

Church of the Infant Saviour

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March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wed-Friday 9AM-4PM
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RCIA Ministry: Dn. Jack Carr

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Adult Faith Formation: Mrs. Rosemary DeCaro

Catholic Youth Organization: Mrs. Jeanette Coates
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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: March 10, 2018

8:00AM: Ignacio Franco (Gonzalez Family)
5:00PM: Mary Rose Danza (Dcn Frank & Patti Rose)

Week of March 11, 2018

Sun: 8:00AM:
9:30AM: Dottie Barbieri (Cursillo Group)
11:15AM: Robert Matthews (Ken Finnegan & Family)

Mon: 8:00AM:

Tues: 8:00AM: Jane Newman (Gail Baumann)

Wed: 8:00AM: William Martin (Anna Martin & Family)

Thur: 8:00AM: Caroline Frances McDonald Sabia
(Your Friends from Montgomery Nursing Home)

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

Sat: 8:00AM: Zachary Taylor James Carey (Mazella Family)
5:00PM: Ryan Berry (Ditzio Family)

Week of March 18, 2018

Sun: 8:00AM:
9:30AM: Jose Periera (His Daughter & Family)
11:15AM: Baby Amkolla; (Dcn Jack & Jenn Carr)

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

Readings: March 18, 2018

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (35B)
Psalm: 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33

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.

Celebrating Holy Week at Infant Savior

Holy week begins with the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. During these days of Holy Week, we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples, His crucifixion, His time in the tomb, and His resurrection to new life. Holy Week ends with the glorious celebration of Easter. Let us come and worship together as a parish family and follow Jesus through the last days and event of His life.

Palm Sunday – March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem was a moment of triumph. People welcomed Him as a king. On this day, we celebrate the glimpse of the glory of Jesus although we read the passion of Jesus for the first time.

Monday, March 26, 2018 -- Day of Recollection --

Confessions will be heard from 4PM-8PM

Holy Triduum These are the most important days of the year in the life of our parish. The Paschal Triduum is the most solemn event of the church year. It encompasses three days during which we commemorate the essential part of our redemption: the suffering

death and resurrection of Christ. On these three days, that are to be experienced as one, we celebrate the passage of Christ from death to life.

Holy Thursday – March 29, 2018 (No 8am Mass)

The Triduum observance begins at Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Washing of the Feet of the Liturgy recalls the commandment of Christ to "love one another" even by going into the extreme of humbling ourselves to become a servant as our Lord. As a whole, the liturgy celebrates the love of Christ for us that is being manifest in the Eucharist and in the sacrifice of Calvary.

Tenebrae – 8:00 am Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

Good Friday – March 30, 2018 (No 8am Mass)

The church gathers in silence to read and listen to Holy Scriptures and offer prayers for the whole world. Good Friday features the Adoration of the Cross in a solemn liturgy focused on the death and burial of Christ. In venerating the cross, we acknowledge that through the cross of Jesus we are led to glory. **Tenebrae – 8:00 am ** Good Friday Liturgy – 3 pm**

Easter Vigil – March 31, 2018 (No 8am Mass or 5pm Mass)

Easter Vigil is the high point of the entire church liturgical year. The new fire is blessed and candles glow in celebration of Christ as our light. Salvation history is proclaimed through Sacred Scriptures, climaxing in the joyous proclamation that Christ is Risen. Those who have been prepared for baptism enter the church. The night commemorates our sharing in the dying and rising of Jesus.

Tenebrae – 8:00 am Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 1, 2018 -- Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Sunday morning 8:00am Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley and 9:30 am, and 11:15am at Infant Saviour Church.

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

Father Ray will be giving a presentation on March 23rd before the Stations of the Cross. Topic will be "Crucifixion: The Horror of Jesus' Execution".

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, Geni Marino and Nicholas Loeser

Human Heart's Desire for God

In his book, *Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality*, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser opens his chapter on spirituality with a basic meditation on human **desire** and **restlessness**. He states that we are overcharged with desire, which lies at the center of our lives and which is always stronger than satisfaction. And so, with this unfulfilled desire, it is hard to come to simple rest (*Holy Longing*, 3).

There is within us a fundamental disease, an unquenchable fire that renders us incapable, in this life, of ever coming to full peace ... We are not easeful human beings who occasionally get restless. The reverse is true. We are driven persons, forever obsessed, congenitally diseased, living lives, ... Desire is the straw that stirs the drink. (*Holy Longing*, 3)

Fr. Rolheiser also mentions that at the heart of all religions, philosophies, psychologies, arts, and literature lie the naming and analyzing of this **desire**. As an example; in Buddhism, excessive and illusory desire and cravings is considered as the cause of all human suffering. It is the very attachment to one's excessive desires and cravings that create human suffering. According to some Buddhist believers, to say "no" to desire is the end to all suffering, which comes from craving. As Fr. Rolheiser states this desire is universal and gives no exemptions.

Ultimately, the deepest desire, planted deep within us, is our longing for God. From where do we get this ongoing desire and longing for God or something beyond human? It is the opinion of many spiritual writers that God too longs for us, just as humans desire for Him. God's longing evokes and fuels our own desire for Him. God's love actively seeks the thirsty.

