

Church of the Infant Saviour

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April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday





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Mass Intentions

Sat: April 2, 2016

Sat: 8:00AM: Leroy Palmer (His Wife Ann)
5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (Ditizio Family)

Week of April 3, 2016

Sun: 8:00AM: Anthony Gasparovic (Kiselak Family)
9:30AM: Kathy Bardin (William Bardin)
11:15AM: James Bredin (LaCovara Family)

Mon: 8:00AM: Geraldine Belz (Her Husband Don)

Tues: 8:00AM:

Wed: 8:00AM:

Thurs: 8:00AM:

Fri: 8:00AM: John Fay (Happy Birthday In Heaven)
(His Wife Mary and Family)

Sat: 8:00AM: Leroy Palmer (His Wife Anne)
5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (Ditizio Family)

Week of April 10, 2016

Sun: 8:00AM: Andrew Foster (Gluszak Family)
9:30AM: Carmina Antunes (10th Anniversary In Heaven)
(Her Daughter Lisa & Family)
11:15AM: Tom Scarpulla (Ditizio Family)

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

Readings: April 10, 2016

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41 (48C)

Psalm: 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

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.

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

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, Joseph Manfredi, Dorothy Klauss, Anthony Gordon, John Araneo, Eric Maurin, Roland Rossi, Kurt Schaffner, Frank Rispoli, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Kathleen Bauer and Clare Dougherty

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 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. **ADULT BAPTISMS:** We use the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

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) Michael Ditizio (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) Phillip 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 (Airforce), Colin Cummings (Marine Corps)

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.

Religious Ed News:

2nd Level: April 7th Communion Parent Meeting in Church 7PM with Father Rodrigo.

2nd Level: April 8th at 6PM Parent and Child Communion Retreat with Ray Boswell in Church Hall.

7th Level Human Sexuality Class with speaker Virginia Brown 7-8:30PM on April 12th at least one Parent Must Attend and if at all possible we would like if a father can come with his son and a mother with her daughter.

Resurrection of Christ – The Centrality of our Faith

The large stone had been rolled back. A young man dressed in white told them that Jesus had been raised from the dead. On historical grounds something unusual happened on that occasion. The tomb where Jesus had been buried was empty. And that empty tomb became the place of pilgrimage since the beginning of Christianity. Since the resurrection of Christ goes beyond human observation, it is impossible to describe or explain it purely from the human point of view. Neither in the Gospels nor in any other New Testament documents, has it mentioned that the actual resurrection of Jesus was witnessed by someone on the spot. The women who visited the tomb of Jesus and even the beloved disciples of Him, who saw and believed, saw only the emptiness of the tomb and the burial cloths.

However, the transformation that took place in the lives of the eye-witnesses and the early Christians was a powerful evidence for us to experience the effects of this unique event. That is why we gather solemnly on every Easter Sunday to celebrate this mysterious and unique event of the whole human history. The central character of the conversion and conviction of St. Paul is the resurrection of Christ. He puts it: "If Jesus is not raised from the dead, our proclamation has been in vain and our faith has been in vain." (1Cor 15:14) Likewise, if Jesus didn't rise from the dead, all the Christian faithful should leave their churches. If Jesus was not raised from dead, Christianity is a fraud. On the other hand, if He did rise from the dead, then Christianity is the fullness of God's revelation. Then, Jesus must be the absolute center of our lives.

It's no good trying to rationalize the resurrection as a myth or a symbolic expression. There were many who said that the appearances of the Risen Lord was nothing more than just visions, which the disciples had. Many would admit the reality of the visions, but, insists that they were still only visions. Some went further and said that they were not simply visions, but, hallucinations. And yet, the Gospels go far out of their way to insist that the Risen Lord was not a vision, not a hallucination, not even a spirit or a ghost, but, a real person with body, soul, and mind.

The well known Catholic Biblical Scholar, Raymond E. Brown says that the most recently cited argument still has force: How did the preaching that Jesus was victorious over death even gain credence if His corpse or skeleton lay in a tomb? Moreover, if the story was fashioned to support the belief, why entrust this discovery to women, and why not to men? It was because at that time, the women and even children were considered the least in the society. Therefore, the reports of the women would have less value than the reports of men? In that sense, the existence of the empty tomb cannot be dismissed simply as having no foundation in history.

