

# Church of the Infant Saviour

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September 24, 2017

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



**Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor**  
**Father Raymond Pavlick, Weekend Assistant (Retired)**  
**Deacon Jack Carr**  
**Deacon Frank Rose**

**Parish Trustees:** Dr. Richard Reich  
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**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. Jeanette Coates, Secretary  
Mrs. Gail Baumann, Former Coordinator

**Adult Faith Formation:** Mrs. Rosemary DeCaro

**Catholic Youth Organization:** Mrs. Jeanette Coates  
Mrs. Lula Tartaglione

### DEVOTIONS:

**Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague Novena** - after Friday  
8:00AM Mass -- Every third Friday Anointing of the Sick  
during the Novena

**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

## Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

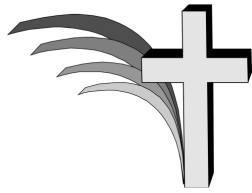
### ADULT BAPTISMS:

We use the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

**THE HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly. To arrange a visit,  
please call the Parish Office at 744-2391

**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.

**Knights of Columbus Council 5329:** Meets the first  
Thursday of the month in the Pre-School Building call  
Charlie Cino 744-6174



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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat: September 23, 2017**

8:00AM: Anne Tracey (Storch Family)  
5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (His Wife Anne)

**Week of September 24, 2017**

**Sun:** 8:00AM: Baby Anjikkal (Religious Education Staff)  
9:30AM: Nick Dushaj (His Family)  
11:15AM: Henry & Joan Carr (Jerry & Mary Chase)

**Mon:** 8:00AM: Virginia Klink (Mazella Family)

**Tues:** 8:00AM:

**Wed:** 8:00AM: Maggie Brennan (Nancy Martin)

**Thur:** 8:00AM: Netta Ditizio (Her Family)

**Fri:** 8:00AM: Faith Elezier (Gail Baumann & Family)

**Sat:** 8:00AM:

5:00PM: Deceased Members of the Ficken,  
Zobel & Resor Families (Jack Schultz)

**Week of October 1, 2017**

**Sun:** 8:00AM: Betty Sasso (Betty & Dave Sommerville)  
9:30AM: Henry & Joan Carr (John & Celeste Goff)  
11:15AM: Lucas & Ramona Sapio (Their Family)

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

**SANCTUARY LAMP:**

*In Loving Memory of Charles & Netta Ditizio*  
*Requested by Their Family*

**Readings: October 1, 2017**

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 (136A)

Psalm: 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

**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.

***Mission Statement of Infant Saviour:*** We, the Catholic Faith Community of Infant Saviour Parish in Pine Bush, NY center ourselves in the Presence and Worship of the Eucharist and share the love of God through proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. We welcome all faithful to join in our celebration of the love of God and our communion through sacraments, prayer, education, and caring for others and strive to serve the need of God's people. We dedicate our time, talents, and treasure to the service of all as we build the Kingdom of God and are committed to the education and spiritual guidance of our faithful: adults, youth and children. We commit to this mission in the name of Jesus Christ so that the future generations will be nurtured in our faith tradition.

**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 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 Gatzen, 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, Robin Masiero, Al Masiero, Butch Covert, Mary Fay, and Baby Sydney

**Religious Ed News:**

**EJR 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Level - Wednesday, Sept.27<sup>th</sup>- Parent Meeting 4:10 – 4.45pm.**

**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 Owney (1st Lt. Army), John A. Burrow (Air Force), Christopher Chase (Ensign, Navy), Nicholas G. Burrow (Air Force), 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.

**Please come forward to Pray the Mass by using chairs by Sanctuary (Altar) first -- please do not sit by stage or on stage during the Mass. Thank you.**

## Christ Centered Personality of St. Paul

During these weeks, the *Adult Faith Formation* of Infant Saviour is conducting a series of sessions on the life and theology of St. Paul the Apostle. Since the time of the beautiful years in my Seminary years, I have been fascinated by the personality of St. Paul. Most of the insights of his personality and teachings on the Glorified Jesus emerge from his own writings. One of the important things to notice is; Paul who was the very persecutor of Christ and Christians was gripped by God in Christ (whom he was persecuting) on the road to Damascus. In the very act of bitter and violent persecution, St. Paul was called by the very person whose followers he was persecuting; "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting."

It was the glorified Christ who encountered him and turned his plans upside down and then his whole life inside out. St. Paul who opposed the *Jesus movement* or the movement of Christian Jews was transformed 180 degrees into a zealous follower of Christ. St. Paul who was most dedicated to the meticulous observance of the Jewish Law and the traditions of the elders of Judaism became the most ardent disciple and zealous apostle of Christ. The whole life of St. Paul as a follower, especially as an apostle was rooted in and directed by the unique event of encountering with the Risen and glorified Jesus on the road to Damascus. According to many biblical scholars, of all the events in his life, it was that Damascus experience of conversion that made a turning point in his life. It was a decisive moment in his life that transformed his whole life.

Hence, the conversion that he experienced is of prime importance of understanding St. Paul, his mission, and his theology. Further, a proper understanding of the basic facts of his conversion as the starting point is deeply essential to understand the message of St. Paul on the mystery of Christ documented in any of his epistles. After his conversion, his whole life was rooted in and directed by this unique event of his *Conversion to Christ*. For this great disciple and apostle of Christ, to **live was Christ**, as he genuinely noted, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." It is this Christ centered personality of St. Paul, which was always led by the Spirit of Christ, impelled most of the devout Christians to know in depth a life in Christ.

