

Church of the Infant Saviour

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August 13, 2017

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor
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Deacon Jack Carr
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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

DEVOTIONS:

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

Knights of Columbus Council 5329:

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

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. 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.

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.

Mission Statement of Infant Saviour: We, the Catholic Faith Community of Infant Saviour Parish in Pine Bush, NY center ourselves in the Presence and Worship of the Eucharist and share the love of God through proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. We welcome all faithful to join in our celebration of the love of God and our communion through sacraments, prayer, education, and caring for others and strive to serve the needs of God's people. We dedicate our time, talents, and treasure to the service of all as we build the Kingdom of God and are committed to the education and spiritual guidance of our faithful: adults, youth and children. We commit to this mission in the name of Jesus Christ so that the future generations will be nurtured in our faith tradition.



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Mass Intentions

Sat: August 12, 2017

8:00AM:

5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (His Wife Anne)

Week of August 13, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: Henry & Joan Carr (Jim & Pat Gluszak)
9:30AM: Mary Garguilo (Stacey & Lois Romano & Stephen & Alyssa DelGuidice & Family)
11:15AM: George Oswald (Happy Birthday In Heaven (His Daughter Florence & Family))

Mon: 8:00AM: Guenter Szczuka (Chris White)

The Feast of the Assumption:

Tues: 8:00AM: Valerio Cornella (Happy Birthday In Heaven) (Yolanda Mandile & Family)

7:00PM: Deceased Members of the Ditzio/Marino Families (Ditzio Family)

Wed: 8:00AM: Thomas Kelly (Nancy Martin)

Thur: 8:00AM: John Fay (Living) (His Mom Mary Fay)

Fri: 8:00AM:

Sat: 8:00AM:

5:00PM: Bob Turnbull (Eileen Stevenson)

Week of August 20, 2017

Sun: 8:00AM: Ruth Jordan

9:30AM: Andrew Gallagher & Elizabeth Witzke (Mary Fay)

11:15AM: Miriam & Michael Seman (Living) (Happy Anniversary)

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

SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Loving Memory of Antony & Baby Anjikkal

Requested by Pat & Joe Ditzio

Readings: August 20, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (118A)

Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

WALKER VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIETY NEWS:

Sept. 7: Meeting: Tricky Tray Social Plans/basket items available to members.

Oct. 5: Meeting: Final plans for Tricky Tray Social/all baskets & donations due/wrap.

Oct. 14: Tricky Tray Social: Infant Saviour Church Hall; doors open at 6PM.

Oct. 22: Fall Coffee Hour (After 8AM Mass)

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.

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: John Araneo, Roland Mora, George Burrow, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, Linda Carlson, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Peg Broughal, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzen, 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 Hillsman, Cole Meier, Jarrett Winum, John Gillespie, Baby Alyssa, Sister Margaret Ellen Burke, Al Masiero, Butch Covert, Mary Fay, and Baby Sydney

Religious Ed News:

Registration for Religious Education for 2017-2018 Still time to register for the 2017-2018 school year -- Appointments are also available by calling the Religious Ed Office 744-9944 ext. 11.

The Religion Classes begin on:

Saturday, Sept 9th, 1st Level Parent Meeting @ 9 am. L. classroom.

Sunday, Sept. 10th - 1st Level- First day of Classes

Monday, Sept 11th - 8th Level - Parents/Students meeting at 7.00pm.

Tuesday, September ,12th - PBE 2nd- 5th Level - First day of Classes

Tuesday, September ,19th - PBE 2nd & 3rd Levels Parent Meeting 4:10 - 4.45pm.

Tuesday, September ,26th - PBE 4th & 5th Levels Parent Meeting 4:10 - 4.45pm.

Wednesday, September ,13th - EJR 2nd- 5th Level -First day of Classes

Wednesday, September 27th, - EJR 2nd & 3rd Levels Parent Meeting 4:10 - 4.45pm.

Wednesday, October 4th - EJR Levels 4th & 5th Parent Meeting, 4:10 - 4:45pm

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), Jeremy Reinhardt (Navy) 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 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.

Miracles of Jesus

Many people question about the miracles that they can experience through their religious and spiritual beliefs. Belief in miracles may bring many to think a lot about how God works. It seemed like during the period of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and especially, in the New Testament during the time of Jesus, there were a lot of direct divine interventions. Because there are many miraculous events stated in the whole Bible, we can get the impression that miracles and wonders would have occurred in most of the situations. When those who see their life situations in the eyes of faith hearing those extraordinary miraculous interventions, may question, “Why don’t we see those kinds of miracles happening today?”

Then, amidst many people’s questioning on miracles, a survey done by the *Pew Forum on Religion* records that a vast majority of Americans (almost 80%), believe in miracles. Although it would be natural for people in the 21st century to put their trust in science, it still seems that most people do believe in miracles. A decade ago, the *Harris Poll* (done in November, 2007) found that nearly 8 in 10 American adults believe in miracles. To a greater extent, belief in miracles has connections to personal religious beliefs. Roman Catholics are more likely to believe in miracles more than other believers in other religious faiths. Roman Catholics are more likely to believe that miracles take place through moving, bleeding, and weeping statues. In Roman Catholic tradition, miracles are normally required for the beatification and canonization of servants of God, such as venerable, blessed, and saint.

What exactly is a miracle? While there are many explanations for what a miracle is, some have described the word “miracle” as an event that occurs outside the bounds of natural law. In that sense, certain miracles may not follow the normal laws of nature and they appear to be events that cannot be explained by the laws of nature. In the case of a miraculous physical recovery, there can be no direct medical or scientific explanations for how and why it occurred.

But, the definition of miracles as “events that appear unexplainable by the laws of nature” does not always reflect the understanding and thoughts of the biblical authors. The biblical authors, in their world view, did not regard the extraordinary miraculous events as necessarily rare. One can argue by stating that nature and its laws are not something that exists and operates independent of God. Thus, miracles are not the only events when God intervenes. It is because God always intervenes in life and in natural world. Rather miracles appear to be events when *God acts differently than usual* for the benefit and redemption of humanity. We also can define miracles as events which are caused by special divine interventions that carry divine messages.

The people in the day of historical Jesus had a chance to witness His firsthand miracles, which were unexplainable scientifically. Some of His miracles appear to occur outside the bounds of the laws of nature; such as activities like; walking on water, turning water into wine, and some of His healings. And yet, they all had beneficial results for those helpless and needy persons who experienced them. Miracles of Jesus were saving acts of God and revealing signs from God.

The vast number of miracles in which Jesus performed demonstrates that they were a regular part of His ministry. During the course of His three-year public ministry, Jesus performed miracles that demonstrated His ability to heal and in performing exorcisms. A major part of the Gospel materials concentrate not on what Jesus says, but on what Jesus does. The four evangelists are unanimous on this point. They record Jesus performing almost about thirty-five separate miracles. Most of the miracles that Jesus performed are recorded in more than one gospel. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is recorded in all four gospels. Then again, the author of the Gospel of John states that Jesus performed many more miracles, which are not recorded in the Gospels (John 20:30). Also, Mark in his Gospel indicates that the several miracles of Jesus that he had reported are only a few examples of the healing activity of Jesus (Mark 3:10-11). Jesus performed many miracles not for His own personal advantage, but rather to meet the real needs of the people and to proclaim the values of the kingdom of His Father. Therefore, the message of the miracles of Jesus becomes an important part of them.

Miracles have different and special ways that God intervenes than usual tells us that whatever sufferings, tensions, pains, and troubles we go through. none are too complicated to take to Jesus. We should not feel isolated or alone in our personal problems and helplessness. Jesus through His grace may heal us or offer inspiration to take different approaches towards healing. Even in this postmodern, skeptical, and scientific age, miracles are possible with the grace of God since nothing is impossible to Him.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Ph.D.

Our RCIA journey will be starting on Monday, August 28th. If you're interested in becoming Catholic or already are Catholic, but have not yet completed all of your sacraments of initiation, please contact the Parish Office or Dcn. Jack to register. Thank you. God Bless You.

Collections:

August 13: Weekly
 August 15: Feast of the Assumption
 August 20: Weekly/

Collections: 2017

Sunday Collection: August 6, 2017 \$5,156.12
 (Parishpay included)

WHAT IS PARISH PAY?

Parish Pay 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. Instead of weekly and special collection envelopes, the program collects your contribution amount from your checking, savings, or credit account on the date and frequency you specify. 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 Parish Pay.

IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP! The quickest way to enroll is by using the website www.parishpay.com and scroll down to the "get Started" link and placing the Church's zip code in or by calling the Parish Office @ (845) 744-2391 x 10. There is also a link to Parish Pay through our own parish website, www.infantsaviour.org. For those of you who worry about what other people will think when you don't put anything in basket, you can simply deposit an empty envelope in the basket with the words Parish Pay written on the amount. We encourage you to surf out to the Parish Pay 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.

2017 Backpack for Kids

Heart of the Hudson Girl Scout Troop 711 is working on the Community Backpack Project again this summer. This is a community service project that will provide needy children in the Pine Bush Central School District with backpacks and supplies for the 2017-2018 school year. Last year, with the generosity and support of our community they were able to provide backpacks filled with supplies for 250 children in our school district. You can also donate a gift card to stores such as Staples, Wal-Mart, Rite-Aid or any store that sells school supplies and Troop 711 will happily do the shopping for them. Deadline to bring in supplies or gift cards is **NO LATER THAN August 20th**. If you are donating a Gift Card please mail it to Girl Scout Troop 711, c/o Janice Barth, 299 Long Lane, Bloomingburg, NY 12721. Special Boxes for your donations will be placed in both Churches. Thank you in advance for being part of this worthwhile and rewarding project!

