

**July 23, 2016**

**Holy Cross Church, Callicoon, NY (845)-887-5450 ([www.holycrosscallicoon.com](http://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:

Last Sunday was the day the Church remembered ‘Our Lady of Sorrows.’ Fr. Steve Grunow, who is the CEO of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, wrote an article on: [Why Our Lady of Sorrows?](#) I would like to share with you some of his words for your prayer and reflection. “The great mystery of the Incarnation is that God so desires communion with us that he allows himself to enter into the saddest and most difficult events of life. God in Christ does not exempt himself from the painful experiences of human existence. The Incarnation is a real event that happens in real flesh and blood, rather than in myth or metaphor. It involves real love and therefore very real pain.” “The Incarnation demanded the cooperation of human agents to make it possible. If Christ was to be born into our flesh, he would have to have a mother. It is our faith that the Mother of God accepted the gift of the Incarnation in a way that was wholly singular and unique. God in Christ entered into her life with a depth and intimacy that not even those angels closest to the throne of God have known.” “What the Mother of God accepted was the gift of being able to love God as a mother loves her only beloved Son. But this would mean, as it does for all mothers, a sacrifice – such love would engender pain. To give God his flesh from her flesh would mean that God would make his way into our world as vulnerable as we are. His joy would be her joy. But his suffering would be her suffering as well. She could not protect him from the suffering and death that would be his mission. This is essentially the meaning of the presentation of the Mother of God as Our Lady of Sorrows.” “We make a mistake if we think that because Mary is the Mother of God that this somehow meant that she escaped the more painful experiences of life. In fact, it is better to think that because of the depth of her relationship with Christ, the sad facts of life were enhanced for her rather than dulled. She experienced life knowing the full cost of humanity’s refusal to love, and saw for herself the terrible cost in the manner that her beloved Son suffered and died.” “Each of us will at some point of our lives experience a similar desolation. Like the Mother of God, the events and circumstances of life will offer us not only love, but sorrow. In these moments the witness of the Mother of Sorrows will demonstrate to us that genuine faith is not merely a comfort, a crutch or a diversion. Faith in Christ does not bring with it exemption from the reality of our existence but grants us access to the divine life in all things – even suffering and even death, and it is through precisely these experiences that we learn the extremity of true love.” (wordonfire.org).

Fr. Charles

**Reg. Coll. July 16<sup>th</sup>: \$1,925. Thanks.**

**Mass Intentions Week of July 24-30:**

**Mon: 8AM Special Intention**

**Tues: 8AM +Souls in Purgatory**

**Wed: 8AM Bob White (recovery)**

**Thurs: +Former deceased pastors of Holy Cross**

**Fri: 8AM +Fr. Vincent Grogan, OFM**

**Sat: 4:30PM +Ernest Caldari by his Family**

**Sun: 8:30AM Blessings on Fr. Charles**

**Sun: 11:00AM Blessings on Fr. Josphe Raj (Installation)**

**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 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM Holy Cross Friary.

Fr. Joseph Raj: Fr. Joseph will be formally installed as administer of Holy Cross/St. Patrick next weekend, July 29-30. At the 11:00AM Mass 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 in the bulletin and Mass homily next weekend. Please keep me and Fr. Joseph in your prayers next week. - - 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.com](http://www.holycrosscallicoon.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](mailto: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](http://www.formed.org). The site will ask you to enter the parish's access code. Our parish's code is: WWV83Z.