The Gospels also make quite clear that the reality of the resurrection of Jesus is not an appearance of a spirit or a ghost. It would have been a contradiction for the beliefs of the first century Jews to say that someone rising from the dead spiritually, leaving one's body in the tomb. The first century Jews gathered the bones of a deceased person and would put them in a box (probably into a Ossuary) to be preserved until the resurrection of the dead of Israel (who are righteous) at the end of the world. It was Jesus, bodily and spiritually, who had conquered death and came back to life as the Risen Lord. Even the early Christian fathers who lived so close to the era of His resurrection stated in their writing that Christ was bodily and spiritually risen. **Happy Easter to all! May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with joy and happiness and may you all enjoy a blessed time together with your family and friends.**

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D

Walker Valley Catholic Society News:

* Thursday, April 7 - Meeting: Final Plans for Tricky Tray Social

Sunday, April 17 - Spring Coffee Hour/Tricky Tray Baskets due

Tricky Tray



April 30th, Doors open at 6:00PM,
Infant Saviour Church Hall
Hosted by
The Walker Valley Catholic Society

Relay for Life team Connected 4A Cure is hosting their 14th annual Spring Fling. It will be held on Friday, 4/8/16 at the Catholic War Veterans Hall. It will be held from 7-11pm. This year a baked ziti dinner will be served with all the fixings & dessert. The cost is \$35 per person or \$40 per couple. There will be raffles & prizes for all who attend. For tickets or more information contact Donna Henke at 8457448017. Music provided by DJ Corkey Kelly. Come out for a nice night of community fun all for a good cause.

In a valiant effort to Fight Cancer, **Luminaries** will be sold after each Mass this weekend April 2 and 3. 'In Loving Memory of a loved one, or for a loved one who is bravely fighting cancer' The money raised for these luminaries is to help advance research -- to be able to find a cure.



The Knights of Columbus wishes to thank all who supported the Lenten Dinners program and feasted on scrumptious non meat meals. Thanks goes out to our members who cooked, prepped, cleaned and served and to the sons of members who gave their time to help. Thanks also to Fr. Niranjan, Deacon Jack and Deacon Frank for their support.

Cardinal's Appeal 2016 During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus is for all of us. It is only with **your help** that the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities. Answer the call and donate today!. You can also make an online donation by visiting www.cardinalsappeal.org. Goal: \$42,000.00; As of March 25, 2016 Pledged: \$18,305.00 -- 53 Gifts. Please consider a sacrificial pledge to the 2016 Appeal. Thank you

"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 add a picture. *Payment Plans are available.*

Collections: 2016 2015

Sunday Collection 03/27/2016 \$6,142.72 \$5,991.22

Easter Collection: 03/27/2016 \$7,743.00

(Parishpay included)

Thank you for your generosity.

Collections for the Month of April

April 3: Weekly/Building Fund

April 10: Weekly/Military Services

April 17: Weekly

Undated Mother's Day Remembrance

April 24: Weekly/Maintenance

ParishPay is the best means available of supporting our parish. Currently, we have 70 families in our Parish participating and we would like to grow that number. Often times as we're preparing to head out to Mass, we forget to put money or a check in our envelope and decide to postpone giving until the following week when we can give two envelopes. But any delay in tithing could potentially hinder the parish from paying its bills in a timely fashion. With Parish Pay, there is no delay. 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. It's a more consistent way of giving and it enables the parish to better calculate what amount will be coming in which makes things easier on the parish financially. 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.paritypay.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. For those of you who worry about what other people will think when you don't put anything in the basket, you can simply deposit an empty envelope in the basket with the words Parish Pay written on the amount. We encourage you to surf out to the Parish Pay 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH

April 3, 2015

2:30PM

We are called to gather together for the Hour of Mercy.

Please join us on April 3rd:

2:30PM: Rosary

3:00PM Chaplet of Mercy

We would like to thank you all for contributing so generously to Infant Saviour Church through Easter offering and collections. At this grace filled time of the year, it is gratifying to see such a generous support for the parish. On behalf of the whole parish, I would like to express my gratitude for all your generous Easter contributions. I continue to thank God for your generosity and your participation in building up the faith community of Infant Saviour.

We want to give a special thank you to **Deacon Jack Carr and Deacon Frank Rose** for all that you do for our Parish.

We also want to thank our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Teachers of Religious Education, Knights of Columbus, Eucharistic Adoration Participants on First Fridays of every Month, Marian Group and the CYO Group, and The Walker Valley Catholic Society.

Choir: We also want to give special thanks to our choir members of all Masses who always volunteer to help us to have good liturgy every Sunday and on important occasions. Your presence and beautiful singing is very helpful for us to internalize the liturgical and sacramental spirit.

Altar Servers: Thank you to our Altar Servers for their great presence and service that you render to make our Masses/Services alive. You all really give of your time and talents to serve God to help us to experience the presence of God in prayer through your commitment and service in the Sanctuary.

Volunteers: We would like to thank all of our Parishioners who volunteer to do many things for our church without any recognition. There are many committed volunteers who are willing to help the church so generously. These generous and committed volunteers who give their time for the maintenance of the church do a terrific job for the upkeep of it. Without their presence, it would be very impossible to maintain and run a parish like ours.

Church Decorations And Cleaning: Because of the time, commitment and generosity of our parishioners, the Church is decorated beautifully for Easter with its flower arrangements -- thank you to all who participated in decorating the Church you did a great job. Also for all our parishioners who have participated in the Church cleaning, including Troop 02 and Pack 37, Job well done.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo