

# Church of the Infant Saviour

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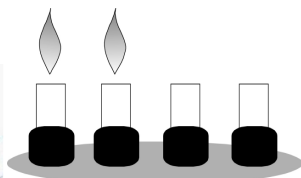
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**Second Sunday of Advent --- December 4, 2016**

**Infant Saviour, Pine Bush**



**Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley**



**Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor**  
**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 Ditzio  
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

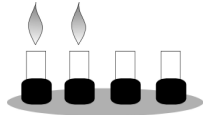
**Marian Prayer Group** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10:30AM,  
in Church

**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.



## December 4, 2016 Second Sunday Of Advent

### Mass Intentions

#### Sat: December 3, 2016

**Sat** 8:00AM: Joan Davey  
(Her Family @ Most Precious Blood School)  
5:00PM: Rosemarie Cahill (1st Anniversary In Heaven)  
(Her Mom & Dad & Family)

#### Week of December 4, 2016

**Sun:** 8:00AM: John Marshall (Healing)  
(Tom & Gabriele Stephens)  
9:30AM: Thomas J. Starkey (Renate & Charles Cino)  
11:15AM: Eleanor & Walter Kazar  
(Their Daughter Kathy & Family)  
**Mon:** 8:00AM: Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki (Their Daughter)  
**Tues:** 8:00AM: Charles William Sommerland, Jr. (Perry Family)  
**Wed:** 8:00AM: All Souls In Purgatory

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:00AM: Susan Morgan  
7:00PM: Charles Cino, Sr. (Joe & Pat Ditzio & Family)

**Fri:** 8:00AM: Joan Davey (Calabrese Family)  
**Sat:** 8:00AM: John Marshall (Healing)  
(Tom & Gabriele Stephens)  
5:00PM: Gene & Stacia Kelley  
(John & Sue Bardin & Family)

#### December 11, 2016

**Sun:** 8:00AM: Alice Lipari Klecka (Gillian Batchasingh)  
9:30AM: Susan Morgan (Joe & Pat Ditzio & Family)  
11:15AM: John Silvestri (Ken & Nancy Finnegan)

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

### SANCTUARY LAMP:

*In Loving Memory of Joan Davey  
Requested by The Boylan Family*

#### Readings: December 11, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 (7A)  
Psalm: 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
Second Reading: James ;7-10  
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

**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 consider joining them in prayer

### ***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.

### WALKER VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIETY NEWS:

Wed. Dec. 7 **Dinner Meeting:** Erie House, 6 PM  
Sun. Dec. 11 **Decorate Church for Christmas** (After 8 AM Mass)

**Please pray for the sick:** John Araneo, Roland Mora, Helen Dennedy, George Burrow, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, Linda Carlson, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzen, Edward Staff, 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 Betty Sasso and Henry Carr 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 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), CPT Jennifer Pascucci, (Army); 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.

### Religious Ed News:

**PBE & EJR Christmas Plays** will be presented in the Church, Parents are asked to arrive at 4PM. **PBE will be on Dec. 20** and **EJR will be on Dec. 21st.** Every Child will be participating.

**8th Level:** On Dec. 12th Sex has a Price Tag at least one parent must attend 7-8:30PM. And all Community and Sponsor Paper work **MUST BE HANDED IN.**

**Dec. 19th** there will be no classes for the 6th & 8th Levels due to Archdiocesan wide Renconciliation.

**Dec. 20th** no 7th Level Classes.

On the weekend of Dec. 11th there will be a 2nd collection for the thousands of retired Catholic sisters and brothers whose hard work, prayers, and sacrifices helped build our Catholic Schools, hospitals and charitable agencies. The **Retired Religious** gave and give their lives in extraordinary and exemplary service to the archdiocese, please offer them in return our love and support by donating what you can to this collection. Thank you and God Bless.

## Season of Advent

The days are shorter and the nights are cooler now. It appears to be that we now experience longer nights. The falling leaves and the fading light in the afternoon mark the approach of another season, winter. The seasons in every year reveal to us the presence of God in the cycles of life. Through these cycles of life, God brings us comfort and inspiration to our personal journey of faith. In this Season of Fall, God reminds us that to find Him, we need to be patient and prayerful with humility. Also, in order to find Him, we are called to serve our neighbor with compassion. Towards the beginning of the month of December, we have begun the Season of Advent of 2016. And we begin a new liturgical year called *Year A*.

It is the beginning of another journey of faith with Jesus our Lord. To begin a journey implies that we have a goal or a destiny in mind. Our destiny at the end is the 'kingdom of God.' For a faithful Christian, this goal could mean "the Kingdom of Heaven" where she/he sees God face to face with the nearest and the dearest ones who lived a life in Christ. Therefore, there is a definite destination that we all are called to journey. Despite detours that we may have to take along the way, we have every hope of getting there if we follow our map, which is shown by Christ. Along this ongoing journey, the human soul, through the grace of God, may abandon itself wholly to God.

The word *Advent* comes from the Latin word, *advenio*, which means "to come." In this season of hope and joyful expectation, we are once again reminded of the coming of Jesus, not only at Christmas, but also of His second coming at the end of time. Thus, Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. Even though Christ was actually born over 2000 years ago, during *Advent* it is important to prepare our hearts to "receive" Jesus into the world as a light to the nations. Moreover, Advent has its deepest meaning as a time of looking forward to the second coming of Christ in the last days.

As this season of *Advent* progresses over these next weeks, in each week, one more candle on our *Advent wreath* is lit. The *Advent wreath* seemed to have become a part of the spiritual preparation for Christmas by the middle ages. The four candles of the Advent wreath symbolize the divine potent of the four weeks of this season of Advent. Also, they signify the light of Christ that illuminates the light of our faith. Then, this light, which is encircled by evergreen, symbolizes the priceless treasure of eternity that we are going to have from God. Thus, this traditional lighting of the four candles of the *Advent wreath* signifies that the lights of our faith grow stronger and brighter every week. Each week, we are invited to grow deeper in our communion with Jesus. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas reminding us that Christ is the light of the world.

Sometimes Christmas may come to us at certain dark time and situation of the year. There can be frustration, emotional pain, hopelessness, and helplessness in the lives of some people. But, this season of Advent reminds us again that the light of Christ can help us to deal with that darkness and hopelessness. Let us bring our frustrations and helplessness to God as we journey through the four weeks of this season. May the light of Christ that grows brighter every week in the advent wreath inspire us to experience more light in us. The words from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians reminds us that God enlightens our innermost vision so that we may come to know the great hope to which He has called us (Ephesians 1: 18). In this new liturgical year, the Church echoes Isaiah's longing, *Maranatha: Come Lord Jesus* as we pray without ceasing with the universal Church during this period of waiting and watching for God to come again. *Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus!*

*Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.*

**ANNUAL SENIOR SOCIAL AND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** Hosted by 7th Level Students and the Knights of Columbus on December 9th. Senior Social will be start at 6PM in the Church Hall, and the tree lighting will be held around 8PM. **Snow date for Senior Social only will be on Dec.16th**

**THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:**

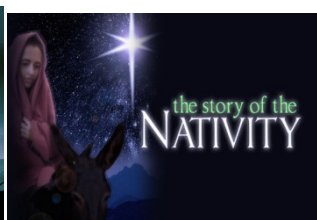
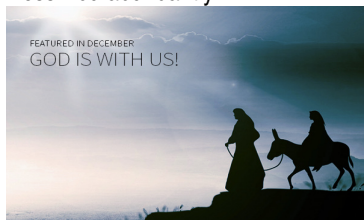
Thank you to all for taking a tag to help a child in need in our Pine Bush Community. Please remember that gifts are due by **Sunday, Dec. 11th**, at the Parish Office or placed into the special boxes that have been placed in both Churches. Thank you for your generosity and promptness.



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:**  
The CYO and Knights of Columbus together will be hosting Breakfast with Santa

on December 17, Saturday from 9AM-12PM. Further Details will be announced in bulletins to follow.

**FORMED:** Our Archdiocese has given us free access for one full year to some of the best Catholic resources available right in our own homes! The FORMED website, [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), offers a compilation of movies, books, audio and video programs that are catechetical, inspirational and entertaining. Simply surf out to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and sign up using our parish code, **N68TMK**, and under the section entitled 'Register - Sign up free using your parish code' you can create your own sign in and password. You can also sign up by going on to our website [infantsaviour.org](http://infantsaviour.org). Once you've signed up, you can use FORMED on your home computer or your smartphone at any time that's convenient for you. Programs like Symbolon, Catholicism, Lighthouse Media Audio presentations, The Lectio Series, Opening the Word, Hearts Afire and more are available to broaden your knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Presenters like Scott Hahn, Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray speak on a multitude of faith topics. It's all just a click away! We strongly encourage you to sign up and see what's available. May God Bless You abundantly!



**CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE 2016** Please join the children in our Religious Education program in contributing for those in need. Your donations of canned, boxed, non-perishable UNEXPIRED food items can be placed in front of the Altar or in front of the curtain of the hall stage. We appreciated donations of turkeys, roaster chickens and hams. All frozen meat should be put into the freezer of the hall's refrigerator. The last day for the drop off is Sunday, December 11. Time is needed to sort and transport food. As in previous years, our efforts are coordinated with the Pine Bush Lions Club for an ecumenical community outreach. Thank you for sharing.

**WE NEED YOU!**

Many hands make light work. Parents please come with your children to help clean the Church on Dec. 15 at 6PM for the Christmas 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.



Collections:	2016	2015
Sunday Collection Nov. 20, 2016	\$5,902.24	\$5,406.21
Sunday Collection Nov. 27, 2016 (Parishpay included)	\$5,288.24	\$5,169.21

Thank you for your generosity.

**Collections for the Month of November**

- November 1: All Saints Day
- November 6: Weekly/Building Fund Collection
- November 13: Weekly/Parish Maintenance
- November 20: Weekly/Human Development
- November 27: Weekly/ ---Undated Christmas Flowers


**ParishPay** is the best means available of supporting our parish. Currently, we have 72 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 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. *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




*2016 Candlelight*  
**REMEMBRANCE MASS**



**December 10 at 1 p.m.**

**at Our Infant Saviour Church**  
*Light refreshments will be served  
at the funeral home after the mass.*

This mass is being held to remember all of our dearly departed loved ones who have passed away. If you have a loved one whom you would like mentioned in our mass please call us!

  
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*Catechist Certification and Recognition. At a special ceremony on November 6th at Maryknoll, Christine Collard received recognition for volunteer service and for working toward advanced certification. Congratulations Christine and thanks to Gail Baumann and Sister Shinty for their superb leadership! Christine has completed and gained Level One Certification after completing 5 courses in spirituality, theology and faith formation.*

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*Christmas 2016 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. 19  
from 4-8pm.*

