

Church of the Infant Saviour

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February 4, 2018

Fifth 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 -- 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. 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: February 3, 2018

8:00AM: Andrew Gallagher (His Daughter Mary Fay)
 5:00PM: Mary Rose Danza (Dcn Frank & Patti Rose)

Week of February 4, 2018

Sun: 8:00AM: Ann Fontana (Walker Valley Catholic Society)
 9:30AM: Kim Caramatti (Chess Family)
 11:15AM: Netta Ditzio (Dcn Jack & Jenn Carr)

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

Tues: 8:00AM: Kenneth Oboyski (4th Anniversary In Heaven)
 (His Sister Laura & Family)

Wed: 8:00AM:

Thur: 8:00AM:

Fri: 8:00AM: All Souls In Purgatory

Sat: 8:00AM:

5:00PM: George Gissone (Dorothy Lewis)

Week of February 11, 2018

Sun: 8:00AM: Betty Miller (Ann Marie Marsala)

9:30AM: Charles Cino, Sr. (Dcn Jack & Jenn Carr)

11:15AM: Carmen Martinez (Coates Family)

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

Ash Wednesday is February 14th Mass and Service
Schedule: 8:00AM: Mass; 12:00PM Liturgy of the Word;
4:00PM Liturgy of the Word for Religious Ed Students;
and 7:00PM Mass.

Readings: February 11, 2018

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (77B)

Psalm: 32:1-2, 5, 11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31--11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Sanctuary Lamp:

In Loving Memory of Ethel Taylor

Requested by Mary Fay & Family

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.



Religious Ed News:

8th Level: February 12th Candidate Rehearsal Only 7PM

February 26th Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate Rehearsal 7-9PM

2nd Level: March 1st Parent Reconciliation with Ray Boswell EJR &
 PBE from 7-9PM. On March 3rd **2nd Level** First Reconciliation at
 10AM

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.

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 he
 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,
 Jen Rommel, Catherine Veluta, Todd McDowell, Thomas Fay, Jr.
 and Miriam Vasseur

**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), 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.**

Mindfulness in Christian Faith -4

Many spiritual writers on prayer and meditation agree when they state that mindfulness is a way of concentrating on the moment to moment and being aware of one's experience without judgment or condemnation. Mindfulness reflects mostly on what is precisely happening and exactly the way it is happening. One of the goals of mindfulness is to achieve stillness and balance of the mind. All the traditions of faith or religions do recognize some form of mindfulness.

As we all know mindfulness spans the spiritual and the secular worlds. In recent years, especially in the last two decades, it has come to the attention of the Western professionals, secular practitioners, and psychologists. Secular practitioners and psychologists say that mindfulness is so useful for mental health. Many studies have found that mindfulness is an effective treatment for anxiety, depressive moods, and mood disorders. Also, several new treatment approaches have utilized the practices of mindfulness to treat some mental illness. The practice of mindfulness and prayer has become an activity in many forms of therapy that turn human thoughts toward the immediate circumstance, which focuses on the present moment.

For us Christians, mindfulness is a God given capacity to be aware and be mindful of the presence of God. In that sense, for Christians, mindfulness in prayer is about coming into the presence of God. One of the premises for mindfulness is that we are actually safe in the present moment. That is where Christian spirituality can come in. Mindfulness helps us to pray intentionally since it is certainly living in the moment. Therefore, these meditative practices that have come from the East are not foreign to the prayerful traditions of Christians. Many holy people practiced mindfulness quite naturally without having to work at any mental technique at all. Awareness of the present moment was central to the life of many saintly persons. Once an elderly peasant who sat in the Church with St. John Marie Vianney day after day told him what prayer meant for him. For him, it was very simple as, "I look at Him and He looks at me." *Centering Prayer* is a form of prayer that has grown out of Christian tradition. In many ways, it is a form of mindfulness practice that some Christians practice.

Mindfulness according to our Catholic faith is a way to trust God more in our lives. Mindfulness helps to bridge the gap between our day to day lives and faith. However, still some traditionally thinking Catholics may question whether mindfulness, which has its roots in Buddhism, has a place in Catholic spirituality and practice.

Those who have studied theology and Catholic faith with much understanding know that the Catholic Church does not reject what is true and holy in the spiritual approaches of non-Christian religions. The teachings of the Catholic faith have a high regard for the manner of life and conduct and precepts and doctrines that can differ from her in many ways. According to the *Vatican Documents*, especially as stated in the *Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions (Nostra Aetate)*, the spiritual and secular practices, such as mindfulness should not be dismissed when it helps therapeutically.

The Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions. She has a high regard for the manner of life and conduct, precept and doctrines which, although differing in many ways from her own teaching, nevertheless often reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men. Yet she proclaims and is in duty bound to proclaim without fail, Christ who is the way, the truth and the life (Jn. 1:6). In Him, in whom God reconciled all things to himself (2Cor. 5:18-19), men find fullness of their religious life. (Austin Flannery, O.P., Nostra Aetate in Vatican Council II, 739.)

