

Church of the Infant Saviour

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November 19, 2017

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



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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 -- 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

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 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.

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.

The Monsignor James S. Conlan 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: November 18, 2017

8:00AM:

5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (Eileen Stevenson)

Week of November 19, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: Meghan Rizzo (Dcn Jack & Jenn Carr)

9:30AM: Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki &

Andrew & Johanna Seman (Their Son & Daughter)

11:15AM: Russell Futrell (Luis & Marie Aponte)

Mon: 8:00AM:

Tues: 8:00AM: Rose Marie Wilkins (Her Mom Ann Palmer)

Wed: 8:00AM: Bob Turnbull (His Wife Anne)

Thur: 8:00AM: Michael & Jennie Galilei (Their Family)

Fri: 8:00AM: Brenda Siruchek (Broughal Family)

Sat: 8:00AM: Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki (Their Daughter)

5:00PM: Deceased Members of the

DuFresne & Conti Families (Ray & Roserita DuFresne)

Week of November 26, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: Eddie McConnell (Dcn Jack & Jenn Carr)

9:30AM: Ethel Taylor (Dcn Jack & Jenn Carr))

11:15AM: Mary Garguilo (Ron & Mary Walton)

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

In Loving Memory of Henry & Joan Carr

Requested by Joe & Pat Ditizio & Family

Reconciliation Monday will be from

4:00-8:00PM on December 18th

Readings: November 26, 2017

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (160A)

Psalms: 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Cenacle for Life: Please join the Healing Hands for Life Ministry 1:00PM every Thursday in the Mother's Chapel to pray for the end of Abortion and the Sanctity of Life -- Please consider joining them in prayer.

SAVE THE DATE: Advent Night of Reflection with Father Arthur Mastrolia on December 14th from 7-9PM in the Church Theme: "Faith and Mercy in Stressful Times".

Religious Ed News:

ADVENT WREATH DAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

NOTE CHANGES: Students: PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT your Yellow Mass Cards are to be stamped at the end of the Mass,

The minimum of 20 Masses to be attended are required to be promoted to the next grade level. There will be no baskets. Look for the adult who has the stamp either in the vestibule or the church hall. Students will keep their card until it is to be collected from them in April 2018.

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, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear,, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzen, Joseph Manfredi, Anthony Gordon, Eric Maurin, Roland Rossi, Kurt Schaffner, Frank Rispoli, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Clare Dougherty, Michael Phillip, Brayden Ackerman, Trevor Holts, Fran Hodges, Karleen Hillsman, Jarrett Winum, Baby Alyssa, Sister Margaret Ellen Burke, Robin Masiero, Al Masiero, Butch Covert, Mary Fay, Baby Sydney, Phil Sanfilippo, Robert Pawlowski Katie Araneo Joanna Filippini, John McPhillips and Jen Rommel

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 (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 Thank and Pray for Our Men and Women who have bravely fought so that we can preserve our freedoms.

The Adult Faith Formation ministry will be having a fundraiser to offset the cost of some of the programs that we will be having in the coming year. With your help this fundraiser will help pay for teaching DVD's and reduce the cost of the books which are at times anywhere between \$25 -\$30.00. Our hope is to help those that cannot afford the books, but would like to participate in the program to be able to do so. Our fundraiser will be Christmas cards with picture of our Nativity and church. We hope that you will prayerfully consider purchasing our Christmas cards and help any future programs that will be presented. Christmas Cards will be sold after each Mass this weekend.

