

**August 06, 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 AM Confessions: Saturday 4-4:30PM

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

**“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice” Phil 4:4**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, I, Joseph Raj MMI, come with my heart filled with gratitude and happiness to share my joy with you. I feel blessed to be here among you in Holy Cross and St. Patrick’s Church. I pray that the almighty God bless everyone in our parish and all those who are in need of our prayers. We have just begun the new month i.e. August which is dedicated for vocations. This month and its nature invites us to pray for more vocations to religious life and to Christian life. We may wonder of what is this vocation to Christian life. Vocation does not mean only to the life of celibacy rather it also includes the call to live as a true Christian. In that sense, every one receives his or her vocation according to the grace received from above. Christ is the head of all and each of us is His parts, everyone receives different functions. Henceforth, we need to pray that all of us realize the call of God which comes to us in various ways and at different times.

The Catholic Church recognizes **four main vocations**. **Priesthood:** A Catholic priest is a male ordained minister of the Church. Because they give their lives in total service to the Church, priests embrace the gift of celibacy and commit to a life of prayer. They proclaim the Good News, teach the Catholic faith, minister the Sacraments, work to build up their local faith community and lead their faith community in worship. **Religious Life:** A religious priest, brother or sister (nun) commits his or her life to sharing in the life and mission of their religious community. Religious priests, brothers and sisters embrace the call to poverty, chastity and obedience, and nurture their call through a life of celibacy, faith, prayer and service. **Marriage:** A married person lives a vow of faithful love to a spouse through the sacrament of marriage. Husbands and wives share a self-giving, love-giving and life-giving relationship with their spouse, and are committed to helping their spouse grow to human and Christian maturity. **Single Life:** A person called to single life comes to believe that remaining single is the true and right way to faithfully live his or her baptismal call. In each vocation, the person lives a life of faith and prayer to continually grow in relationship with God. The Church recognizes that each vocation is equal in the sense that no vocation is better or less than any other. However, because God calls you to a particular vocation - whether marriage, priesthood, religious life or single life - that vocation is the best one for you, and the one that will 'fit' you best and make you the most happy.

**Mass Intentions Week of Aug 7-13:**

**Mon: 8AM Sue Annunziata by Whites**

**Tues: 8AM +Madalyn & Joseph Winbler by Shinley Rangaves**

**Wed: 8AM + Maigore Ray Redman by Shinley Rangaves**

**Thurs: 8 AM + Mary Ann Byrne by Jim Henke**

**Fri: 8AM + Leuda by Leidiene Maria Nascimento Colares**

**Sat: 4:30PM +Madalin Tenbus by her family**

**Sun: 8:30AM + Mary King by Florence Wild**

**Sun: 11:00AM + Mildred Gabel**

**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.

Fr. Charles wishes to thank everyone for their outpouring of kindness at the installation Mass and luncheon last weekend. He is grateful for all the cards, gifts, and personal best wishes. Our prayers are with Fr. Joseph as he assumes the leadership of the parish. May he and the parish community continued to be blessed. Fr. Charles left the parish on Wednesday to travel up to Western NY to visit his family and to enjoy some R&R before he takes up his new assignment at Siena College in Loudonville, NY.

**Bible study on Monday, Aug 7<sup>th</sup>  
11:00AM @ Rectory**

**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.

Our parish new web site is -  
[www.holycrosscallicoon.org](http://www.holycrosscallicoon.org)  
To get every updates and more information, please enter into our parish website. **KINDLY NOTE THE CHANGE OF WEBSITE'S DOMAIN NAME.**

**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: **WWW83Z.**

Please get registered in our Parish. The registration form for every member of our parish is available in our website & at the entrance of the church and so feel free to register. The forms can be sent by mail to Rectory or be handed over to Fr. Joe. Parish registration creates a two-fold obligation: On one hand, the pastor is obligated to serve the spiritual needs of that individual. On the other hand, the individual is obligated to support the mission and needs of the parish.

Regular Coll: \$ 2,009. Thank you for your generosity and contributions.

Fr. A. Joseph Raj MMI