

Church of the Infant Saviour

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor
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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

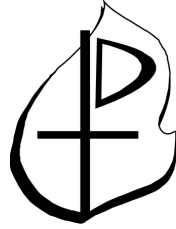
Marian Prayer Group – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10:30AM, in Church

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: May 6, 2017

8:00AM:

5:00PM: Patricia Stueber (Her Family)

Week of May 7, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: Mary Garguilo (Coates Family)

9:30AM: Henry Carr (Joe & Rosemary DeCaro)

11:15AM: Joan Henke (Linda & Kevin Giuliano)

Mon: 8:00AM: All Souls In Purgatory (Ann Palmer)

Tues: 8:00AM:

Wed: 8:00AM:

Thur: 8:00AM:

Fri: 8:00AM: Elizabeth Gallagher (Her Daughter Mary Fay)

Sat: 9:30AM: 2nd Level EJR First Holy Communion

11:30AM: PBE 2nd Level First Holy Communion

5:00PM: Paul Batchasingh (20 Years in Heaven)

(His Daughter Gillian)

Week of May 14, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: Peg Tremper (Patricia Carluccio)

9:30AM: Lucia Rein(Lou & Cathy Corti)

11:15AM: Amzilda DeJesus Prada

(Son, Daughter-in-Law, & Grandchildren)

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

SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Loving Memory of Henry Carr

Requested by: Mary & Bob Boylan & Family

Readings: May 14, 2017

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles: 6:1-7 (52A)

Psalm: 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Religious Ed News:

2nd Level Last Day of Class PBE: May 9th; EJR: May 10th.

First Holy Communion: May 13, 2017: PBE: 11:30AM; EJR: 9:30AM

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2017. May the Holy Spirit always be with you through your journey in life.

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. Cole Meier, Jarrett Winum, John Gillespie, Baby Alyssa, Sister Margaret Ellen Burke, Al Masiero and Sonia Terranova

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); 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), Breana Mangold (Navy), Christopher Mangold (Navy), Heather Owey (1st Lt. Army), John A. Burrow (Air Force), Christopher Chase (Ensign, Navy), Nicholas G. Burrow (AirForce), Andrew Starke (Army), Daniel Vasseur (Navy), 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.

Who Do We Say That Jesus Is? - 5

Did Jesus have Brothers and Sisters?

Various passages of the New Testament, especially, all of the four evangelists of the four canonical Gospels make some reference to the brothers and sisters of Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles notes the phrase, “his brothers” showing that they had some prominence in the early Church (Acts 1:14). The Synoptic Gospels speak of “His mother and His brothers” who came to see Jesus as He was preaching (Mt 12:46-50; Mk 3:31-35; Lk 8:19-21). In Mark’s Gospel, a crowd asked, “Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And are not His sisters here with us?” (Mk 6:3). As Mark states, the synoptic gospels name four brothers of Jesus; James (Jacob), Joseph, Jude (Judah), Simon, and mention sisters without giving names. Then, the evangelist John pictures Jesus “going down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples” after performing his first miracle in Cana (John 2:12). Again, John tells us that during His public ministry, even His brothers did not believe in Him (John 7:5). Also, St. Paul in his letters to the Galileans calls James “the brother of the Lord” as he states, “James the Lord’s brother.” (Gal 1:19) Again St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians states, “the brothers of the Lord.” (1Cor 9:5) Apart from the New Testament writings, Flavious Josephus who was a Jewish historian for the Roman Empire refers to a James who is “the brother of Jesus who is called the Messiah” in his work, *Antiquities of the Jews*, (90-95 AD).

...he assembled the Sanhedrin of the judges and brought before them the brothers of Jesus, who was called the Christ, whose name was James...

Further, Matthew and Luke note that the mother of Jesus, Mary was a virgin. They mention that she was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit (Mt 1:20; Lk 1:34). Then, Luke mentions that Mary gave birth to her “firstborn son” (Lk 2:23).

As some historians and biblical scholars agree that the evidence for the siblings of Jesus may seem clear. Some biblical scholars state that a historian would most likely conclude that the synoptic meant true siblings (biological brothers and sisters), not cousins of Jesus (John Meier, *Marginal Jew*). However, other equally reputable biblical scholars and theologians say that the evidence is not as conclusive as other historians would state. Many of them have been debating that these and other passages do not necessarily imply biological brothers and sisters. They have been arguing whether those brothers and sisters were in fact biological siblings or step-siblings or half siblings, or not even siblings at all, or cousins. Some have been arguing whether the brothers and sisters could have come from a prior marriage of St. Joseph, where Jesus is called the son of Mary; and only after that is there mention of His brothers and sisters (Mark 6:3).

One of the earliest recorded arguments in reference to Jesus’ brothers and sisters appears to be the conversation between St. Jerome and Helvidius who was a theologian in the fourth-century. Helvidius had written that after the virgin birth of Jesus, Mary had other children with Joseph her husband. But, St. Jerome showed his disagreement by indicating that by the fourth century at least some of the Christians believed that Mary had stayed a virgin for the rest of her life. The family members of Jesus that are named in the canonical Gospels are supposed to be the children of Mary of Clopas who was the aunt of Jesus and the sister of Mary His Mother. And so, according to St. Jerome, they are supposed to be the cousins of Jesus. St. Jerome claimed that the Greek word *adelphos* (Mk 6:17) could really refer to cousins, not just biological siblings.