Many references in the *Old Testament*, especially the psalms, communicate God's longing for His children. The book of Genesis speaks about the desire of God is to be in relationship with his creation. Prophet Isaiah states that the Lord longs to be gracious to us (Isaiah 30:18). Even the parables found in the Gospels speak about God's longing for us, His waiting for us, and His search for all of us (Eg. The Lost Sheep, the prodigal son, etc). God approaches the wanderers in Jesus who is the source of living water (John 4:4-42). St. Augustine, St. John of the Cross, St. Bernard, St. Ignatius and countless other Christians assume that the yearning of God for us precedes and arouses our yearning for Him. These spiritual masters and mystics by going deeper in their search for God strongly assert that our desires, longings, and wants lead to God. St. Augustine wrote, "O Lord, our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Then, the Catechism of the Catholic articulates man's desire for God as follows,

The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God, and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for. (CCC #27)

Just as loving parents have a great desire to have a vital relationship and a bond of intimacy with their children, God our loving father desires to have an intimate relationship with us. In short, the desire for God comes from God Himself. Our desire for God originates in God's desiring us. Then, the true core of our longings and desires ultimately lead us more into God. The psalmist says, "My soul thirst for you my God."

The abundant life consists of desiring what God desires. When it comes to desire what God desires, it leads us to think what we should desire and long. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser believes that what we do with the holy longing, the divine eros that exists in all of us is spirituality (*Holy Longing*, 4-5).

Spirituality is about what we do with the fire inside of us, about how we channel our eros. And how we do channel it, the disciplines and habits we choose to live by, will either lead to a greater integration or disintegration within our bodies, minds, and souls, and to a greater integration or disintegration in the way we are related to God, others, and the cosmic world." (*The Holy Longing*).

Spirituality is about how we **channel** and **handle** our 'eros' or desires (*Holy Longing*, 11). By channeling the deep, mysterious desires of our hearts, one begins to move from **restlessness** to **peace**. In the series of Lenten book discussions, we discuss about a contemporary path to a healthy and an authentic spiritual life shown by Fr. Rolheiser.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.

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 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 Thank and Pray for Our Men and Women who have bravely fought to preserve our freedoms.

The Archdiocese of New York’s Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass will take place on June 3, 2018 at 2:15PM, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. This Mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2018. Cardinal Dolan will be the celebrant. All who wish to attend the Mass must register with the Parish Office 744-2391 ext. 10 and have a ticket. The Parish Office will register couples and their guests online. Please be advised that registration will close on Monday May 14, 2018. Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee Couples and one guest to provide special assistance. Additional Family and friends will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section, all must have a ticket. In addition, to the Mass, all Golden Jubilee Couples will receive a certificate celebrating their marriage. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass but are celebrating 50 years of marriage can also register with the Parish Office to receive a certificate.

COLLECTIONS:

Undated Easter Flowers
 March 11: Weekly/Catholic Relief
 March 18: Weekly

Collections:	2018
Sunday Collection: March 4, 2018	\$6,913.08
Building Fund	\$2,337.00

(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.

Walker Valley Catholic Society News:

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

Religious Ed News:

8th Level: Confirmation will be on March 11th at 3PM, all students must arrive at 2PM.

The Monsignor James S. Conlan Knights of Columbus Council

will be serving another Lenten meal this Friday Mar. 16 at 7PM immediately following the Stations of the Cross which is at 6:30 PM. The meals are for takeout and will be a choice of either New England Clam Chowder (WHITE) or Manhattan Clam Chowder (RED). The cost is \$5 per serving. As always, for a head count, a sign-up sheet will be in the back of the Church where you indicate the number of meals and the type (WHITE OR RED). You can call or text Joe D at 917-859-6383 or you can email us at kofc5329@hvc.rr.com by THURSDAY morning. Buon Appetit!

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

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2018

Today marks a very important time here at our parish and across the Archdiocese of New York. This is the official kickoff of the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. There are so many reasons why the Appeal is important, not only to those in need in the Archdiocese, but also to us, in our parish community. Your support of the Appeal helps countless people, and sustains the fabric of our ministries throughout our parishes. If you have not already, you will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Dolan, along with materials that illustrate the deep importance of the Cardinal's Appeal to our community. Part of being a steward means living with trust in God's generosity and responsibly tending that which God has entrusted to us.



The Cardinal's Appeal supports our:

- Catholic Schools & Religious Education Programs
- Needy Parishes
- Retired Priests & Religious, Preparing the Clergy
- Works of Charity
- Mission & Evangelization of many programs and ministries that nurture our faith: Adult Faith Formation, Black Ministry, Catechetical Office, Family Life/Respect Life, Hispanic Ministry, Hospital Apostolate, Liturgy Office, Prison Apostolate, Superintendent of Schools, University Apostolate, Young Adult Outreach.

Cardinal Dolan is asking you to participate by making a gift to this important annual initiative. The archdiocesan goal for the 2018 Appeal is \$20 million. And our individual parish goal here at Infant Saviour is \$39,000. At present we have received 11 gifts totaling \$1,405.00. I ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. It is only with your support that this campaign can be a success. We all have in our hearts the capacity to give as Jesus asked us to do. You can also make an online gift today at www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you for your generosity.

The Walker Valley Catholic Society is holding a Spring cash raffle.

Tickets are \$20.00 each with prizes of \$2500, \$1000, and \$500. Only 400 tickets will be sold. The drawing is on May 13, Mother's Day, and you need not be present to win. Tickets are available in the Church Office and from any Catholic Society Member. Tickets will be sold after all masses the weekends of March 17-18, and April 7-8 and 14-15. We need the support of the entire Parish to make this a success. Thank you. Any questions, please call Nancy Miller 744-3782.

A Prayer for Lent:

Jesus, when you call, I want to answer. Where You go, I want to follow.

What You ask, I want to do.

Forgive my hesitations, my doubts and questions, my habits of self-defense and self-protection,

My seeking after comforts, my negligence of my brothers and sisters.

Open my heart to the sound of your call. Open my mind to possibility of being changed.

Open my path to walk in your ways.

Liberate me from my own self-entanglements so I may be free to repent, to change my life, to follow You, and to be transformed, to live fully in Your kingdom, a life for others. Amen