The influence of St. Paul on Christianity has been so great that it appears that his writings have contributed for many other writers of the early Church. Perhaps, of all the New Testament writers, it is St. Paul alone who very relevantly and in clear terms tells us what it means to be a true follower of Christ. St. Paul seems to be one of the most important people in the history of Christianity. We know very little of many other followers of Jesus, including His apostles who were closest to Him. Most of the New Testament documents were written by him than any other person. And the texts that he wrote in the New Testament reflect his spontaneous response to personal experiences of the deepest dimension of reality. And again, more than anybody else, St. Paul was responsible for the spreading of the *Jesus movement* into the gentile world.

Why St. Paul is so important? As many agree, of all of the authors in the New Testament, St. Paul who supposed to be the first writer brings in clear terms of what it means to be a disciple of Christ in our context. And just like us, St. Paul did not have an experience with Jesus who was in an earthly human form. St. Paul did not experience the presence of the historical Jesus in His flesh. It is the understanding of many biblical commentators that St. Paul never met historical Jesus while in Jerusalem before the execution and resurrection of Jesus. His encounter and experience of the Glorified Risen Jesus took place even after the Ascension of Jesus.

Therefore, the encounter of St. Paul and His personal experience with Christ appears to be different to other eye witnesses of Christ and the apostles. It was an experience with the glorified Jesus after His resurrection from the dead. It was not an experience with Jesus who was in an earthly human form.

*Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.*

**Collections:**

September 24: Weekly/Maintenance  
October 1: Weekly/St. Joseph's Seminary  
October 8: Weekly/building Fund  
October 15: Weekly/Hurricane Irma

**Collections: 2017**

Sunday Collection: Sept. 17, 2017 \$5,561.72  
(Parishpay included)

**Parish Pay** is an alternative means of fulfilling your stewardship commitment to Infant Saviour Church that benefits both you and the parish. It is considered as the best means available of supporting our Parish. Instead of weekly and special collection envelopes, the program collects your contribution amount from your checking, savings, or credit account on the date and frequency you specify. The funds you designate are deducted from your account and directly credited to Infant Saviour Church. Currently, we have 73 families in our Parish participating in ParishPay and we would like to grow that number. Enrollment is easy, friendly, secure, confidential and most of all there is no cost to you for using Parish Pay.

**IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP!** The quickest way to enroll is by using the website [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) and scroll down to the "get Started" link and placing the Church's zip code in or by calling the Parish Office @ (845) 744-2391 x 10. There is also a link to Parish Pay through our own parish website, [www.infantsaviour.org](http://www.infantsaviour.org). For those of you who worry about what other people will think when you don't put anything in basket, you can simply deposit an empty envelope in the basket with the words Parish Pay written on the amount. We encourage you to surf out to the Parish Pay website and see just what this way of giving has to offer. 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. **God Bless you for your support.**

- One Leaf: \$400.00
- One Acorn: \$800.00
- One Stone: \$1,300.00
- Mini Tree: \$4,000.00

**Please note that there will be an additional fee of \$200.00 to add a picture.** *Payment plans are available.*

**JOIN THE ORANGE COUNTY LIFE CHAIN** on Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 2PM-3:30PM, Route 211, Middletown beginning near the Galleria at Crystal Run and ending at ShopRite on 211. **NOTE CHANGE IN THE LINEUP:** Monitors with posters and other information will be located on the South side of Route 211 ONLY. Pro-lifers are asked to line up on the south side of Route 211 ONLY and to PLEASE respect the directions of the monitors. **PLEASE DO NOT** line up on the north side of Route 211. For information, please call 845 496-0391.

**Walker Valley Catholic Society News:**

**Oct. 5:** Meeting: Final plans for Tricky Tray Social  
**Oct. 14:** Tricky Tray Social: Infant Saviour Church Hall; doors open at 6PM.  
**Oct. 22:** Fall Coffee Hour (After 8AM Mass)

**Updates of Renew & Rebuild**

I had the opportunity of speaking at all of the Masses. Again, Renew + Rebuild is a \$200 million archdiocesan campaign aimed at providing financial support to parishes to help ensure their growth and sustainability. \$144 million of the funds raised in this campaign will be directed to parishes to address their own local concerns. The Cardinal's Appeal is incorporated into this campaign for this year.

Every parish in the archdiocese will participate in this campaign. Each parish has their own goal. Therefore, parishes all over the archdiocese are given an opportunity to renew and strengthen their ministries and building facilities since the largest portion of the campaign goal (74%) will be given to the parishes. That means from \$653,000 of our assigned goal, 74% will be given to our parish of Infant Saviour and its mission church, Our Lady of Valley. This is a five year campaign, so whatever you pledge, can be paid over a five year period.

**Over the last several months we have been meeting with parishioners. I am happy to announce that build the foundation of this campaign by making their sacrificial pledges so generously. The total pledges raised at present are \$350,215.00. We are at 54% of our assigned goal. 46 families/parishioners (only 10% of our families) have pledged sacrificially towards this campaign. The average gift at this point is around \$8281.00.**

On behalf of Cardinal Dolan and Infant Saviour parish, I Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo would like to thank all these families and individual parishioners for their presence in the parish and their generous and sacrificial participation in our parish projects. We are so overwhelmed by the generosity of our 38 parishioners/families for their sacrificial gifts. We are also so grateful for all those of you who will be giving.... We pray for your decision....

As we continue to grow as a parish family, it is essential that our facilities be maintained, and that we provide the best possible programs for the children and adults in our parish. Your presence and generosity here in your parish have always helped all of us to grow in Christ.

**Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor.**

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