

Church of the Infant Saviour

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12th Sunday In Ordinary Time



We welcome our beloved Deacon Frank Rose. He and his wife, Patti worked hard together to bring to fruition this call that he received from God to be a deacon. Frank underwent an extensive formation program in the Archdiocese of New York, over four years of schooling after discerning this call for one whole year. Now, Frank is a Permanent Deacon. We congratulate him and his wife for responding to this call and we wish them God's Blessings. We are so blessed to have Deacon Frank and his wife Patti, as part of our faith community. Today, Deacon Frank has officially begun his ministry assigned here to this parish, Infant Saviour Church. Let us also join with the whole Archdiocese of New York, as we pray for all those deacons who were ordained into the Permanent Diaconate. These wonderful men with the continued invaluable support of their

wives and families will live out their call to diaconate ministry, giving of their time and talent to serve the Church.

Today, the words of Jesus Christ resound in our hearts and minds as we give thanks and praise to God for the gift of the diaconate, "I have not come to be served, but to serve."

Deacon Frank and Patti, we are truly blessed to have you.



June 21, 2015 Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sat: June 20, 2015

8:00AM: There will be No Mass This Morning

5:00PM: Leroy Palmer (His Wife Anne)

Week of June 21, 2015

Sun: 8:00AM: Mae Fallon (Christ White, Sr.)

9:30AM: Margaret M. Kelly

(Gail Baumann & The Religious Ed Staff)

11:15AM: Dorothy Rose & Deceased Members of
the Rose Family (Rose Family

2:00PM: Rafael Rivera (His Daughter Marcia Acevedo)

Mon: 8:00AM:

Tues: 8:00AM: For All Our Military and Their Families

Wed: 8:00AM:

Thur: 8:00AM: For All Those Affected by Abortion

Fri: 8:00AM:

Sat: 8:00AM:

5:00PM: Leroy Palmer (His Wife Anne)

Week of June 28, 2015

Sun: 8:00AM:

9:30AM: Domingo Rodriguez (5th Anniversary in Heaven)

(Daughter, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren)

11:15AM: Timothy Gunther (LaCovara 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.

Readings: June 28, 2015

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (98B)

Psalms: Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 4:5:21-24, 35b-43

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

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.

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

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 Gätzen, 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.

From the Administrator, Sigmund Freud on Religious Faith

We come across some thinkers of the post-Enlightenment world who wrestled with the concept of God and who had generally a negative view of religion. Some philosophers and psychologists tried to minimize the reality of God simply to some kind of human wish-fulfillment. Ludwig Feuerbach's (1804-1872) and Sigmund Freud's (1856-1939) views on religion were used increasingly in anti-Christian propaganda.

Feuerbach, a prominent German philosopher and an anthropologist, offered a critical analysis on religion. He was best known for his most important work *The Essence of Christianity*, which provided a critique of Christianity. This work strongly influenced generations of later thinkers, including Karl Marx. Feuerbach noted that the deities that human beings believe are nothing more than something produced by a highly active imagination. They are merely the projected images of human nature. His basic thesis was that "Religion is the dream of human mind." In other words, according to him, human beings created their gods in their own images. And so, gods are mere mental or psychological projections of human nature. The basic thesis of Feuerbach was that gods were psychological projections of human nature.

Same way, Sigmund Freud, the father of psychoanalysis and a convinced atheist, contributed to atheism through his theories, especially through psychoanalysis. Though Freud tried to offer both a psychological and a historical explanation for the origins of religious beliefs, he also believed that religion was a great hindrance to society. In his later works he wrote that religion may be altogether disregarded. He believed that the doctrines of religion carry with them the beliefs of the times that they were originated. He considered those times as ignorant childhood days of human race. Therefore, he proposed that if humanity needs to be more civilized, it needs to be set free of those religious illusions. Also, he suggested that societies need to construct a better order than religion could give it.

Freud wrestled with the question, "If there is no God, why is there religion?" He, in his works tried to bring out his observations on religious rites as something similar to the obsessive actions of neurotic patients. Basically, he declared that religion was a distorted form of an obsessive neurosis. As an atheist, he mostly rejected the existence of God and called belief in a God a psychological neurosis or distress. Just like Feuerbach, he tried to reduce God to a dream of man and set out to prove that religion is merely a product of the mind, like an illusion. Freud being a materialist, made an attempt to reduce human beings to her/his body. Then, he tried to reduce the human body to animal desire, desire to sexual desire, and sexual desire to physical sexual act.

Charles Darwin in his *theory of biological evolution* spoke about a world that appears to be a cruel one in which the weak and maimed creatures were crushed out of existence for the survival of the most "fit enough" (Survival of the fittest). Freud, too spoke about certain restrictions imposed on any living species, especially on humans by civilization. According to his understanding, those restrictions, specifically the restrictions on individual desires, are necessary for mutual survival of individuals in a society. Without those societal restrictions, a human person is left in the brutal state of nature where only the strongest can survive. Then, he concluded that in the face of threat of nature and helplessness of weak living creatures, society is born. In *The Future of an Illusion*, Freud stated, "The principle task of civilization is to defend us against nature." Then, he also understood that those restrictions were critical factors in the emergence of religion. In other words, Freud believed that religion arose as a response to human beings' fear of the forces of natural disasters, disease and illness, death, and to their frustration in the face of an oppressive human civilization. Therefore, he stated that religion offers human beings the comforting reality, such as God and the promise of a rewarding after-life for enduring suffering. In that way, Freud called that the belief in a God as an expression of psychological neurosis or distress motivated by the "longing for a father." In another sense, Freud thought religion is the way that adults think about a god, just as the way that small children think about their parents. Thus, he thought that the key elements in all religions are the veneration of a father figure, such as God or Jesus. However, in the case of Freud, he did not consider the positive and mysterious experiences of many other religious persons, and sound text books on religion to get to his own conclusions on religious faith. Rather, he looked into the complexities of the human psyche done with abnormal and neurotic persons, which itself can have limitations. Therefore, many psychologists do not believe that his analysis of religion is applicable to every person.

There is no doubt that Freud has been helpful to the intellectual world in showing that humankind has a dimension of religious inclinations. However, we cannot conclude that there is no comforting reality such as God. More than just finding comforts through a benevolent father figure (God), some highly religious and spiritual persons have renounced worldly comforts voluntarily for the sake of God. And some even went to the extreme of embracing more suffering for the love of God. Freud himself has admitted that certain unpleasant experiences he suffered in encountering his own father, Jacob Freud may have predisposed a negative understanding towards God who is compared to a father figure. Although Freud and some psychologists have a generally negative view of religious beliefs, there are other psychologists who have explored the fact; how religious faith can have a positive influence on a person's life.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo

ParishPay is the best means available of supporting our parish. Currently, we have 96 families in our Parish participating and we would like to grow that number. Often times as we're preparing to head out to Mass, we forget to put money or a check in our envelope and decide to postpone giving until the following week when we can give two envelopes. But any delay in tithing could potentially hinder the parish from paying its bills in a timely fashion. With Parish Pay, there is no delay. 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. It's a more consistent way of giving and it enables the parish to better calculate what amount will be coming in which makes things easier on the parish financially. 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, or calling the Parish Office 744-2391 x10. 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 the 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.

The Pine Bush Knights of Columbus wishes to announce that the winner of the Scholarship Essay Contest is **Julia Lenihan**. Please accept our congratulations and we thank all students who participated in the contest. To recap: As in the past, the process is for our Scholarship committee to review the submissions and rate the top three and then points are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and all are tallied together to determine a winner. The names are removed from the Essays as the decisions made by the committee members are "blind". The member' prayers and best wishes for the future are offered for all of the 2015 graduates.



Blessing For Graduates

Before you were even formed, God knew you.
While in your Mother's womb, God named you.
At your birth, God's breath filled you with life.
Today we celebrate what you have become
at this moment in time. And so we pray,
God, we thank you for the gifts of these graduates;
their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity,
their open speech and encouraging words.
Their contributions have blessed and challenged us,
and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.
As they step forward into the world that awaits,
comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence.
Strengthen their resolve to walk
in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit.
Guide their feet as they move through life,
protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness
while they help to lead future generations
into the warmth and promise of your light.
We ask this blessing upon each of them,
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN!