

# Church of the Infant Saviour

22 Holland Avenue, Pine Bush, NY 12566

May 10, 2015

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Infant Saviour, Pine Bush



### Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley



#### CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

Father S. Niranjan Rodrigo - Administrator  
Deacon Jack Carr  
Mr. Frank Rose - Trustee  
Deacon Jack Carr – Parish Council President  
Mrs. Patricia Ditzio – Parish Secretary/Notary Public

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Wed– Friday  
9:00 AM-12 PM and 1:00PM – 4:00 PM, & Tues. 9AM-6PM (744-2391)

#### 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 Saturday or Sunday by 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.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5329:

Meets the first Thursday of the month in the Church call Charlie Cino at 744-6174.

#### EDUCATION & YOUTH LEADERSHIP:

Religious Education Office – 744-9944  
Mrs. Gail Baumann – Coordinator  
Mrs. Jeanette Coates – Secretary

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Gail Baumann, Coordinator 744-9944

#### CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION:

Jeanette & Don Coates 744-9944  
Lula & Michael Tartaglione

#### RCIA COORDINATOR:

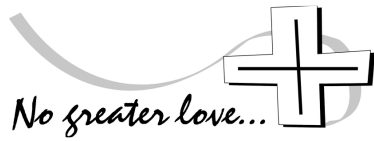
Marcie Acevedo – 457-5634

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

#### 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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10:30AM, Mother's Chapel  
**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 or Deacon Jack



## May 10, 2015 Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Mass Intentions

#### Sat: May 2, 2015

8:00AM: Andrew & Johanna Seman (Their Son Michael)  
5:00PM: Marie Vasseur (Vasseur Family)

#### Week of May 3, 2015

**Sun:** 8:00AM:

9:30AM: Clara Lopez (Gail Baumann & Family)  
11:15AM: Eileen & Edward O'Reilly (Their Family)

**Mon:** 8:00AM: Margaret Alexander (Debbie, Jessie, Amber, Vanessa, & Tori Matherly)

**Tues:** 8:00AM: Elizabeth Gallagher (Her Daughter Mary Fay)

**Wed:** 8:00AM:

#### The Ascension of Our Lord

**Thur:** 8:00AM:

7:00PM: Lucia Rein (Her Family & Friends)

**Fri:** 8:00AM:

**Sat:** 8:00AM: Lucia Rein (Her Family & Friends)

5:00PM: Lucille Mazza-Sajwa (Patti & Frank Rose)

#### Week of May 17, 2015

**Sun:** 8:00AM: John Kiselak, Sr. (Joseph Jelenek)

9:30AM: Lucia Rein (Her Friends & Family)

11:15AM: Nell Savino (Ditizio Family)

2:00PM: David Rosales (Adolfo Castillo)

#### **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.

### *Sanctuary Lamp:*

*In Loving Memory of Lucia Rein*

*Requested by Her Family & Friends*

#### **Readings: May 17, 2015**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 (60B)

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11b-19

**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



### **Mother's Day Novena Cards are now available.**

**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 Schaffne and Eric Maurin.

#### **RELIGIOUS ED NEWS:**

**First Communion** Saturday, May 16, PBE 10AM and EJR 1PM

If you have not returned the Communion picture form please do so by no later than next week.

Last Day of Class for 2 Level PBE May 12, EJR May 13.

6th Level last class will be May 4th,

**Confirmation** May 11: Sponsor Candidate rehearsal 7-9PM, if sponsor cannot attend an adult must attend.

Confirmation Picture orders must be returned **NO LATER** than May 11. The Confirmation Gift of \$5.00 per student should be returned also by May 11th, this money will be donated to The Propagation of the Faith.

May 18: Last Day of Class

May 31 Sacrament of Confirmation at 3PM. Students and Sponsors must arrive at 2Pm to meet with Bishop Lagonegro.

**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.

#### **WALKER VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIETY NEWS:**

May 9 **Annual Spring Cleaning 9AM** (Saturday morning)

May 10 **Mothers' Day:** May Crowning after 8 AM Mass members. Any questions, please call Nancy Miller 744-3782.

## From the Administrator, Growth of Atheism

The question of whether or not there is a God appears to be an issue that can provoke more controversy. The debates that arose from this question raged even in ancient times. One of the statements of Pope Francis on atheism said that atheists can accomplish some good in the created order. This accomplishment can provide a “meeting place” for them and believers.

Atheists claim to comprise one-fifth of the population of the world. As we all can observe the population in U.S. appears to have become more secular in the last forty years. The views of atheists received a great boost from a movement that promoted skeptical ideas during the period of Enlightenment of eighteenth century Europe. During Enlightenment, the opinions of the skeptics began to create a tension against theological ideas. French Encyclopedists, a group of secular thinkers who produced an Encyclopedia, accused religion for being a hindrance to intellectual progress and for its incapacity to establish a just political and social order (R. C. Sproul, *If there's a God, why are there atheists?* 22-23). Also, atheism during existentialism held onto the view that believing in God prohibits human beings from becoming fully human.

Atheism has many shades to it. Dermont A. Lane, in his brief article on “Atheism,” points out three different expressions of atheism: theoretical, practical, and theological (D. A. Lane, *Atheism* in *The Modern Catholic Encyclopedia*, 54.). There are different forms of theoretical atheism that derive from a particular philosophical or rationale argument. Theoretical atheism suggests arguments against the existence of gods. On the other hand, practical atheists do not expect specific arguments to disapprove the existence of gods. Practical atheism may refer to the situation where people live as if there were no God or gods though they may profess their belief in some kind of a deity. They may remain ignorant to the idea of gods and go on living as if there were no gods. They may explain natural phenomena without resorting to the divine. When it comes to the theological atheism, this category may free some people who want to believe, but who carry the burden of guilt for not being able to follow the scriptures and obey the teachings of their religions. And so, in some ways people who fall into this shade of atheism may maintain the psychological need to affirm the mythological understanding of gods while denying the existence of them.

In whatever shade that atheism exists, it can have a negative as well as a positive effect in the lives of the believers of any religion. It can have a negative impact on religions when it tries to destroy the faith of the believers. Then, on the other hand, it can also have a positive impact in so far when it challenges theological insights to renew, reshape, and transform its images of gods or god.

How should we Roman Catholics respond to atheism? Rather than simply condemning atheists, the Church today encourages us to examine the reasons why so many profess themselves to be atheists, Although the critics of the Church sometimes try to ridicule our beliefs, we as Catholics should not act like that. What we believe and cherish in love, is not something always to be argued with. Although we are called to defend what we cherish and adore, it should be done with gentleness and reverence. In his first letter, St. Peter states, “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence.” He further encouraged Christians to keep their conscience clear so that, when they are persecuted, those who revile their good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

The description of the *Second Vatican Council* on atheism has been radically changed. Although the church in the past rejected atheism, it addressed this question stating that the dignity of the individual is rooted in God and brought to perfection in Him. And then to acknowledge God is in no way to diminish human dignity. Therefore, when the existence of God is denied, this dignity is in danger of being diminished. It further states that all men and women, those who believe as well as those who do not, should help to establish right order in this world where all live together (*Church in the Modern World*, no. 21). This certainly cannot be done without a dialogue that is sincere and prudent with atheists and believers. And so, the church invites us to continue our genuine dialogue with atheists so that they may seek and recognize the true image of God. Although through genuine dialogue with atheists we may not always reach an agreement, still we are called to experience some kind of understanding. Dialogue with atheists may help the believers to discover more insights of the religious dimension of humanity.

Although some people are becoming more secular in their thinking, it appears that a considerable number of Americans believe in some kind of a god or gods. This shows that although there is an ongoing debate between theists and atheists, the belief in God is still a part of the culture of the modern world.

*Happy Mother's Day*  
*Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo*

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Henry Brylowski Jr. (Army); John Walton (Army) Ryan Gordon (Navy); (Navy); 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) Jon M. Donofrio (Marines); Michael Ditzio (Navy), Captain Caitlin Conley (Fort Bragg, NC) James Grabinski (US Air Force), Jeremy Reinhardt (Navy) Eddison Parris (Camp Lejeune, NC); Capt. Francis Pascucci (USMC), CPT Jennifer Pascucci, (Army); Michael Haffner (Airforce), Heather Owney (1st Lt. Army), John A. Burrow (Air Force), Breana Mangold (Navy), Christopher Mangold (Navy), Christopher Chase (Midshipman, Navy), Nicholas G. Burrow (AirForce), Andrew Starke (Air Force), 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 (T/Sgt., Air Force), Casey Fay (1st. Lt., Army), Brian Daniel Gray (Marines), Devin Masiero (Marines), William LaCovara (Air Force)

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**2015 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

The PINE BUSH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is offering a \$400 scholarship for a graduating senior that lives in the Pine Bush School District. In keeping with our faith, all applicants are to write an essay answering the question, "How is Salvation Attained through the Catholic Church?" The essay should be between 200-250 words and type-written. One winner will be chosen. The following qualifications are in place:

1. Reside in the Pine Bush School District
2. Graduating Senior that is attending a college in the Fall
3. Practicing Catholic Essays must be received no later than June 7. Please include your name and a contact number. They can be emailed to [kofc5329@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kofc5329@hvc.rr.com) Please attach it to the email -- or they can be sent to: Knights of Columbus PO Box 166 Thompson Ridge, NY 10985.

**Family Life Respect Life Office** of Archdiocese asks if you want to Explore some real solutions in the Education **for Parenting workshop Common Sense Parenting**, for parents of children ages 6-16. CSP will aid you in building good family relationships, preventing and correcting misbehavior, using consequences to improve behavior, teaching self-control and staying calm. These classes explain how to approach discipline as positive teaching rather than punishment of children. Improve your child's behavior by using these tested, proven parenting techniques. \$30 covers one or both parents, and includes a book. (If finances are a problem, alternative arrangements can be made confidentially. Series of 6 classes: May 5, 12, 26, June 2, 9, 23 7PM-9PM. St. Barnabas Church 409 E241 Street, Bronx, NY (Considine Center, Room 1-6) C

**Most Precious Blood School Dinner Dance**

Saturday May 16 6-11:00PM (Adults Only Please)  
\$60.00/couple or \$30/person DJ Arturo Santana BYOB  
For Reservations or information contact Luann at 542-2952  
Contact Sue DiSisto, 646-794-3191 or [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org)



Because of your support of the Cardinal's Appeal we are in a position to do immense good in many areas of concern. We are able to sustain numerous charitable offices, agencies, and programs to provide compassionate and effective assistance to those most in need. We are able to offer financial support to our parishes and schools that are struggling to serve people of all backgrounds in distressed communities. We are able to ensure excellent academic and spiritual formation in our schools, and the best of catechetical training in our parishes. And finally, we are able to care for our retired clergy and religious who have given their lives in service of the Church and to prepare our future clergy who will give theirs in the years to come. Goal: \$42,000.00; As of May 8, 2015 Pledged: \$20,735.00 -- 85 Gifts. Please consider a sacrificial pledge to the 2015 Appeal. Thank you  
**Visit their website:** [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org) Tel: 212.371.1000  
**Cardinal's Appeal**, 1011 First Avenue 14th Floor, New York, NY 10022

**COLLECTIONS:** 2015 2014

Sunday Collection 05/03/2015 \$5,421.92 \$6,642.04  
(ParishPay included)

Thank you for your generosity.

**Collections for the Month of May 2015**

- May 3: Weekly/Church In Europe
- May 10: Weekly/Building Fund
- May 14: Feast of the Ascension
- May 17: Weekly/
- May 24: Weekly/Parish Maintenance
- May 31: Weekly

**PARISHPAY** is a really good alternate means of support for our Church in which **97 families** in our Parish are currently participating instead of using envelopes. There is no cost to you and it is all highly confidential and secure. The quickest, easiest and secure way to enroll is through using the website [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com), or calling the Parish Office 744-2391 x10

**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.**

<b>PARISH MEMBERSHIP:</b>	Date: _____
Name _____	
Street _____	
City _____	Zip _____
Phone No. _____	
	Check
_____	New Registration receive envelopes _____
	_____ Change of Address
	_____ Moving out of Parish



*The Clergy and the Staff of Infant Saviour Church  
wish you all mothers a*  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**



*You deserve all the love*

*A Mother's Day Prayer:*

*All-Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.*

*We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.*

*We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.*

*We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.*



**Relay for Life Luminaries will be sold after each Mass this weekend.**

**Pine Bush Relay For Life**

**“Lucy Loves Subway” Brunch**

**Sunday May 17, 2015**

**9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**\$7.00 per person**

**Full Service Brunch**

**Orange County Strummers Ukulele Club of Orange County**

**Will be Performing with Dick Reich from 11am to 1pm**

**Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society**

**For ticket info call Joyce Chess 845-978-6505**

*or Kim Caramatti*

*– 845-401-1793*

**or stop by Subway of**

**Pine Bush**

**Thank you for your support**

