

Church of the Infant Saviour

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8th Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor

Father Raymond Pavlick

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

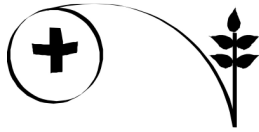
Marian Prayer Group – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10:30AM, in Church

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 25, 2017

8:00AM:

5:00PM: Joan Davey (Anne Turnbull)

Week of February 26, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: All Souls In Purgatory

9:30AM: Elizabeth Knudsen (Her Mom & Dad)

11:15AM: Richard Tanagretta (Healing) (Joan & John Filip)

11:15AM: Joan Davey (Pat & Joe Ditzio)

Mon: 8:00AM:

Tues: 8:00AM: Carmina Antunes (Her Daughter Lisa & Family)

Ash Wednesday:

8:00AM: Mass - All Souls In Purgatory

12PM: Liturgy of the Word

4PM: Liturgy of the Word for Religious Ed Students

7PM Mass

Thur: 8:00AM:

Fri: 8:00AM:

Sat: 8:00AM: Concietta Nunziato (Her Daughter Barbara)

5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (His Wife Anne)

March 5, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM:

9:30AM: Joan Davey (Buskey Family)

11:15AM: Charles Cino, Sr. (Knights of Columbus)

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

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

Readings: March 5, 2017

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7(22A)

Psalms: 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

We want to give our deepest condolences to Deacon Jack and His Family for the loss of his Father, Henry Carr. Please keep Deacon Jack and his Family in your prayers.

Raise Him up to eternal Life O Lord, and hold him in the palm of your hand.

Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke is currently undergoing some medical treatments and also celebrates a birthday on Ash Wednesday. Her address is 127 Sisters Hill Rd., Stanfordville, NY 12581. Your prayers and cards would be greatly appreciated.

Please join us on Friday March 24th at 6PM for a very Special presentation of the Stations of the Cross presented by the Shadow Land Box Players in the Church Hall.

Cenacle for Life: The Cenacle will not be meeting on Fridays at 4:00 during Lent, as we will be attending the Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM. Our Cenacle will resume on Friday, April 21st at 4:00PM. Please try to join us.

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 Gatzten, 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, Jarrett Winum, John Gillespie, Baby Alyssa, Alan Scott and Sister Margaret Ellen Burke

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 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.

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 6PM

March 31

April 7

Brief History of Lenten Traditions

Just as Yom Kippur in Judaism, Ramadan in Islam, and Lent in Christianity does not rank high in the good-time holidays, all of these seasons of major religions and their religious and ritual practices are saying “no” to something we love or “no” to many things that we excessively desire. These ritualized traditions call the believers in these religions to a self controlling way of living through which they deny certain cravings. If we reflectively ponder on the things that we are called to say “no,” to we still can find that there are hidden benefits to most of those ritualized acts of self-denials.

Season of Lent is one of the oldest observations on the Christian calendar. Like all Christian holy days, Lent has changed over the years, but its purpose has always been the same. It is a period of self-examination and practice of penitence, demonstrated by self-denial, in preparation for Easter. The evolution of the *Season of Lent* as a time of preparation for Easter began since the earliest times of the Church. There is evidence of some kind of Lenten preparation that lasted and varied from a few days to a week before Easter celebrations for the first three centuries. Early church father St. Irenaus of Lyons (c.130-c.200) wrote of such a season in the earliest days of the church. Back then it lasted only two or three days, not 40 days observed today.

Then, this season of Lent became more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in AD. 313. The *Council of Nicaea* in AD. 325 (best known for the profession of faith – the ‘Nicene Creed’) discussed a 40-day Lenten season of fasting before they held a provincial synod each year. The number 40 may have its origin in the forty-day fast observed by Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. It appears that the earliest mention of the forty days of preparation during Lent in the history of the Church comes from the *Council of Nicaea*. Therefore, by the fourth century, a 40 day celebration period leading up to Easter appeared to be widespread. In the fourth century, St. Athanasius (AD. 373) implored his own congregation of Alexandria to practice a fast for 40 days prior to Easter, especially a more intense fasting during Holy Week. Then in their letters and teachings, St. Cyril of Jerusalem (AD. 386), St. Cyril of Alexandria (AD. 444), and Pope St. Leo (AD 461) also urged a practice of 40 days of Lenten preparation and fast.

Thus, by the end of the fourth century, those days had expanded to a forty day period of prayer and fasting before Easter that began on a Sunday. Those 40 days mostly had an emphasis on the preparation of catechumens (those candidates preparing for Baptism or those who are converting into Christianity) for initiation at Easter. But, it is unclear whether the original intent of this season was just for new converts preparing for Baptism. And it soon began to be commonly observed in both the East and the West (i.e., almost the whole Church).

