

JULY 30, 2017

Holy Cross Church, Callicoon, NY (845)-887-5450 (www.holycrosscallicoon.com)

Sunday Mass: 11:00AM Sat. Vigil Mass: 4:30PM

Daily Mass: Mon. – Fri. 8 AM Confessions: Saturday 4-4:30PM

St. Patrick Church, Long Eddy, NY - Sunday Mass: 8:30AM

From the Pastor:

I write to you for the last time as pastor of the parish. It's been a pleasure every week to share with you words of my own about spiritual matters, and to pass on to you things that I've read from other authors including Pope Francis and his predecessors. To continue to be nourished in our faith is essential in our relationship with Christ.

I've been your pastor for over five years, years that have been a blessing to me. As pastor I have shared so many intimate moments with many of you: whether it has been the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation with our children and young people, the celebration of the Mass, a wedding or baptism. I've been with many of you who have buried a loved one. There are so many things that a pastor does that allows him to share deeply in the lives of his parishioners. Thank you for your trust in me at those times. I hope that I made a small difference in the parish and in many of your lives as well. Holy Cross and St. Patrick will remain with me for the rest of my life. God's grace was here with us, and will remain with us into the future. Trust in that grace no matter who the pastor is.

Your new administrator, Fr. Joseph Raj Arockiya Samy, MMI is very enthusiastic about assuming the helm here at the parish. He is a fine young priest with a great smile, who I am certain will shepherd you with deep faith, care and compassion. Fr. Joselyn Berkman, MMI, who is pastoring St. Anthony of Padua in Yulan, is Fr. Joseph's brother religious. The parishioners in Yulan have nothing but good to say about him and I'm sure that will be the same when you see the work that Fr. Joseph is about to do with all of you. Please welcome him and give him your support as you have done for me over the past years.

After some vacation with my family I will be assigned to our Franciscan College (Siena) in Loudonville, NY. Loudonville is just a short distance north of Albany. I won't be formally teaching at the College, but I'll be assisting in the work of the Chapel Church the friars staff from the college as well as be available for the students in Campus Ministry and other student activities. I will not be a pastor any longer, so I hope to have a more relaxed schedule to be able to have a little more time to visit my mother who is 95 during the time that she has remaining. Transition to a new place always has its challenges, so please pray for me as I open up another chapter in my life's work. Please be assured of my prayers for you and the welfare of the parish. As I said above, it has been a blessing to have served you as pastor. I won't say a definitive 'good-bye' but a fond 'so long'! Take care, and God bless. As always, Fr. Charles

Reg. Coll., July 23rd: \$1,700. Thanks.

Mass Intentions Week of July 31-Aug. 6:

Mon: 8AM Special Intention

Tues: 8AM +Souls in Purgatory

Wed: 8AM +Sue Annunziata by Jim Henke

Thurs: +Dec. parishioners of Holy Cross/St. Patrick

Fri: 8AM +Tom Paciga by Knights of Columbus

Sat: 4:30PM Intention of Fr. Joseph, the new Administrator

Sun: 8:30AM +Ann Hannigan Rhodes by Craig & Linda English

Sun: 11:00AM +Sue Annunziata by the parish

Please pray for the Sick of our parishes:

G. Rosenberger, P. J. McCarthy, J. Gottesmann, T. Capuano, V. Capuano, H. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R.&J. Sauve, M. Roche, R. Knack, S. Annunziata, M. Mahoney, M.W.

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Bible Study: Bible study on Monday, July 31st, 11:00AM Holy Cross Friary.

Fr. Joseph Raj: Fr. Joseph will be formally installed as administrator of Holy Cross/St. Patrick this weekend. At the 11:00AM Mass on Sunday I will hand over the parish to him in a very brief ceremony after Communion. Following the installation we will honor him at a luncheon following Mass for those who have signed up for the lunch. I'll be also saying goodbye to everyone at the Masses this weekend. Please keep Fr. Joseph and I in your prayers.

Religious Education Registration: Religious Education Registration forms have been given out. Please fill them in and return them to the parish at your first opportunity. If you are registering your child for the first time, you can obtain a form by visiting the parish web-site, www.holycrosscalicoon.com. There are also registration forms available at the entrance to Holy Cross. Fall classes begin Sunday, September 17, 2017, and meet in the parish hall from 9:30 – 11:00AM.

Career Opportunity: The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Bill Schneider, General Agent, at 914-420-6836 or william.schneider@kofc.org.

Faith Formation: Our parish now has access to adult faith formation resources on the internet. It is called *FORMED*. To access the site type into your search engine: Google, Yahoo, etc.: www.formed.org. The site will ask you to enter the parish's access code. Our parish's code is: **WWV83Z**.