

# Church of the Infant Saviour

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## The Nativity of the Lord

## December 25, 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 Ditizio  
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.



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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat: December 24, Christmas Eve**

5:00PM Leroy Palmer (Ann Palmer)  
7:00PM Our Lady of the Valley:  
10:00PM: Special Intentions & Blessings for the  
Tartaglione & Dushaz Families (Tartaglione Family)

**Week of December 25, Christmas**

**Sun:** 9:30AM: Special Intentions and Blessings for the  
Fay & Gallagher Families (Mary Fay)  
11:15AM: Leroy Palmer & Rose Marie Wilkins  
(Ann Palmer)  
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**Mon:** 8:00AM:  
**Tues:** 8:00AM:  
**Wed:** 8:00AM:  
**Thur:** 8:00AM: Alexander Blazeski (Gram Watkins & Family)  
**Fri:** 8:00AM: John Marshall (Healing)  
(Tom & Gabriel Stephens)  
**Sat:** 8:00AM:  
5:00PM: Marilyn Ditzio (Ditzio Family)  
10:00PM:

**January 1, 2016**

**Sun:** 8:00AM: Joseph Sasso (Sherri & Ed McConnell)  
9:30AM : Healing in the Buckley Family (Theresa & Keith)  
11:15AM: Thomas Foley, Sr. (LaCovara Family)

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

**SANCTUARY LAMP:**

*In Loving Memory of Alexander Blazeski*  
*Requested by: Gram Watkins & Family*

**Readings: January 1, 2017**

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27 (18ABC)  
Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

**Religious Ed News:**

The Last day of classes for all grade levels will be on December 22nd and classes will resume on the week of January 3rd except for the first level which will begin on January 8th.

**Please pray for the sick:** John Araneo, Roland Mora, George Burrow, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, Linda Carlson, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Peg Broughal, 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 Hilsmann Betty Sasso, Henry Carr and Codie Meier

**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), 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 (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.

**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.

## **God Becoming Human**

For some Christians the external activities and festivities of Christmas, such as decorations, shopping, making of the cribs, Christmas cards, etc take center stage as they throw the real significance of Christmas, which is the Incarnation, into the shadows. The Incarnation, which is a unique and singular event, is the “Good News” that God became human. And it is the pivotal mystery and the wonderful message of our Christian faith.

Christmas is about the fact that God became human, which is the Divine, becoming human specifically to establish a relationship with us. God identifies with us fully and completely by becoming matter in Christ. God has become one with us by becoming small and vulnerable. He has become one with us in our weakness, in our limitations, and in our brokenness. But, in His humility, He bore fruits among us. In that sense Christmas speaks to us the reality that God is not distant and separate from us. Rather, He is very near and one with us. Christmas tells us that the most fruitful life that ever lived is the life of Jesus, who did not cling to His divine power, but became small as we are.

And so, the incarnation means that God in His very own body knew what it means to be human, to be broken, and to be one with us. This reality of the embodiment of God is surely the greatest mystery of our faith and indeed the greatest mystery of history. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen once stated, “The real Good News is that the incarnation continues as the Word of God is enfleshed each day in the heart and mind, speech and actions of the disciples of the Lord.

*Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, PhD.*

## **Christmas Wishes and Sincere Thanks**

**At this time of Christmas when we give thanks to God for His presence among us as Emmanuel, on behalf of the whole parish, I would like to thank all the parishioners for their prayerful presence and greater participation in their parish in every way.**

**First and foremost, together with the Clergy in the Parish, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, and the Trustees we are so grateful to our generous givers and donors who support their parish financially. All of us are aware that the future of Infant Saviour depends on the generous financial support that you always give. Without your continuous and generous support, the smooth functioning of the parish would be impossible. Please, accept our sincere thanks and prayers for all of you and continue to be generous as your means allow in the coming year.**

**As a parish, we are so thankful for those who volunteer; the Sunday Collection Counters, the Cardinals Appeal Campaign Committee, the Altar Servers, the Ushers, the Lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, the Musicians, the Choir, the Eucharistic Adorers, the teachers in the Religious Education Program, The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), Adult Faith Formation Group, The Walker Valley Catholic Society, the Volunteers that decorate, the Volunteers who organize Church Parties, and various other individual volunteers who do not want to be known publicly, but, those who generously give their time for the upkeep and maintenance of the Church.**

**Also, we as a parish are grateful for the Director, the Coordinator, and the Secretary of the Religious Education. Further, our thanks go to our Parish Office Secretary for her tireless work and the custodians and housekeepers who work hard for the maintenance and upkeep of the Church and the Religious Education School. Also, we show our gratitude to all the volunteers who volunteer to organize various activities for the upkeep of the Church.**

**On behalf of the Clergy at Infant Saviour Church, I would like to wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

*Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor*

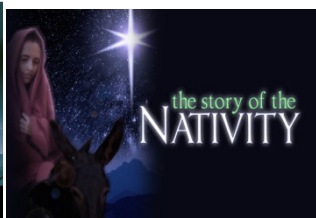
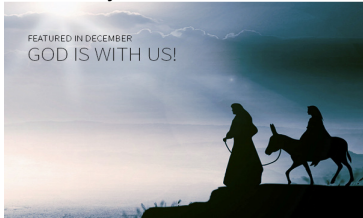
**On behalf of the Community of Infant Saviour Parish, I, the clergy, Trustees, Parish Council and the Finance Council would like to thank all who have generously donated for the installation of the new Air Conditioning Unit. I am genuinely grateful for all that you have done and continue to for our Parish Community. We have raised to date \$43,430.00. The New Unit is completely installed. Thank you!!**

**I also want to thank the Walker Valley Catholic Society for their hard work in hosting the Tricky Tray Social and for their generous donation of \$2,000.00.**

*Father Niranjan Rodrigo*

**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!



**2017 CHURCH ENVELOPES:** Please note that the Church envelopes for each family registered to receive their yearly box can be found, placed in alphabetical order by family's last name on tables in the Church Hall this weekend. Please pick up your box. If you do not see your box or would like to receive a yearly box please call the Parish Office at 744-2391 x10.

Collections:	2016	2015
Sunday Collection Dec 18, 2016	\$5,195.54	\$5,967.68
Maintenance Collection Dec. 2016 (Parishpay included)	\$1,427.00	

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Collections for the Month of January 2017**

- January 1: Weekly/Solemnity of Mary
- January 8: Weekly/Catholic Communications
- January 15: Weekly/Building Fund
- January 22: Weekly/
- January 29: Weekly/Maintenance

**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



## *Wishing all a Merry Christmas and*

a Very Blessed New Year Filled with Peace and Love!

The Angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds tending their fields and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The Angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news. For Today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. When the Angels went away from them to Heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. *(Luke 2:9-20).*