

# Church of the Infant Saviour

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## Third Sunday of Advent



## December 11, 2016

### Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



### Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



**Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor**  
**Deacon Jack Carr**  
**Deacon Frank Rose**

**Parish Trustees:** Dr. Richard Reich  
Dn. Frank Rose

**Parish Council Chair:** Dn. Jack Carr

**Parish Secretary/Notary Public:** Mrs. Patricia Ditzio  
Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wed-Friday 9AM-4PM  
Tuesday 9AM-6PM

**RCIA Ministry:** Dn. Jack Carr

**Religious Education:** Sister Shinty Antony, Director  
Mrs. Gail Baumann, Past Coordinator  
Mrs. Jeanette Coates, Secretary

**Adult Faith Formation:** Mrs. Rosemary DeCaro

**Catholic Youth Organization:** Mrs. Jeanette Coates  
Mrs. Lula Tartaglione

**THE HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly. To arrange a visit, please call the Parish Office at 744-2391.

#### **Knights of Columbus Council 5329:**

Meets the first Thursday of the month in the Pre-School Building, call Charlie Cino 744-6174.

#### **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.

#### **DEVOTIONS:**

**Miraculous Medal Novena** – after Saturday 8:00AM Mass

**Holy Hour** – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:30PM

**Marian Prayer Group** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10:30AM, in Church

**Mother's Chapel** - 9AM-6PM

**Ultreya** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month: 7:30PM, Church Hall

**Eucharistic Adoration** – First Friday of the Month: 9AM – 6PM

**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.



**December 11, 2016**  
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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat: December 10, 2016**

**Sat** 8:00AM: John Marshall (Healing)  
 (Tom & Gabriele Stephens)  
 5:00PM: Gene & Stacia Kelley  
 (John & Sue Bardin & Family)

**Week of December 11, 2016**

**Sun:** 8:00AM: Alice Lipari Klecka (Gillian Batchasingh)  
 9:30AM: Susan Morgan (Joe & Pat Ditzio & Family)  
 11:15AM: John Silvestri (Ken & Nancy Finnegan)  
**Mon:** 8:00AM: Denim Mooney (Myszak Family)  
**Tues:** 8:00AM: Silvia Vitro (Rosella & Robert Quartarone)  
**Wed:** 8:00AM: John Marshall (Healing)  
 (Tom & Gabriele Stephens)  
**Thur:** 8:00AM: Mary Marino (Her Family)  
**Fri:** 8:00AM: Theresa Campanelli (Piccinini Family)  
**Sat:** 8:00AM: Angelo Tartaglione (Tartaglione Family)  
 5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (His Wife Anne)

**December 18, 2016**

**Sun:** 8:00AM: John Marshall (Healing)  
 (Tom & Gabriele Stephens)  
 9:30AM: Susan Morgan (Roselle Brock & Family)  
 11:15AM: George Vogel (Schmitt Family)

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

**SANCTUARY LAMP:**

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Earnest John (Todd) Tobin*  
*Requested by Bob & Mary Boylan*

**Readings: December 18, 2016**

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 (10A)  
 Psalm: 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
 Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7  
 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

**Please pray for the sick:** John Araneo, Roland Mora, Helen Denny, George Burrow, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, Linda Carlson, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzen, Edward Staff, Joseph Manfredi, Anthony Gordon, Eric Maurin, Roland Rossi, Kurt Schaffner, Frank Rispoli, Natalie Saft, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Clare Dougherty, Michael Phillip, Brayden Ackerman, Fritz Meier, Trevor Holts, Fran Hodges, Karleen Hilsmann Betty Sasso and Henry Carr

**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 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); Jamie Flodin (Marines); Lyndsey Flodin (Marines) 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), Heather Owney (1st Lt. Army), John A. Burrow (Air Force), Breana Mangold (Navy), Christopher Mangold (Navy), Christopher Chase (Ensign, Navy), Nicholas G. Burrow (AirForce), Andrew Starke (Army), Daniel Vasseur (Navy) Philip Longden (Army), 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 PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN:** Almighty God, we stand before You asking for Your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with Your invincible armour our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen.

**Cenacle 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  
 Please consider joining them in prayer

**Baptismal/Confirmation Sponsor Certificates and**

**Registration:** Please note that you must be registered for at least three months in order to receive a sponsor certificate.

**Religious Ed News:**

**PBE & EJR Christmas Plays** will be presented in the Church, Parents are asked to arrive at 4PM. **PBE will be on Dec. 20** and **EJR will be on Dec. 21st.** Every Child will be participating.

**8th Level:** On Dec. 12th Sex has a Price Tag at least one parent must attend 7-8:30PM. And all Community and Sponsor Paper work **MUST BE HANDED IN.**

**Dec. 19th** there will be no classes for the 6th & 8th Levels due to Archdiocesan wide Reconciliation.

**Dec. 20th no 7th Level Classes.**

The Last day of classes for all grade levels will be on December 22nd and classes will resume on the week of January 3rd except for the first level which will begin on January 8th.

**WALKER VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIETY NEWS:**

Sun. Dec. 11 **Decorate Church for Christmas** (After 8 AM Mass)

**Advent Prayer:**

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

## *Season of Advent II*

We all want Christmas to be meaningful. We all want Christmas to be filled with that same magic that we felt as little children. In reality, most of us during the *Season of Advent* become so stressed and overwhelmed with many preparations. We become overwhelmed and stressed out with shopping, spending, cooking, parties, traffic, etc. At the end of the day, we are just happy to survive it when our priorities and schedules stress us out emotionally and physically.

But, still, when we reach the day of Christmas, we may not have found the true joy and meaning that it brings. It is said that each year, Americans spend more and more money on the holidays. Some have estimated that last year it was \$602 billion that was spent on holidays. Christmas shopping season usually starts on "Black Friday," the day after Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, when it comes to January in the New Year, the negative effects of this spending begin to set in. There is a possibility of an overwhelming amount of credit card statements higher than the expected amount and tighter finances than imagined. And then, there can be increased stress and regret over the amount of money spent.

As we all know that the true message of Christmas is not about shopping, but real giving. This season of Advent once again calls us to experience the true spirit of Christmas, which can give us true inner peace and the joy of experiencing Christ. We may have experienced ten, twenty, or fifty seasons of Advent in the past. We may have the tendency to reflect what we have already known, heard, or thought about that takes place in this season. But, this attitude may not help us to experience a renewal in our faith journey. It is because it may not help us just to open ourselves for the unexpected graces from God. We also need to let the Lord lead us through this season as though we had never been here before. This is one of the ways how we prepare our hearts to experience the birth of Christ.

I remember seeing a beautiful movie a few years ago during the season of Advent. It was a new movie entitled; *Restless Heart: The Confession of St. Augustine*, which gave a good spiritual insight to the season. For me it became a great source of inspiration to prepare myself during the *Season of Advent* to experience unexpected graces from God.

The writings of *St. Augustine of Hippo*, a great doctor and an outstanding theologian of the Church, became some of the most influential writings in the history of the Christian Church in the West. His spiritual master piece, the *Confessions*, which was written ten years after his conversion, documents how he first came to distinguish the unique voice of his soul/heart. Although *Confession of St. Augustine* was one of the first autobiographies ever written, it is not an autobiography of St. Augustine. It is a poetic, passionate, and an intimate long prayerful reflection that is addressed to God. It also celebrates the mysteries of God's grace and merciful love in the life of St. Augustine. And still, it remains a time-honored classic.

Unlike most of his writings, St. Augustine wrote *Confessions* by slowing down his pace and creating moments of quiet within his busy routine. By slowing down through our daily fast moving life, to be able to wait patiently and watchfully will become important disciplines of this season of Advent. By slowing down we gradually allow the Lord to lead us through this season. This season points ahead to Christmas. For it lacks its meaning without Christmas. All those daily readings during this season, especially from the prophet Isaiah are filled with visions of things yet to be. A kind of longing pervades the Old Testament sections that we reflect at our Sunday celebrations over the weeks before Christmas. This restless longing prepares our hearts to experience the birth of Christ in our hearts at Christmas, which gives us rest and peace.

*Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.*

**THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:**

Thank you to all for taking a tag to help a child in need in our Pine Bush Community. Please remember that gifts are due by **Sunday, Dec. 11th**, at the Parish Office or placed into the special boxes that have been placed in both Churches. Thank you for your generosity and promptness.



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:**

The CYO and Knights of Columbus together will be hosting Breakfast with Santa

on December 17, Saturday from 9AM-12PM. Further Details will be announced in bulletins to follow.

**FORMED:** Our Archdiocese has given us free access for one full year to some of the best Catholic resources available right in our own homes! The FORMED website, [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), offers a compilation of movies, books, audio and video programs that are catechetical, inspirational and entertaining. Simply surf out to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and sign up using our parish code, **N68TMK**, and under the section entitled 'Register - Sign up free using your parish code' you can create your own sign in and password. You can also sign up by going on to our website [infantsaviour.org](http://infantsaviour.org). Once you've signed up, you can use FORMED on your home computer or your smartphone at any time that's convenient for you. Programs like Symbolon, Catholicism, Litehouse Media Audio presentations, The Lectio Series, Opening the Word, Hearts Afire and more are available to broaden your knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Presenters like Scott Hahn, Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray speak on a multitude of faith topics. It's all just a click away! We strongly encourage you to sign up and see what's available. May God Bless You abundantly!



**CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE 2016** 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 Sunday, 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.

<b>Collections:</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Sunday Collection Dec. 4, 2016	\$5,012.96	\$5,169.21
Building Fund Collection: (Parishpay included)	\$2,071.00	

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Collections for the Month of December**

- Undated Christmas Flowers
- December 4: Weekly/Building Fund
- December 8: Immaculate Conception
- December 11: Weekly//Retirement Fund for Religious
- December 18: Weekly/Parish Maintenance
- December 25: Weekly & Christmas

**ParishPay** is the best means available of supporting our parish. Currently, we have 72 families in our Parish participating and we would like to grow that number. Even if you can't make the Mass due to inclement weather, Parish Pay ensures that your giving to Infant Saviour will be available to the parish when it's needed most. With Parish Pay, tithing may be made through your checking account, savings account or even a credit card every week or month at NO cost to you. It's a secure and confidential way to tithe. Once you've seen the Parish Pay website, you realize just how quick and easy it is to modify your giving or even stop it entirely should you run into some sort of financial difficulty and find yourself unable to give. The quickest way to enroll is by using the website [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com), or calling the Parish Office 744-2391 x10. There is also a link to Parish Pay through our own parish website, [www.infantsaviour.org](http://www.infantsaviour.org) 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. *All proceeds will be used for Emergency Maintenance* **God Bless you for your support**

- One Leaf: \$400.00
- One Acorn: \$800.00
- One Stone: \$1,300.00
- Mini Tree : \$4,000.00

**Christmas 2016 Mass Schedule:**

*December 24:* 5pm: Infant Saviour Church

7pm Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley

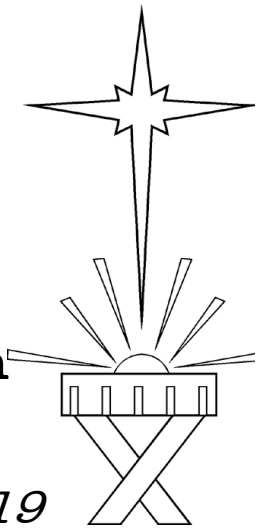
10pm Infant Saviour Church

*December 25:* 9:30am: Infant Saviour Church

11:15am: Infant Saviour Church

**CONFESIONS** will be heard on Monday, *Dec. 19*

from 4-8pm



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**HOLY HOUR" S TIME ONLY FOR THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 HAS BEEN CHANGED. IT WILL BE HELD FROM 6:00pm-6:30pm.**

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**WE NEED YOU! -- PLEASE NOTE:**

**The Christmas Church Cleaning has been changed to Wednesday, December 14 starting at 6:30PM.**

Many hands make light work . Parents please come with your children to help clean the Church on Dec. 14 at 6:30pm 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.