Also, the *Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith*, notes that mindfulness, which can be spiritually and therapeutic helpful, should not be dismissed.

The majority of the great religions, which have sought union with God in prayer, have also pointed out ways to achieve it. Just as the Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions, neither should these ways be rejected out of hand simply because they are not Christian. On the contrary, one can take from them what is useful so long as the Christian conception of prayer, its logic and requirements are never obscured. It is within the context of all of this that these bits and pieces should be taken up and expressed anew.

It is undeniable that for Catholics cultivating mindfulness in their personal prayer is an important skill for their spiritual and emotional wellbeing. A friend of mine who is a good practicing Catholic told me that he practices 15 minutes of mindfulness before his personal study of the Bible. He found that it helped him to be much more open to the word of God through the Bible. In his understanding, the practice of mindfulness when done with the intention of opening our hearts and minds to God is a good way to prepare for authentic prayer.

While many spiritual directors in Christian tradition recognize that silent prayer and contemplation are indispensable for healthy spiritual growth, they also state that they need to be oriented to being more *Christ-like*. In other sense, the witness of the spiritual maturity of Christians lie not in how good their contemplation, mindfulness and silent prayer is, but in how good their actions can be.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.

COLLECTIONS:

February 4: Weekly/Building Fund
February 11: Weekly/Holy Father

Collections: 2018

Sunday Collection: Jan. 28, 2018 \$5,156.80
(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 at (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.

St. John's, 77 Murray Avenue, Goshen, Parent's Guild will be hosting a Community **Pancake Breakfast at St. John's School** on January 28, 2018 from 8:30AM to 12:30AM. Come for breakfast – stay for the raffles, children's activities and hot chocolate bar. \$8.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child, and children under 3 are free. Tickets will be sold at the door. Gluten Free pancakes are available upon request. ****Visit their open house from 11AM to 2PM**.**

FOR ALL ENVELOPE USERS: Your yearly box of envelopes for 2018 can now be picked up in the Parish Office starting the week of January 29th.

RENEW & REBUILD 2017

We are very thankful to the families thus far who have made their sacrificial pledges so generously towards the Renew and Rebuild campaign. Total pledges raised at present are \$662,320.00 We are at 101% of our assigned goal! We are asking that for those who have not yet made a sacrificial pledge to prayerfully consider making one. Anything passed our goal we will receive 85% of money back. Thank you!
Father Niranjan Rodrigo

Sponsored by Family Life Ministry the **Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents** whose Children of any age have died by any cause are having one-day Spiritual Retreats on the following upcoming dates: February 24: Church of the Magdalene, Sleepy Hollow (Westchester) 9:30AM-7:30PM; April 28, St. Peter/St. Mary, Haverstraw, Spanish-language retreat (Rockland) 9:30AM-8:00PM; and October 20, St. Francis of Assisi (Manhattan) 9:30AM-7:30PM. Cost \$25 per person, \$40 per couple, includes breakfast, lunch, dinner. Scholarships are available. To register online, www.emfgp.org/2018-archny, or contact Sue DiSisto, Parenting and Family Life Education: susan.disisto@archny.org or (646) 794-3191.

February 16
February 23
March 2

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

March 9
March 16
March 23

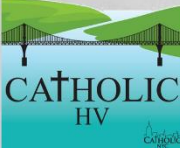
I If you are not a registered Parishioner and would like to register or have a change of address, please fill out form and drop in collection basket or mail to the Rectory.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:
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Street _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone No. _____
Check
_____ New Registration receive envelopes _____
_____ Change of Address
_____ Moving out of Parish

Orange County Young Adult Mass


Email us for

more info:



Celebrant: Fr. Justin Cinnante, O. Carm.

Thursday, February
8th
7:00PM
Post-Mass Social
Details TBA



For More Info:
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Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? Catholic Schools offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that helps children of all backgrounds get the best start in life. Our students have outperformed NY State and City Schools in ELA and Math proficiency scores three years in a row. And over 99% of our high school seniors graduate and 99% of them go to college or post-secondary education. Our schools offer a secure learning environment, where respect, courtesy and service to others are always part of the curriculum. And tuition is now more affordable than ever: Financial Assistance and Scholarships are available for qualifying families. To find a Catholic school near you, book a personal tour, or for help with your admissions or financial assistance, visit www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org or call our bilingual helpline (646) 794-2885.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – January 28 – February 3

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we welcome you to see the wonderful things our Catholic Schools have to offer! **REMAINING TOURING TUESDAYS: January 30, February 13, March 13, and April 24 from 9-11 am.** Prospective families interested in applying for grades Pre-K 3 to Grade 8 can apply and learn about scholarships and financial assistance in several ways:

- online at www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org By phone at 646-794-2885 In person, at the school of interest To learn more about our faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school programs, visit www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org or call 646-794-2885 to speak with a Catholic School representative.



Healing Weekend: Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is offering a Healing Weekend from April 6 to 8, 20108 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 anew. Reservations are required form information call Phyllis at 914-261-5812 for Janice at 845-279-8381.