Thank you and God Bless, Adult Faith Formation Team

Compassionate reality of God through Our Lady of Guadalupe

When it comes to the apparitions of the Blessed Mother, there is only one apparition where she left the miraculous image of herself -- that miraculous image was not drawn by human hands or made by humans. Also, it is the only universally venerated Mother and child image where the Blessed Mother appears pregnant instead of holding the infant Jesus. This image and fabric have miraculously lasted in its original condition for nearly 500 years. Usually, a cloak (known as *tilma*) that was made by woven cactus fiber would only last 15-20 years. Also, it could have disintegrated into dust or decomposed of being woven as all woven grass does as the years pass. The image hasn't faded, despite being exposed and unprotected to smoke, candles, incense, and other pollutants over the centuries. Further, this fabric survived a terrorist bomb blast from a few feet away, which shattered every window in the basilica. This miraculous image led millions of indigenous Indians in Mexico to convert to the Catholic faith. She is venerated for centuries as Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thus, this apparition of the Blessed Mother has become one of the most famous and most beloved of her.

Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego who was a Nahuatl Indian and a Mexican peasant in the 16th century (most probably on 9th of December in 1531) on his way by Tepeyac, which was a hill outside the city of Mexico. In that apparition, he saw a vision of a lovely Indian maiden who told him that she was the Blessed Virgin Mary. She also told him to bear a message to Franciscan Bishop Zumarraga, the bishop of the diocese, which was a request to have a church built in her honor. Then, the bishop asked the visionary Juan Diego to seek a sign, which would convince him to fulfill the request of the lady. When Juan Diego saw her again on December 12th in 1531, she gave him a sign of flowers including Castilian roses that were blooming on stony ground in midwinter. She then took the flowers and wrapped them in his cloak made of woven cactus grass. He went to the bishop and opened his cloak and the flowers fell on the ground. The bishop and those with him then saw on the cloak (tilma) the image of a young Indian maiden, dressed as an Aztec queen who was surrounded by rays and light. And it was a portrait of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The effects of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe have been vast and varied. It was proven not to be painted by human hands. No natural colorings or paint are found on the image. Especially, the eyes of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe are one of the great enigmas of science. The eyes of the image are especially mysterious. Scientific experts from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) have brought optometry to bear on the image. They have disclosed in the eyes the reflections of those present when it was first seen. By examining a clear photograph of the face of Our Lady, some scientists discovered an appearance of a bearded man is reflected in the eyes of the Virgin Mary.

However, Our Lady of Guadalupe shows that faith is not something we acquire through scientific reasoning. If that were the case, the scientific evidence of the tilma would be enough to convince virtually everyone that something miraculous had happened. Rather, faith requires a leap into the unknown, a dive into the realm of the mystical. Before that leap is made, no proof would be adequate. Afterward, no proof is necessary. Most of the believers do not need proof to believe that our Blessed Mother presented her portrait in this miraculous image.

In studying the salvation history, we learn that it was through the pride and disobedience of Adam & Eve that humankind was stricken, fallen, weakened, and distorted. Just as it was through a weak and fallen humanity that sin and death came into the world, so too it was through the humility and obedience of the Blessed Virgin Mary, humankind began to receive abundant life in Christ. In her appearance to Juan Diego, she identified as the "Ever Virgin, Mary, Mother of the true God who gives life and maintains it in existence." Her love and concern for us is shown in her messages that we have receive through her apparitions. Our Lady of Guadalupe, originally the patroness of Mexico, has become more and more acknowledged as the Mother of the Americas. The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe falls on the 12th of December.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.

WALKER VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIETY NEWS:

Dec. 6: Dinner Meeting

Dec 10: Decorate Church for Christmas after 8AM Mass

Collections:

Nov. 19: Weekly/Catholic Charities

Nov. 26: Weekly/Maintenance

Collections: 2017

Sunday Collection: Nov. 12, 2017 \$5,528.72
(Parishpay included)

ALL CURRENT PARISHPAY USERS PLEASE

READ : Parish Pay is now LPi which 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. **For those who are using ParishPay, PLEASE NOTE THAT** all has been transferred from ParishPay to LPi -- you do not need to do anything unless you want to change the amount you are giving, account it is being taken from or enroll into the program. *All information remains confidential and secure.* Website link has changed. *You do need now to log on to infantsaviour.org* and go to bottom of first page and link onto the website provided. Once on the site please log on using your email and your password that you have been using for ParishPay, they will then ask you a few questions to authenticate yourself. You can also do this by phone. Phone number is 1-800-950-9952. If you run into an error message please call the Parish Office or the phone number for LPi. As in the past, 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 LPi.

If you have any questions please call the Parish Office @ (845) 744-2391 x 10.. We encourage you to surf out to LPi's 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.*

Parish & Religious Ed Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE 2017 Please join the children in our Religious Education program in contributing for those in need. Your donations of canned, boxed, non-perishable UNEXPIRED food items can be placed in front of the Altar or in front of the curtain of the hall stage. We appreciated donations of turkeys, roaster chickens and hams. All frozen meat should be put into the freezer of the hall's refrigerator. The last day for the drop off is Monday, December 11. Time is needed to sort and transport food. As in previous years, our efforts are coordinated with the Pine Bush Lions Club for an ecumenical community outreach. Thank you for sharing.

The Giving Tree is now up!! If you would like to help, please take a an angel gift tag, purchase the requested gift, tag it and bring it to the Parish Office UNWRAPPED by Monday, **December 11h.** so parents can enjoy wrapping their children's gifts. You can donate gift wrap if you wish. (Gifts will be distributed to schools and My Choice on Tuesday Morning Dec. 12th.) Any donations of children's warm gloves and hats are helpful to stock the Nurses "closet," to help children in emergency need at school. . A special box will be placed in the Parish Hall and Church vestibule for depositing gifts. **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AN ANGEL TAG IF YOU CANNOT COMMIT TO THE DUE DATE,** because a child will not receive a gift! The nurses need time to collect and distribute these gifts. We will still need you to **BRING BACK the ANGEL TAG** with gift so that we can make sure that child will receive your gift. *Thank you for your generosity and your promptness.*

WE NEED YOU!

Many hands make light work . Parents please come with your children to help clean the Church on Dec. 13th at 7PM for the Christmas Season. It will be a great way to engage in fellowship with other members of our Church. It will also be a good way for the 7th and 8th grade level children to obtain community hours needed. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HOLY HOUR JUST FOR THIS WEEK WILL BE HELD FROM 6PM-7PM.**



RENEW & REBUILD 2017

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 **\$411,295.00.** (20% of our families) We are at 63% of our assigned goal. have pledged sacrificially towards this campaign. The average gift at this point is around \$8281.00.

Commitment Week will be held on this weekend November 18 and 19th. If you have not yet donated, please prayerfully consider giving a donation to this Campaign. Thank you,

Father Nirnanjan Rodrigo



Happy Thanksgiving!

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: Our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, In Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son, and our Brother. Amen.



The Monsignor James S. Conlan Knights of Columbus Council 5329 wishes to offer our heartfelt thanks to the parishioners in attendance at the 11:15 Mass last week when we celebrated the dedication of our new Council name in honor of Father Jim, former Pastor here at Infant Saviour in the 1980's and 90's. You helped to make the day special, particularly for Father Jim's brother, Dick Conlan and his granddaughter who made the trip up from North Carolina for the event. Thank you to Paula Wale and Marianne & Paul Rouis who assisted in getting word to Mr. Conlan and helping to pave the way for his attendance. The Mass and the luncheon were a great success and many thanks go out to the Brother Knights who attended and those who cooked and worked hard with prep and cleanup. Special thanks to Father Rodrigo, Father Ray and Deacon Jack for their assistance prior to and at Mass and to Pat Ditizio for the beautiful cookie tray and much needed

logistics. And a great shout out to Jimmy Dennedy for his insight on our new patron, Father Jim and of course to parishioner Kathy Maurin for her heartwarming witness. God Bless you All.

2017 Candlelight REMEMBRANCE MASS

Saturday, December 9 at 1 p.m.

at Our Infant Saviour Church

*Light refreshments will be served
at the funeral home after the mass.*

This mass is being held for all of our dearly departed loved ones that we miss during the holiday season. If you will be attending the mass, and would like your loved ones name mentioned, please give us a call.


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