, John Giuliano, Joseph Manfredi, Jill Westerfield Davis, Dorothy Klauss, Anthony Gordon, John Araneo, Eric Maurin, Roland Rossi, Kurt Schaffner, Frank Rispoli, Baby Giovanni Padilla and Natalie Saft.

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) Ryan Gordon (Navy); (Navy); 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) Jon M. Donofrio (Marines); Michael Ditzio (Navy), Captain Caitlin Conley (Fort Bragg, NC) James Grabinski (US Air Force), Jeremy Reinhardt (Navy) Eddison Parris (Camp Lejeune, NC); Capt. Francis Pascucci (USMC), CPT Jennifer Pascucci, (Army); 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 (Air Force), 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 (T/Sgt., Air Force), Casey Fay (1st. Lt., Army), Brian Daniel Gray (Marines), Devin Masiero (Marines), William LaCovara (Air Force), Gerardo Balsa (Airforce)

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.

CYO :

CYO will be holding a meeting **on the first** Wednesday of every month after school. Please join us.



Baptism and Unique Christian Call

We reached the end of our last year 2015. As 2016 has already begun, we have a long way to go. In order to make this long journey meaningful, we need to have some hope for the future. There is a capacity in any human person to imagine a better future. We can always hope against the present situation that we are in for a better future. Especially, if our hearts are opened to God, there is always a possibility of new life, new direction in life, and a hope filled life. A New Year reminds us of new beginnings. It is another beginning of new life. A new year calls us to learn to live hopefully. It is another unique opportunity to make everything new and meaningful.

The **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** that we celebrate today is a great reminder for all of us that we are special before God and uniquely loved by Him. Just as Jesus was told by God at His Baptism, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," we are reminded every year on this feast day, that in and through our baptism, we too are chosen by God as His adopted sons and daughters of God in Christ. If we are the adopted children of God in Christ, then God's presence is always there in us. And so, the Sacrament of Baptism, through which we are initiated into the community of the Church, tells us that we are more than accidental. That is, we are born and raised "for something." A human life does not happen randomly. Whether this reality and the purpose of life are clear to us or not, we naturally find ourselves with an ambition to do something with our lives in order to be somebody. Christian faith adds to this natural and psychological awareness to be somebody. It is the conviction that we are called by God and given this gift of faith as a vocation as the adopted children of God.

I understand the psychological effects of the Sacrament of Baptism in relation to our consciousness of the past and future. With regard to the past consciousness, there is a sense of forgiveness and then a break from our past. And in reference to the future consciousness, there is a commitment (like a vow) and then an entrance to a hopeful future. Similarly, the immersion in water (or the pouring of water), which is a symbol of being immersed in Christ, in the ceremony of Baptism signifies the following effects of baptism. I.e. purification from sins, new birth in the Holy Spirit, and living a new life in Christ. St. Peter, at Pentecost promised the early Christians that by baptism they would receive forgiveness for their sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

However, we need to keep in mind that sacraments cannot be understood fully in psychological terms. They are not simply psychological reminders of our conversion at some point in the past. The understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism goes beyond the ordinary psychological effect a person can experience. It has a spiritual effect, because it establishes a relationship with the presence of God in Christ. And so, sacraments are mysterious and spiritual realities through which we Christians experience the inner workings of God that have spiritual and saving effects in our lives. The early Church Father and one of the earliest theologians, Tertullian (around 225 A.D.) was one of the first to employ the word '*sacramentum*' in his theological insights. The term, '*sacramentum*' is the Latin version of the *New Testament* term "mystery" (Eph 5:32; 1 Tim 3:16; Rev 1:20). Tertullian, in the patristic period, may have chosen this term to indicate the "mysterious" spiritual effect of the sacraments. Sacraments are signs and channels of God's grace just as pipes are channels of water. They are visible and tangible signs of invisible, inward, and divine grace. They are instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church that imparts the grace of God and divine life for our salvation.

Thus, the spiritual effects that take place during sacraments are beyond our rational comprehension. Although we believe in the Sacrament of Baptism, we may still have questions, such as; "How could the cleansing of sin occur during immersion in water?" Some questions may still remain mysterious just as there are open questions in other fields of study. Those who do not see a logical connection between the physical and the spiritual realms may reject the reality of the sacraments by considering them as merely symbolic ceremonies. In that sense, they may have the tendency to disregard the *Word of God* as God's inspired word.

But, if Christ has commanded us to be baptized in order to experience salvation, shouldn't **faith mean accepting the word of Christ and being baptized for salvation? In the Gospel of Mark it is stated, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mk 16:16).** The inability to rationalize the effects of the sacraments requires faith to fill in the gaps in logic. Faith in Christ entails faith in the necessity of sacraments. Prayer is the key to the awareness of the presence of God with us and our journey with Him. *Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.*

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a
Mardi Gras party/dance on Saturday



February 6 at 7:30PM in the
Church Hall. \$20.00 per
person -- food and music
provided. Tickets will be
presold. Call Charlie Cino at
744-6174 or Joe Ditizio
917-859-6383.

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MARDI GRAS
fine food

and a fun evening!