

Church of the Infant Saviour

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February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



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Parish Trustees: Dr. Richard Reich
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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 17, 2018

8:00AM: Juvenal Rodrigues (His Wife & Family)

5:00PM: Mary Rose Danza
(Cindy & Robert Dickman & Family)

Week of February 18, 2018

Sun: 8:00AM: Rosemary Colasanti (Miller Family)
9:30AM: John DeCaro (Dcn Jack & Jenn Carr)
11:15AM: David Ranzie (Ditizio Family)

Mon: 8:00AM:

Tues: 8:00AM:

Wed: 8:00AM:

Thur: 8:00AM:

Fri: 8:00AM: Juan Gonzalez (Gonzalez Family)

Sat: 8:00AM: Carmina Antunes (Her Daughter Lisa)
5:00PM: George Gissone (John & Mary Clabough & Family)

Week of February 25, 2018

Sun: 8:00AM:
9:30AM: Elizabeth Knudsen (Her Mom & Dad)
11:15AM: Ted Lewandowsky III (Dcn Jack & Jenn Carr)

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

Readings: February 25, 2018

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 (26B)

Psalm: 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark: 9:2-10

Sanctuary Lamp:

In Loving Memory of Juvenal Rodrigues

Requested by

Infant Saviour Parish Community

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.

The Knights of Columbus will be serving linguine with clam sauce or marinara at a cost of \$5.00 each. This will be held after Stations of the Cross Friday 2/16. An order sheet will be in the back of the church.

Walker Valley Catholic Society News:

March 1: First Meeting: Dues, Raffle Tickets, Easter basket items sign up

March 25: Palm Sunday – Make Easter baskets after 8AM Mass.

SAVE THE DATE: Adult Faith Formation will be Hosting a Lenten Book Discussion “*The Holy Longing*” by Author Ronald Rolheiser March 1-22,2018 from 7:00-8:30PM Donation \$15.00. Sign up after each Mass this weekend and next weekend.

Religious Ed News:

8th Level: 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 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, , Mary Fay, Baby Sydney, Phil Sanfilippo, Robert Pawlowsk, Katie Araneo John McPhillips, Jen Rommel, Catherine Veluta, Todd McDowell, Thomas Fay, Jr. Miriam Vasseur, Dave Gampfer, Pat Cino, Josie D'Agostino and Nicholas Loeser

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); 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.

Fasting during the Season of Lent

Season of Lent, which is mostly penitential in nature, is upon us again. Every year we go through a period of forty days of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. From our younger days, we have been taught about certain religious and spiritual disciplines that we were asked to observe during this season. Though Lent has changed over the years, its purpose has always been the same. Lent is a special time for prayer, penance, various sacrifices ((fasting), and Good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. It is a time to repent for our sins, to renew our faith, and to prepare to celebrate joyfully Easter.

Fasting, by its very nature is the putting off our physical needs in order to tap into higher realms of meaning. Pope Francis meaningfully described the purpose of fasting in his 2017 Lenten message stating that fasting in *Lent*, along with prayer and almsgiving, is a way of deepening our spiritual life. At the same time, he views Lent as a time to open our doors to the weak and poor. Pope Francis notes,

In Lent we are invited to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether he/she be our neighbor or an anonymous pauper.

In other sense, I think Pope Francis reminds us to be more open minded in observing the practice of fasting. Fasting inspires and helps us to feel the hunger of our neighbors who may not have their necessary basic needs. We are asked to fast, not just to attain our personal selfish goals that can be mostly self-centered. Fasting is not the same as dieting that we go on in order to lose weight. In the same line, fasting has nothing to do with eating disorders, such as starving to death like an anorexic. What Pope Francis encourages us is to relate fasting to actions that provide care for others. Similarly, the book of Isaiah describes the kind of fasting God desires, as it states,

Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking off every yoke? Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house; Clothing the naked when you see them? (Isaiah 58:6-8).

Fasting helps to focus our attention, move our hearts, and give new vision to our lives. In this modern world, a great number of people fast for religious and spiritual reasons. Fasting is associated with all the major religions of the world and it is practiced at certain times in all of them. About 800 million religious Hindus fast on the *Ekadashi day* (on *Janmashtami*) in the month of *Shravan*. In Buddhism, while fasting is practiced by some lay Buddhists during full moon day, others forego food as an aid for their meditation practices. Again, Buddhist monks and nuns commonly do not eat after noon time (mostly, they eat one meal a day).