In subsequent centuries, with the decline and disappearance of the catechumenate, the focus of the *Season of Lent* shifted to those doing public penance in anticipation of being reconciled to the celebrations of Easter. The public penitents had ashes placed on their heads as an outward sign of their mortification. When public penance disappeared, the outcome grew up of all the faithful asking for penitential ashes at the start of Lent.

Until the end of the fifth century, Lent began on a Sunday. But, Pope Gregory the Great (c. 540-604) shifted it from Sunday to the preceding Wednesday, now called Ash Wednesday in the beginning of the sixth century. One of the reasons was to secure the exact number of 40 days of fasting, prayer, and penance in the Season of Lent. Gregory the Great marked the foreheads of Christians who came for forgiveness with ashes reminding them of the biblical symbol of repentance and mortality of life. As the book of Genesis states, “*we are dust and unto dust we shall return*” (Gen 3:19). Then, by the end of the eleventh century, *Ash Wednesday* was observed throughout Christendom, and by the thirteenth century even the Pope himself accepted ashes as a part of the papal liturgy on Ash Wednesday. Prayer, fasting, and penance have become the three aspects of the season of Lent. They are meant to prepare the Christians to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. **FR. NIRANJAN RODRIGO, PH.D.**

Religious Ed News:

2nd Level: March 4, First Reconciliation PBE & EJER at 10AM

8th Level: Students and Parents must attend on March 24 Stations of the Cross presented by the Shadow Land Box Players at 6PM in Church Hall

Lent: On Ash Wednesday ashes should only take place in a sacred place - a church or chapel - preferably during Mass. (Classrooms should not be used when a nearby Church is available. Fasting and Abstinence during the Season of Lent -- The Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of faith and abstinence. Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Nor is there eating between meals. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through age 59. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able. Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige through their lives. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able. ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY are days of Fast and Abstinence, Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN DINNERS: As part of the Friday Lenten dinner series, the Knights of Columbus will be providing a free linguine dinner on Friday night March 3 (the first Friday during Lent) for all comers in the Church Hall. This dinner will be either eat-in or take-out. We will have a sign-up sheet in the back of Church in an attempt to get a head count or you can call the Parish office. There will be linguine marinara or linguine in white clam sauce. As always the meals will be following the Stations of the Cross which are every Friday during Lent at 6:30 (Except Good Friday). As in the past, future meals will have a nominal cost. Menu particulars will follow in each Sunday's bulletin and there will be a sign-up sheet for each week.



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.

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 Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of NY.

"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

Collections:	2017	2016
Sunday Collection February 12, 2017 (Parishpay included)	\$5,724.64	\$5,589.92

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Collections for the Month of March 2017

March 5:P Weekly/Building Fund

March 12: Weekly Undated Easter Flowers

March 19: Weekly/Maintenance

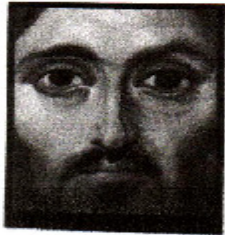
March 26: Weekly/Catholic Relief

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.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 Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to Infant Saviour Parish, your spiritual home. May God Bless You All Abundantly.

40 Days for Life: March 1 - April 9 You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 725,000 volunteers! 12,668 babies saved from abortion; 141 abortion workers converted, 75 abortion centers closed. Here is how you can take part: In Newburgh Vigil location: on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood located at 136 Lake Street. Vigil hours from 7AM to 5PM daily Local Contact: Wendy Wood 845-820-4366 or ocrighthtolife@gmail.com and in Goshen Vigil Location: 7 Coates Drive, we stand in the grassy area on Coates Drive, we are not permitted to stand in front of Planned parenthood. Vigil Hours 7Am to 7PM daily. Local Contact: Veronica Murphy 845-551-8560 or mamoirish@gmail.com. Learn more and get involved by visiting 40daysforlife.com/Goshen or 40daysforlife.com/Newburgh

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

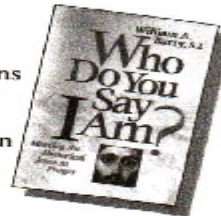
Join us for a 4-weeks book discussion of the book
***“Who Do You Say I Am?”* by author William A. Barry, S.J.**

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.



EUCHARIST ADORATION WILL BE HELD IN
THE MOTHER’S CHAPEL 9:00AM-6PM –
FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017

PLEASE COME AND DEVOTE SOME TIME IN PRAYER
*He is near to those who call to him, who call to him with sincerity.
He supplies the needs of those who honor him, he hears
their cries and saves them Psalm 145: 18-19*

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Church of the Infant Saviour on 3/30/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle**