

Church of the Infant Saviour

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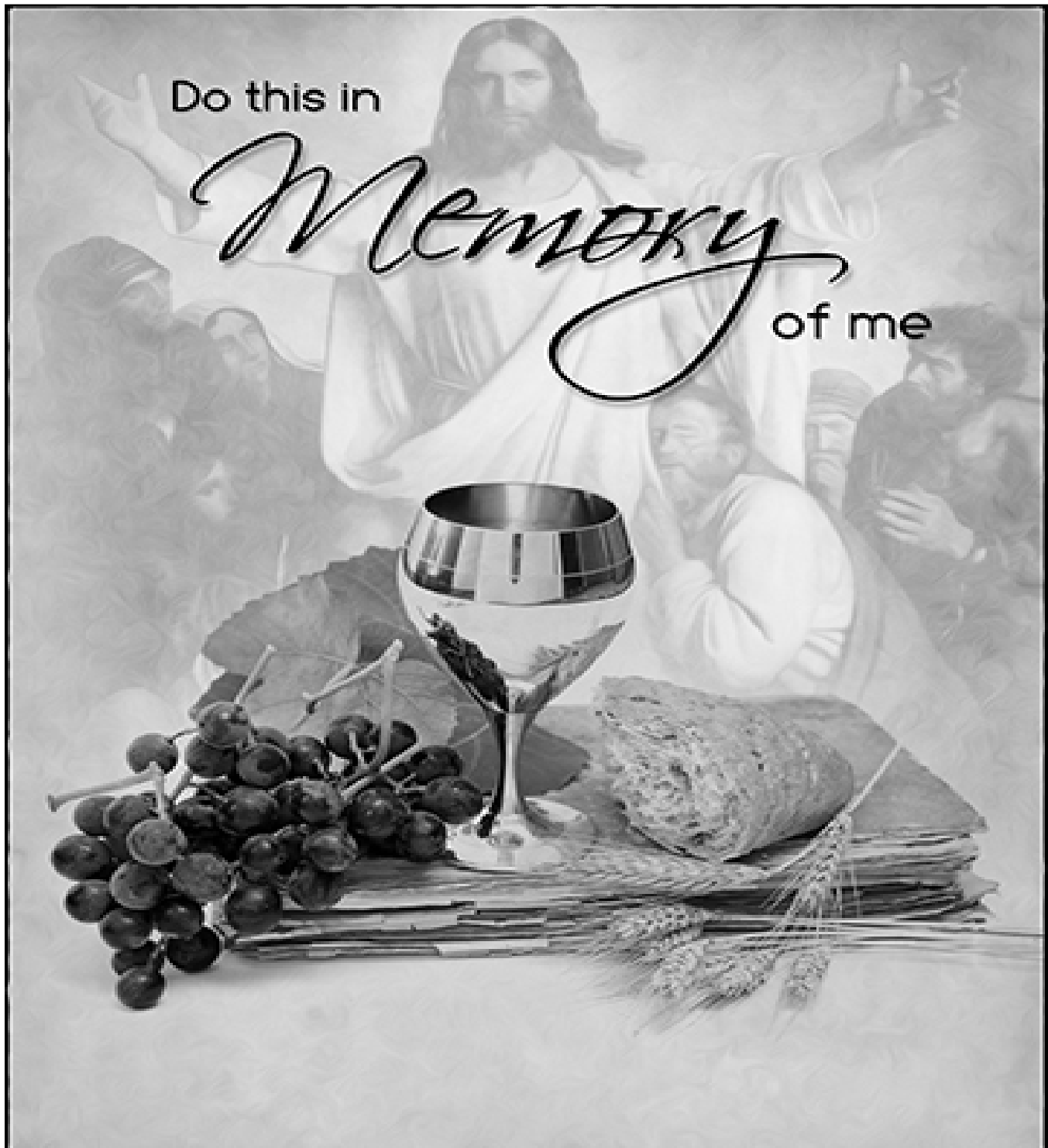
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Mass Intentions

Sat: June 6, 2015

- 8:00AM: Bernard , Bonnie & Joseph Wysocki
(Their Daughter and Sister)
5:00PM: Pierna Cornella & Ana Socic (Valero & Maria)

Week of June 7, 2015

- Sun:** 8:00AM: In Honor of All Firefighters Who Fought The
Wildfires in the Hills (Infant Saviour Parish Community)
9:30AM: Leroy Palmer (His Wife Anne)
11:15AM: Margaret M. Kelly (Susan & Isabella Sapio)
2:00PM: Hector Noe Piuaral (Adolfo Castillo)
- Mon:** 8:00AM: Yolanda Tropiano (10th Anniversary In Heaven)
(Grandaughter Yolanda & Family)
- Tues:** 8:00AM: Josephine Purchio (Her Family)
- Wed:** 8:00AM:
- Thur:** 8:00AM:
- Fri:** 8:00AM: Elena Marie Purchio (Her Family)
- Sat:** 8:00AM:
5:00PM: Marie Vasseur (Frank & Patti Rose)

Week of June 14, 2015

- Sun:** 8:00AM: Pete Mannino Carolyn Freire)
9:30AM: Fay Grandchildren (L) (Mary Fay)
11:15AM: Anne, Ellen and Bridie White
(Chris White & Family)

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

Spanish Masses will be held on the first and third Sunday of every month at 2PM.

Please Note on June 7th at 8AM we are celebrating a Mass in Honor of the Firefighters who tirelessly and bravely fought the Wildfires in the Hills of Walker Valley and Cragmoor. The Firefighters are invited to attend in uniform if they wish.

Readings: June 14, 2015

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 (92B)
Psalm: Psalm: 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Kenacle 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

On June 20, 2015 **Frank Rose** will be ordained as **Deacon at St. Patrick's Cathedral**. In the Cathedral there will be open seating in certain sections no tickets required. We are hiring a bus to transport Parishioners who would like to attend the Installation Mass for Frank. There are only 36 seats available on the bus which will be on a first come first served basis. Because seating is limited anyone who is interested please contact the office at 744-2391 ext. 10 **as soon as possible** to reserve a seat on the bus. The bus will be leaving from Infant Saviour Parking lot at 6AM on June 20th.

Mass Intentions: If you wish to have a Mass said you can call or stop by the Parish Office to schedule Mass(es) needed – Phone # 744-2391. You may also reserve an unannounced Mass for \$5.00

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 Prayer of the Faithful at Mass and/or 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: Darlene Schulz, Steven Pondi, Ellie Carter, Ashley Barco, Baby Sean, Michael Thompson, Michelle Condenzio, John Araneo, Roland Mora, Helen Denedy, George Burrow, Joan Moschetto, Michael Martino, Annie Napolitano, Herbert Black, Theresa Madigan, Harry Brown, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, Colleen Minik, Jack Botta, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Diane DeGatano, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Alexander Elia, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzen, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Edward Staff, Mary A. Thomas, Jordan Bumgartner John McPhillips, Nicolina Riggi, Rose Marie Cahill, Kathy Ross-Collins, Rose Marie Wilkins, John Giuliano Joseph Manfredi, Regina Schelin, Jill Westerfield Davis, Thomas Nendze, Dorothy Klauss, Terrence Mahoney, Anthony Gordon, John Araneo, Kurt Schaffner and Eric Maurin.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS:

REGISTRATIONS are now available for the 2015-2016 year. If you did not receive your registration you can pick it up in the office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could return it ASAP. Any registration received after June 30th will be charged a \$50.00 late fee.

INFANT BAPTISMS:

Any 2nd or 4th Saturday of each month at 12 Noon. or by special appointment. Please call the Rectory at 744-2391 **Baptism Catechesis** is offered on the third 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.

ADULT BAPTISMS:

We use the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Please call Marcie Acevedo at 457-5634 for information.

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary – 7:40 Rosary said before Daily Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena – after Saturday 8:00AM Mass
Holy Hour – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:30PM
Last Wednesday of Every month Holy Hour will be held at Our Lady of the Valley in Walker Valley 6:30-7:30.
Marian Prayer Group – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10:30AM, Mother's Chapel

Ultreya – 2nd Thursday of the month: 7:30PM, Church Hall
Eucharistic Adoration – First Friday of the Month: 9AM – 6PM

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Gail Baumann, Coordinator 744-9944

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION: 744-9944

Jeanette & Don Coates and Lula & Michael Tartaglione

From the Administrator, Is Religion just a Sigh of the Oppressed People?