Then, in Islam, nearly one billion Muslims fast daily during the entire month of *Ramadan* (which is the ninth month). Nearly 14 million Jews fast during the *Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)*, as well as on other special occasions. The discipline of fasting calls the believers in these religions to a self-controlling way of living through which they deny certain cravings. There are hidden benefits to the practice of fasting since some reached to “the truth” with their focused mind and spirit.

Fasting from food is a practice rooted deeply in Jude-Christian history. Jewish and Christian Holy Scriptures alone has almost 74 references to fasting. Some upright and saintly personalities, such as Ahab, Anna, Esther, Hannah, Ezra, John the Baptist, and the Disciples of Christ used to practice prolonged fasting. Moses, King David, Daniel, and Prophet Elijah fasted for 40 days. Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert while He was tested before starting His ministry. All these saintly figures relate fasting directly to actions that provide care for others. Also, their abstaining from food led them to focus on God and also to open their mind for spiritual illumination.

Hence, for us Christians fasting is not a passive action simply to undergo or suffer through. Fasting is meant to help our minds and hearts to the divine sustenance of God. Even psychologically fasting has the capacity to purify cells all over the body, including those in the brain. Certain mental states such as tension, stress, fear, anxiety, boredom, and loneliness can be helped and freed emotionally through the right way of fasting. Some professionals have reported that the therapeutic fasting has been one of the effective treatments for patients who suffered from various mental disorders including schizophrenia.

Let this time of Lent be a special time for prayer, penance, various sacrifices (fasting), and Good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter that is our own rising to new life in the risen Jesus.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.

Lent:

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.

40 Days for Life: February 14-March 25 -- 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 ocrightrighttolife@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

The St. Paul's Adult Faith Formation Committee is pleased to announce its Lenten Retreat titled: "Christ, Our Joy: How a Personal Relationship with Christ Can Transform Your Spiritual Life," presented by Jennifer Edwards. It will take place Saturday, March 10 (snow date is March 24). The day will start at 9 a.m. with coffee, snacks and fellowship. Please bring a brown-bag lunch. A freewill offering will be accepted. The program will end by 3 p.m. Please call St. Paul's office at 361-3107 if you can join us.

COLLECTIONS:

February 18: Weekly
February 25: Weekly/Maintenance

Collections: 2018
Sunday Collection: February 11, 2018 \$5,506.04
(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 -- **If you have not yet gone on line to authentic your account with ParishPay which is now known as WeShare very important that you do. This will enable you to receive emails about important information about your account giving.** 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 77 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.

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.

<p>PARISH MEMBERSHIP:</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Street _____</p> <p>City _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Phone No. _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Check</p> <p>_____ New Registration receive envelopes _____</p> <p>_____ Change of Address</p> <p>_____ Moving out of Parish</p>
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Lenten Reflection:

It seems crucial that you realize deeply that your worth and value does not depend on anyone else. You have to claim your own inner truth. You are a person worth being loved and called to give love, not because anyone says so... but because you are created out of love and live in the embrace of a God who didn't hesitate to send his only Son to die for us... Your being good and worthy of love does not depend on any human being. You have to keep saying to yourself: "I am being loved by an unconditional, unlimited love and that love allows me to be a free person, center of my own actions and decisions." The more you can come to realize this, the more you will be able to forgive those who have hurt you and love them in their brokenness. Without a deep feeling of self-respect, you cannot forgive and will always feel anger, resentment and revenge. The greatest human act is forgiveness. "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us." Forgiveness stands in the center of God's love for us and also in the center of our love for each other. Loving one another means forgiving one another, over and over again.

Henry Nouwen



We want to give a very special thank you to **Father Rodrigo & Gerry Domingue** for building the wooden cross as a symbolic reminder of the Season of Lent and Easter, **Robin Holt** for stitching the beautiful sash that drapes over the cross and for the **Msgr. James S. Conlan Knights of Columbus Council** who sponsored the materials and helped erect the cross. Beautifully done!