Catholic War Veterans is having Collections for the Troops Overseas:

CWV have been sending packages overseas for the past 12 years. To date we have sent over 840 packages with a combined weight of over 17,000 lbs and costing \$131,000.00. They have also donated 15 baskets of items to the wounded warriors who are undergoing rehabilitation at West Point. Do you have a friend, neighbor or relative in Iraq or Afghanistan -- if so, please give us their address and we will send them packages of goodies and toiletries. The troops must be stationed in Iraq or Afghanistan and must be there for at least two months to ensure that they receive the packages. You can send their address to the Post's E-mail CWVPOST1937@gmail.com or to me, Jim Gill at Captain49truck@msn.com or call me at 845-361-2339, or call Ted Lewandowsky at 744-2234. Anyone wishing to send a monetary donation can send it to Catholic War Veterans, Post 1937, P.O. Box 1599, Pine Bush, NY 12566 - Please make checks out to the Catholic War Veterans and mark the check "Soldiers Fund". If you wish to donate needed items, they can be dropped off here on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11AM-2PM August through December. Please no Chocolate, homemade baked goods, glass, expired food or aerosol cans. Items needed: *soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, gum, bandanas, CD's, DVD's, eye drops, board games, paperbacks, nail clippers, bug repellent, sun screen, conditioner, playing cards, white socks, magazines (less than 3 months old and no nudity), sunglasses, combs, brushes, chap stick, baby wipes, foot powder, baby powder, books, pens, writing pads, envelopes, cards (Happy Birthday, etc.) chess set, dominoes, checkers, Q-tips, shaving cream, feminine products, disposable cameras, tea, coffee, hard candy, beef jerky, pringles, jolly ranchers, trail mix, cereal bars, cookies, dried fruit, dry soup, peanuts, Kool Ade packets, slim jims, instant oatmeal.* If you wish to ship packages on your own, please place non-food items in a separate package from food. Instructions are available from ANYSOLDIER.COM. All items must be new (except books) and in original package. Monetary donations are also accepted. They will be used to pay postage.

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 _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____

Check

_____ New Registration receive envelopes _____

_____ Change of Address

_____ Moving out of Parish

Updates of Renew & Rebuild

I had the opportunity of speaking at all of the Masses. Again, Renew + Rebuild is a \$200 million archdiocesan campaign aimed at providing financial support to parishes to help ensure their growth and sustainability. \$144 million of the funds raised in this campaign will be directed to parishes to address their own local concerns. The Cardinal's Appeal is incorporated into this campaign for this year.

Every parish in the archdiocese will participate in this campaign. Each parish has their own goal. Therefore, parishes all over the archdiocese are given an opportunity to renew and strengthen their ministries and building facilities since the largest portion of the campaign goal (74%) will be given to the parishes. That means from \$653,000 of our assigned goal, 74% will be given to our parish of Infant Saviour and its mission church, Our Lady of Valley. This is a five year campaign, so whatever you pledge, can be paid over a five year period.

Over the last several months we have been meeting with parishioners. I am happy to announce that build the foundation of this campaign by making their sacrificial pledges so generously. The total pledges raised at present are \$312,450.00. We are almost 46% of our assigned goal. 32 families/parishioners have pledged sacrificially towards this campaign. The average gift at this point is around \$10,000.

On behalf of Cardinal Dolan and Infant Saviour parish, I Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo would like to thank all these families and individual parishioners for their presence in the parish and their generous and sacrificial participation in their parish projects. We are so overwhelmed by the generosity of our 32 parishioners/families for their sacrificial gifts. We are also so grateful for all those of you who will be giving.... We pray for your decision....

As we continue to grow as a parish family, it is essential that our facilities be maintained, and that we provide the best possible programs for the children and adults in our parish. Your presence and generosity here in your parish have always helped all of us to grow in Christ.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Pastor.

You are invited to join Father Rodrigo and Nancy Finnegan as they present :



ST. PAUL-THE APOSTLE

THURSDAY SEPT. 14-28 2017

7:00-8:30 P.M.

DONATION \$ 5.00

Registration for class will be held after each Mass this weekend and next weekend.

Virtual Tour of Lourdes Church of the Infant Saviour 22 Holland Avenue Pine Bush, NY 12566

North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a 2-hour VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes, France, at Church of the Infant Saviour on Sunday, August 27 at 2:00 pm. During this guided Lourdes experience., you will immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes. As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, you will receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary. Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends! Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! For more information, call the Parish Office at (845) 744-2391.