In every culture, with believers in God, there have been unbelievers and skeptics. Some people are atheists because of the way they were brought up or educated. Also, it may be for the reason that they have simply adopted to the beliefs of the culture in which they live. It is very likely that persons who have been raised up in a communist country or non-theistic philosophical environment, like China, North Korea, etc., may not have much belief in God. Their culture and the educational system would confirm to them that not believing in a deity or any supernatural entity is natural thing to do.

Thus, being an atheist is something natural in certain cultures and societies. Atheism has become a perfectly ordinary feature in those societies. This shows that there are varied historical, scientific, sociological, psychological, moral, philosophical, and political reasons for some to be atheists. Many living in these communist and secular atheistic environments may have accepted the arguments of number of scientists, philosophers, and social reformers who are atheistic, such as Charles Darwin, Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud, Ludwig Feuerbach, and Friedrich Nietzsche.

The German economist and political philosopher, **Karl Marx** (1818-1883) stated that religion has its roots in egoism and fantasy. Religion creates fantasy that provides human beings comfort, especially to keep the lower classes happy. He saw religion as the sigh of the oppressed creature, which made their suffering bearable. His most frequently paraphrased statement is "Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people." "*Religion is the opiate of the masses.*" (Karl Marx, *Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right*).

Thus, he described the *origin of religion* as a peculiar manifestation of the class struggle. According to his way of thinking, the doctrines of religions are human fabrications that were invented by the ruling class for the purpose of economic exploration. The religious rulers made the working class people and the poor to see poverty that they experience as a virtue. The obedient slaves or the poor were promised to have a reward of a heavenly kingdom beyond their graves. And so, while the poor looked for this reward in heaven, the ruling class was getting rich at their expense. That way, religion served as a necessary tool to keep the workers from revolution. Overall, religious beliefs appear to be man-made concepts.

Karl Marx was born to a Jewish Lutheran family. His father Heinrich Marx, a lawyer, and his mother Henriette were descendants of a long line of rabbis. About a year before Karl was born, his father got converted to Lutheranism in order to save his job as a lawyer. Karl was baptized in the same church in 1824, at the age of six. The family of Marx was not that religious and probably liberal. Though Karl attended a Lutheran elementary school, he was known to be nominally Christian, without much commitment to Protestantism or Judaism. And so, he was raised in a way to be an atheist and materialist. Eventually, he appeared to adopt atheism, rejecting both Judaism and Christianity.

The statement of Karl, "religion was the opium of the lower classes," became a cardinal principle in modern communism. Back in the 1840s, when he used the word, "opium," it wasn't simply metaphorical. Back then, the real "opium" was probably the only painkiller that was available for toothaches or cancer of the throat, etc. Karl was saying that the downtrodden had something, which could ease their pain at least a little bit. And that became the religion for him. We are not sure whether he liked the religion to do it. But, according to some, Karl by saying so, wanted to abolish religion or get rid of it by insisting that religion was bad for people.

In some sense, the criticism of Karl Marx about religion can be insightful in showing some historical truths of class struggle in the society. He appeared to be prophetic since he demonstrated how during certain moments of history, some selfish rulers and the rich used religion as a tool to manipulate and exploit the poor and the oppressed. But, the thing is, his insights add nothing to the question of the existence of God. Although some people or most people may have invented a god for their selfish and socioeconomic reasons, it does not show that all believers in the history have done so.

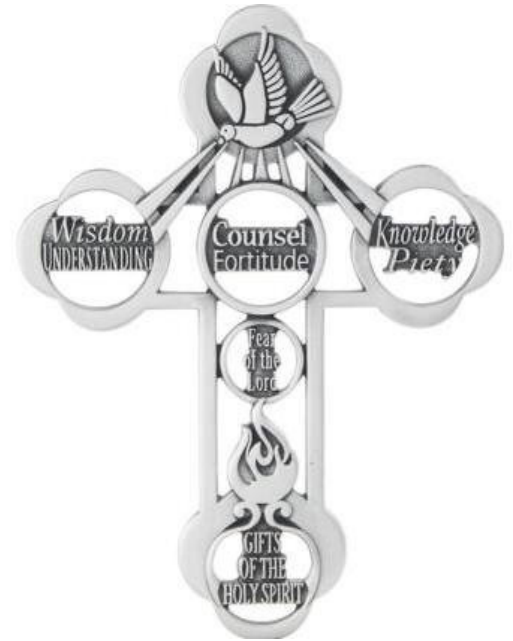
Further, spiritual poverty is considered as a virtue to experience inner peace and healing by most monotheistic religions. But, spiritual poverty is not meant to encourage to establish a social order in which the rich people sat in their high places while the poor sat at the gates of the rich. God inspired the prophets like, Amos, Isaiah, and John the Baptist to speak against social injustice. Furthermore, history shows that the predictions of Marxism simply have not worked. Revolutions did not happen when and where Marxism was predicted. Religious beliefs and even Capitalism in some societies did not disappear as Marxism predicted. Most of all, communism has not produced equality among classes and contentment anywhere it has gained power. Thus, instead of wasting our time criticizing "religion," it is wise to work for an equal and a peaceful society by trying to lessen class struggles. Though some believers may use religion as an escape from serious thinking, growing, and even speaking against injustice, true spirit of religion always calls humanity to grow and repent for the injustices done to humanity.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi!

We are so grateful to Most Reverend Bishop Dominick Lagonegro, Episcopal Vicar of the Northern Vicariates, who bestowed the Sacrament of Confirmation on the candidates of the Confirmation class 2014-2015, last weekend. We would like to congratulate these young candidates and pray for them and their families that this important step in their spiritual journey carries them into a life of service and mission in our parish. Our 2015

candidates are: Jenna "Victoria" Bardin, Nicholas "Bruno" Boos, Abigail "Joan" Carpenter, Emmett "Raphael" Carr, Brendan "James" Conklin, Gabrielle "Marie" Crusco, Jorge "Martin" Cruz, Jonathan "Luke" Dillon, Julia "Catherine" Dimino, Peter "Ronan" Dolan, Ashley "Cecilia" Dombrowski, Erin "Sophia" Duffy, Nicole "Monica" Dziadosz, Kaela "Cecelia" Friedl, Jonathan "Michael" Grasso, Dale "John" Greenberg, Savannah "Anne" Gribbin, Naylely "Barbara" Gutierrez, Angel "Paul" Hernandez, Hailee "Catherine" Higuera, Jake "Francis" Imparato, Chloe "Theresa" Ingrassia, Rory "William" Longfield, Hailey "Theresa" Madden, Derek "Gregory" Marks, Cheryl "Emma" McGuire, John "William" Meyer, Taylor "Sebastian" Mills, Anastasia "Francis" Mohl, Tiffany "Michaela" Nye, Lukas "Andrew" Pennell, Derek "James" Perez, Xavier "Paul" Reda, Griffin "Sebastian" Robertson, Isabella "Kateri" Sapio, Caroline "Ann" Schmitt, Makayla "Margaret" Sierpinski, Zachary "Thomas" Smith, Samantha "Lynn" Spencer, Kayla "Ann" Steiger, Dylan "Anthony" Stephenson, Morgan "Mary" Stephenson, Gianna "Mary" Tocco, Francesco "Vincenzo" Wise, Eileen "Brigid" Wishinski, and Emily "Helen" Yarosz



Thank you to all Catechists who assisted in preparing these young people throughout these years of classes, especially this year's teachers of the Confirmation class:

Joe Ditizio, Roserita DuFresne, Laura Hendrickson and Sue Sapio.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Gail Baumann & Jeanette Coates

In celebration of our faith and family values, the Archdiocese of New York will be hosting the first Archdiocesan Family Day on Saturday, June 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 PM, at the San Silverio Shrine in Dover Plains, New York. "We are anticipating a fun-filled event complete with food, games and Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Byrne with Cardinal Timothy Dolan as homilist". Admission is \$10 per person (children under 3 are free). To learn more about or to purchase tickets for the event, go to <https://archnyfamilyday.eventbrite.com>. Space is limited, so please register early. We look forward to seeing you there!

GOLF ANYONE?!

Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County Monday, July 20 -- 8:30 am check-in, 10 am shotgun start -- West Hills Country Club - 121 Golf Links Road - Middletown. Opportunities available for golfers, sponsors, and raffle donations. Be a part of a fun-filled day that supports our neighbors in need in Orange County.

To get involved, contact Kristin Jensen at 492.6331 or kristin.jensen@archny.org.

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: Date: _____

Name _____

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City _____ Zip _____

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