Further, Bishop Epiphanius, a contemporary of St. Jerome and Helvidius (bishop of Salamis), became one of the fourth century defenders of the perpetual virginity of Mary. According to his view, the siblings were not cousins, but they should be the children of Joseph from his previous marriage (step-brothers and sisters). Some apocryphal Gospels (the Infancy Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Peter, and, the Protoevangelium of James), which are not accepted into the canons of the Bible, indicate that the brothers and sisters of Jesus were the children of Joseph. It is also the understanding of some Orthodox Christians that the brothers and sisters of Jesus were the children of Joseph by an earlier marriage. But, one of the problems with this argument is that there is no clear evidence of such a previous marriage of St. Joseph in the New Testament writings.

The question is; “How does this affect our faith as Catholics?” For some Christians the question is a delicate one. In certain ways it can affect our beliefs in the perpetual virginity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The perpetual virginity of Mary is not something that is historically proven. Rather, it is a belief held since the early days of Christianity. The early Christian writers speak of the perpetual virginity of Mary. Many Christians, especially the Roman Catholics and some Protestant Christians hold to a tradition and belief that Mary the mother of Jesus bore no more children other than Jesus. The nativity or the birth of Jesus was the result of a supernatural union between God and Mary. She conceived the Son of God (Jesus) by the special power of the Holy Spirit while she was a virgin. The New Testament writings themselves do not offer any evidence that Mary had other children besides Jesus. One can ask, “Why did Jesus give His Mother to His beloved disciple if Mary had her own other children?” And “if Jesus had His own siblings, why were they not present at the time of His execution and death?” And then, “How could such a devotional belief of the perpetual virginity of Mary have arisen if it was popularly thought that Jesus had His biological siblings?” There is nothing in New Testament that denies the possibility of Mary’s perpetual virginity. The Catholic Church firmly believes that Mary was a virgin and the Church maintains that Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Jesus and throughout her life. Hence, Jesus should be the only child of Mary.

Another interesting point could be that the early Christians were not concerned about who those “brothers and sister” of Jesus were. If they were so concerned of His immediate family, there would be more evidence of attempts to explain their existence. What was most important for them appear to be His Risen presence and His Good News that gave them new life.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D

Walker Valley Catholic Society News:

Sunday May 14: Mother's Day May Crowning after 8AM Mass/Raffle drawing.

Cash Raffle Drawing will be held on Sunday, May 14, 2017 Thank you for all who participated for your support! Prizes: \$2500, \$1000, \$500. You need not be present to win.

Collections:	2017	2016
Sunday Collection April 30, 2017 (Parishpay included)	\$5,885.40	\$5,703.20

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 gen your spiritual home. May God Bless You All Abundantly.

Collections for the Month of May

May 7: Weekly/Building Fund
May 14: Weekly/National Shrine
May 21: Weekly
Undated Father's Day
May 25: Feast of the Ascension
May 28: Weekly/Maintenance

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2017 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Pine Bush Knights Of Columbus is offering a \$500 scholarship for a graduating senior that lives within the Pine Bush School District. As in the past, an essay is needed and this year the topic is as follows: This is the 100th Anniversary of the sightings by the three children of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. Give a short synopsis of the occurrences and explain the significance of Our Lady's words and warnings for Catholics in the present day. The essay should be between 250-300 words and type-written. One winner will be chosen.

The following qualifications are in place:

1. Reside within the Pine Bush School District.
2. Graduating Senior that is attending a college in the Fall
3. Practicing Catholic

Essays must be received no later than June 12. Please include your name and a contact number. They can be emailed to kofc5329@hvc.rr.com Please attach it to the email. or they can be sent to: Knights of Columbus 5329 PO Box 166, Thompson Ridge, NY 10985

The Annual Pine Bush Relay for Life is going to be held on June 10, 2017 beginning at noon. All in the community are invited to come and spend the day at this event. Please if you are a cancer survivor there are many activities for you to enjoy. PLEASE pass the word this is a wonderful event for those who have survived cancer & their loved ones. At 8:30pm we will have our luminary ceremony to honor & remember those we have lost to cancer.




Golden Jubilee Mass Alert! Due to the upcoming Puerto Rican Day Parade, there is a date change for this year's Golden Jubilee Mass. Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 18th at 2PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. Couples currently registered for the original June 11th date should contact their parish to confirm their attendance. The closing date to Register is Friday, May 19, 2017. This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life

Prayer


FINDING INTIMACY WITH GOD

*Do you find your prayer life less than satisfying?
Do you know you want to pray but aren't sure how?
If your prayer life is good, do you want to make it better?*

If any or all of the above is true, join us for a 6-week program designed to help find greater intimacy with God through prayer.



Thursday, May 18th thru Thursday, June 22nd.
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm • Place: Infant Savior Church
All are welcome.



Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

Father Rodrigo & the Adult Faith Formation Team will be sponsoring a Prayer Program "Finding Intimacy with God" on Thursdays from May 18th till June 22nd from 7-8:30PM-- Registration for the program will be on April 29th and 30th and May 6th and 7th at each of the masses. The cost for the book is \$25.00 payable upon registration. Anyone not having the money at the time of registration can register but will not receive the book until it is paid for. For more information or questions you can contact Theresa Jones 845-238-7978 Marcia Acevedo: 845- 457-5634.

FATIMA ROSARY RALLY Please join the May 13th - 100- Year Fatima Anniversary Rosary Rallies. As we all know, the United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 12PM. The local Fatima Anniversary Rally will take place at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 90 Euclid Avenue, Middletown, NY. Please contact either Dottie Lanos at 845-283-9961 or Ray Patterson at 845-421-3585 for more information.



REVIVE US, that your people may REJOICE IN YOU. —Psalm 85

HOW DO WE KNOW GOD'S PURPOSE FOR US?

JOIN US FOR REVIVE

We're all looking for answers. At *Revive*, we'll talk about finding them—and how to better live our faith every day.

Through three evenings of song, reflections and sacraments, we will focus on faith beyond Sunday morning.

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June 5th, 6th & 7th

From 7:00pm-9:00pm

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