

Church of the Infant Saviour

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7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

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 – 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

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: February 18, 2017

8:00AM:
5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (Eileen Stevenson)

Week of February 19, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: Leo & Vivian Lillard (Dn Jack & Jenn Carr)
9:30AM: Mary & Frank McGarrity
(Daughter Cathy Corti & Son-In-Law Lou)
11:15AM: Joan Davey (Pat & Joe Ditizio)
Mon: 8:00AM: For All Those Affected by Abortion
Tues: 8:00AM: Inez & Tony Arlotta (Their Family)
Wed: 8:00AM:
Thur: 8:00AM: Josephine Purchio (Her Family)
Fri: 8:00AM:
Sat: 8:00AM:
5:00PM: Joan Davey (Anne Turnbull)

February 26, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: For All Souls In Purgatory
9:30AM: Elizabeth Knudsen (Her Mom & Dad)
11:15AM: Richard Tanagretta (Healing) (Joan & John Filip)

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

March 1st is Ash Wednesday: Schedule for Masses and Services: 8:00AM Mass; 12:00PM: Service; 4:00PM Service For Rel Ed Students; and 7:00PM Mass.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Special Prayers & Intentions for Our President, Vice President and the Sanctity of Life

Readings: February 26, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15 (82A)
Psalm: 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

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

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 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 Gatzon, 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, Cole Meier, Henry Carr, Jarrett Winum, John Gillespie, Baby Alyssa and Alan Scott

Religious Ed News:

2nd Level: March 4, First Reconciliation PBE & EJR at 10AM
8th Level: Students and Parents March 3 Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM

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.

March 3
March 10
March 17

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT DURING LENT AT 6:30PM:

March 24 - Shadow Land Boxers
March 31
April 7

The Lenten Reconciliation will be held on Monday, April 10
Confessions will be heard from 3-9PM

Facing Fear with God

Since most of the animals do not have the detailed memories that we have, they appear to be living in the present. But, since we humans have detailed memories and have the desire to organize our experiences, our feelings may not be always in the present. Though we can only live in the present, our minds have the ability to look back to the past memories and look forward to the future desires.

Based on what happened in the past, specifically the experience of negatives like disasters or unfortunate incidents, one may look forward to the future with uncertainty and doubtful mind. Some people get in a rut by looking constantly at the negatives of their life situations. Perhaps, they may think that something disastrous may happen before they get to where they should be. Some may go through countless sleepless nights because of the past with regrets and the insecurity that they feel with regard to the future. When we are threatened, we not only become afraid of being hurtful now, but what is hurtful now will reopen all our past wounds. Also, we are afraid that hurtful feelings would make us more vulnerable in the future.

And so, it is worth noting that fears mostly relate to future events; like the worsening of a situation or continuation of a situation that is not acceptable. The *fear* of taking risks could be one of the critical barriers to look forward to in the future. Most of the human beings' lives are being dominated by fears. *Fear* is one of the earliest, most basic, and highly complex universal emotions. Since fear has become a part of life our lives, consciously or unconsciously, we all are fearful of something or someone. As Ralph Waldo Emerson observed, "People can be afraid of almost anything; afraid of truth, afraid of fortune, afraid of death, and afraid of each other."

"*Fear of abandonment*" is considered as the primal fear and it is something inherent in all human life and . And it is. It is a fearful condition in which an infant feels deserted, lost and abandoned by the parents or primary caregivers. To a greater extent, an infant will not survive if she/he is abandoned. If a young child is provided enough security and not abandoned, the fear of abandonment in him/her will usually diminish. As the experts and therapists state most of the fears that we have; such as fear of rejection, fear of death, or fear of lifelessness, can be the outcome of the *fear of abandonment*. And so, according to one of the interesting studies about fear suggests that *fear* is something of a learned behavior. It sounds like something programmed in us. Most of our fears appear to be adopted during infancy and childhood. Therefore, we may wonder whether fears that we have learned in our past can be unlearned.

I believe, instead of being paralyzed by fears, it is important to *face* them in order to know what we are afraid of. Also, facing our fears will help us to *choose hope* over fears. Good and bad things have always happened and they always will happen no matter what. But, when we learn to take reasonable steps to be cautious of suspicious or dangerous situations, there would be more possibilities to focus on hope. In order to be hopeful, it is critically important to have a trusting environment. Trusting that someone is with you, by not letting anything bad happen to you, is a source of strength to be hopeful. Though some may have a hard time trusting themselves, still trusting in higher power or a life force or in our terms, God is so essential to be more hopeful.

It is the experience of many faith-filled persons and saintly people that *fear loses its power* when we trust God. The following words in the book of prophet Isaiah have given many hope and courage in a vulnerable fearful situation. God speaks through the prophet Isaiah stating, "*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*" (Isaiah 43: 1-2).

Therefore, it is wise to ask God to show us what we are afraid of. We need to ask God to show us what weakens our faith in keeping us from living confidently in His providence. Then, let us give God a chance to lead us to walk through our fears. May the grace of God help us to believe that He is protecting us as He leads us each step of our way. May His grace help us to walk through our *fears* by facing them, instead of being paralyzed by them!

FR. NIRANJAN RODRIGO, PH.D.



Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **St. Patrick's Dinner Dance** on Saturday, March 11th at 7pm \$20 per person tickets sold in advance only . Dinner and D.J included. Tickets will be sold after mass or call parish office to purchase

Dominican College in Orangeburg, NY will be holding an Information Session interested in Undergraduate and Graduate degrees, including Undergraduate online programs on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017 in Prusmck Center. For more information or directions call 1-866-432-4636.

"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

The Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration will be on Sunday June 11, 2017 at 2PM at St. Patrick's Cathedral Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 11, 2017 at 2PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your Parish Office for registration. The closing date to register is Friday, May 12, 2017. This event is sponsored by the Family Life

CAMP VERITAS 2017: Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away Catholic summer camp for teens going into 7th-12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2017: July 16-22 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment is now open and the enrollment price for each week is \$450 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 04/01/17) are \$400.00 for all sites. There is no additional charge for the dance and basketball program options (at Mount Saint Mary College Only). Volunteers (must be over 18 years old) are needed and free! More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.
Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of NY.

Collections:	2017	2016
Sunday Collection February 5, 2017 (Parishpay included)	\$4,519.46	\$5,047.92

Thank you for your generosity and support.
Collections for the Month of February 2017
February 5: Weekly/Peter's Pence
February 12: Weekly/Building Fund
February 19: Weekly
February 26: Weekly/Maintenance

ParishPay is the best means available of supporting our parish. Currently, we have 84 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.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 Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to Infant Saviour Parish, your spiritual home. May God Bless You All Abundantly.

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, offers a compilation of movies, books, audio and video programs that are catechetical, inspirational and entertaining. Simply surf out to 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. 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!

What a perfect way to enter into Lent. Though prayer is one of the essentials of a thriving faith, we often feel as if we're talking to ourselves—or, worse, as if we're talking to no one at all. How can something so vital to the Faith be so elusive?

Now, with the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's LECTIO series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline



of *Lectio Divina* to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

In six video sessions, *Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God* captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love. Engaging and accessible, *Prayer: Finding Intimacy With God* includes:

- The *Lectio Divina* approach of Reading, Reflecting, Responding, and Contemplating, Penetrating questions and insights for the six video sessions
- Additional resources for a fuller understanding and application
- Daily reflections to deepen the meaning of prayer in your life
- Space for personal journaling

Lenten Parish Mission Retreat here at Infant Saviour with Father Francis Amodio, O.Carm. -- Dates: March 26, 7:00PM; March 27, 7:00PM; and on March 28 at 7PM. A Parish Mission is special time in a parish when its community gathers together to gain further insight into a faith filled life. It is a time for each parishioner to renew one's personal relationship with Jesus and to experience peace and healing. It is also a time to revitalize the Parish in its mission and to be sustained as a community by the love of Jesus. And so, it is a grace-filled opportunity for the parishioners to experience a spiritual renewal in their faith journey through the Eucharist, prayer services, and preaching.

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ADULT *faith* FORMATION

**JOIN US FOR
A LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION**

BEGINS MARCH 9 to MARCH 30
Thursdays-7:00 to 8:15pm

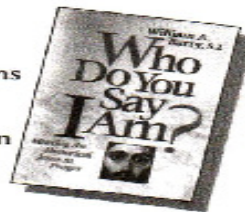
Join us for a 4-weeks book discussion of the book
***"Who Do You Say I Am?"* by author William A. Barry, S.J.**

Christians have always turned to the scriptures as a reliable source of knowledge about Jesus, but in recent years the historical accuracy of the gospels has come under considerable scrutiny. The question has even garnered significant media attention, particularly in the case of the "Jesus Seminar," a group of scholars who gather periodically to discuss and vote on the authenticity of Jesus' words and deeds. Their claims, which often seem calculated to shock, have disturbed some Christians and even shaken the faith of others.

In this innovative work Father William Barry shows why this need not be the case. "I believe that research on the historical Jesus need not be a threat but can be a spiritual resource for us Christians," he says. Drawing on the highly acclaimed

work *The Marginal Jew* by John Meier, he helps us sift the evidence to discover what we can know with historical certainty about Jesus. But Barry leads us beyond the facts of history to an encounter with the risen Jesus, sharing both his own experience of prayer as well as the stories and accounts of other contemporary Christians who have come to know the risen Lord. He guides us in a prayerful dialogue that bridges the gap between the Jesus of history and the Jesus we experience in faith.

"I believe that Jesus means more to me now than he did before," Barry says about his book. Here is an opportunity for readers to come to the same conclusion.



THERE WILL BE SIGN UP ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 18 AFTER MASSES

Adult Faith Formation Team is bringing back the **Suggestion Box**. It can be found in the Vestibule of Infant Saviour Church. This box will be set in place for suggestions only. Please no flyers or money are to be placed in this box.



Healing Weekend Beginning experience of the Hudson Valley which is a Catholic ministry within the Office of Family Life is offering a healing weekend from March 31 to April 2, 2017 at the St. Lawrence Friary in

Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the **loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation**. It is a time to heal and a time to begin new. Reservations are required. For information call Betty at 973-903-3941 or Mary Anne at 914-260-5087.