

September 10th, 2017

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

Sunday Mass: 11:00AM

Sat. Vigil Mass: 4:30PM

Daily Mass: Mon. – Fri. 8.30 AM Confessions: Saturday 4-4:30PM

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

“The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the cross”

The **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, celebrated every year on September 14, recalls three events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulcher and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in AD 629 by the emperor Heraclius after it had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians in AD 614. Under Constantine, around 327, Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem, caused excavations to be made in order to ascertain the location of Calvary as well as that of the Holy Sepulcher. It was in the course of these excavations that the wood of the Cross was recovered. It was recognized as authentic, and for it was built a chapel or oratory, soon after the discovery of the Cross its wood was cut up into small relics and quickly scattered throughout the Christian World.

The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ’s love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself. Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People in concentration camps, in prisons, in hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ’s.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way. Today, let us look to the cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realize we bring our whole selves to God, our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts everything we are and will become.

O cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus. Amen. God bless you all.

Mass intentions – Sep 2nd – Sep 10th 2017

09th Sat – 4.30 pm + Sue Annunziata by Luida & Micky Roche

10th Sun – 8.30 am + Paul F Schick by Rita Kathe

10th Sun – 11 am + Sue Annunziata by Len, Marcia Bauer

11th Mon - 8.30am Special Intention

12th Tue – 8.30am Special Intention

13th Wed – 8.30am Special Intention

14th Thu – 8.30am + Paul & Rita Rasmussex

15th Fri – 8.30am + Tyrone Casola by the Bernadane

16th Sat – 4.30pm Special Intention

17th Sun – 8.30 am + Sue Annunziata by Shaun & Kerri Sensiba

17th Sun – 11.00am + Sue Annunziata by Tim Bennis

*(Special Intention – No announced mass)

Food for families

The Knights of Columbus and Alter & Rosary Society are collecting non-perishable food items at Holy Cross/ St. Patrick Church for the Blessing Food Pantry in Callicoon. Please place safely-dated items.

Volunteer required

As we read in Mt 9:37, The harvest is plentiful but the labors are few, our church needs some volunteers, especially to teach **catechism** to our kids. Anyone who is interested in teaching and serving our parish, kindly contact Pat. The Co-coordinator or Fr. Joe. God does not call qualified but qualifies the called. God bless you all.

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Thank you 4 ur generosity!!!

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.holycrosscallicoon.org. 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.

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, M. Mahoney, M.W. Ron Rhodes JR

Fr. A. Joe MMI