



*“Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

- Lk 3:5-6

HOLY CROSS AND ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Callicoon NY and Long Eddy NY

Holy Eucharist

Mon– Tue / Fri - 8.30 am in Holy Cross Church
First Saturday of month - 8.30 am in Holy Cross Church
Thursday - 6.30 pm in Holy Cross Church
Saturday vigil Mass - 4.30 pm in Holy Cross Church
Sunday morning mass - 11.00 am in Holy Cross Church
Sunday morning mass - 08.30 am in St. Patrick Church

Confession - Saturday 4.00-4.30 pm in Holy Cross Church

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Christmas Day Mass

Dec 24, Vigil Mass @ 4.30 pm (H.C)

Mid-Night Mass @ 11.45 pm (H.C)

Christmas Day Mass @ 8.30 am (St. Patrick's Church—Long Eddy)

Christmas Day mass @ 11.00 am (H.C)

Save date and time convenient to you!!!

Giving Tree

The giving tree will be at Holy Cross on Saturday, November 24th.

We ask that you bring an unwrapped toy to be put under the tree by Sunday, December 9th. The toy can be for a child of any age.

The toys will be taken to United Methodist Church on Friday December 14th and distributed on Saturday December 15th.

Thank you for your generosity !!!

Prayer Requests

J. Gottesmann, T. Capuano, , H. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Budenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, , Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet .

Senior Luncheon

On Wednesday, in St. Patrick's Church, we host lunch for all the seniors and so you are invited to bring every senior member for this luncheon to share our joy of Christ coming.

Wednesday, @ 12 Noon, In St. Patrick's Church - Long Eddy

Stewardship

Dec, 02, 2018

Candle Money \$ 40.00

Poor box \$ 51.00

Sunday Collection \$ 1341.00

Christmas flowers \$ 290.00

Thank you all for your generosity !!!

Have you got your Christmas Child ???

Dear parishioners, have you got your Christmas child for whom you can pray through out Advent season till Christmas? If Not, its time to **pick up one name** from the basket in our church and pray for them. **If you have not yet put your name, you can pick up the sheet and write your complete name and place it in the basket** and somebody will be praying for you. It's just for praying and its not for the gifts. For any clarifications, you can ask Fr. Joseph Raj. Thank you all!!!

Reflection :

Have you ever driven on a zigzag road? If you have, then you know how long it takes to get somewhere. It would be so much faster if you could just take a straight path to your destination. In today's reading, we are told, "The winding roads shall be made straight." But the real question is why roads, especially the road to God, get crooked in the first place. The answer is simple: First, we follow our will, and then we veer back to God. But that doesn't last and we go our own selfish way again. Then we decide to do it God's way, but before long, we are wandering off down our own road of bad intentions again. We do this over and over, and pretty soon we have created a very zigzag path indeed. How do we make our path straight? By following God's will wholeheartedly. Our Father gently calls us to repent from our crooked paths and return home to him. He reaches out and offers to help us find our way directly back to him. But it's up to us if we are going to accept his offer to return from our self-imposed exile and "come back rejoicing, carrying [our] sheaves."

Making straight the path of the lord

First Reading ~ Baruch 5:1-9

Baruch was the name of the secretary of Jeremiah, the prophet who prophesied before and during the Babylonian exile of Israel. The exile in Babylon was a tremendously troublesome time for Israel. It was also a time of extraordinary religious significance because in the depths of their oppression, Israel was richly blessed by the reform and renewal of covenant life. The Babylonian exile was important to Israel as a symbol of God's justice and love. The Church—the new Israel—also looks to this Old Testament period of covenant renewal to help us prepare for celebration of the New Covenant in Christ which occurs at Christmas. Since the Church proposes the Babylonian exile of Israel to us as a model for our Advent preparation, we ought to read Baruch as though he were speaking directly to us in our exile in “Babylon.”

Luke shows a remarkable interest in tying together the Old Covenant and the New Covenant in Christ. Luke is believed to have been a Gentile, and it's likely that the time he spent sharing the missionary travels of St. Paul gave him profound insight into the intimate connection between Judaism and its fulfillment in Christ. In this week's reading, John the Baptist's ministry is introduced; he's the last prophet of the Old Covenant and the first of the New Covenant. John is the great precursor of the Messiah that the prophet Isaiah had foretold. He is, in fact, the precursor of Christ in our souls this Advent season. In a homily on Luke, the early Church theologian, Origen says of the Baptist, “I think that the mystery of John is still being carried on in the world. If a man is to believe in Jesus Christ, the spirit and power of John must first come into his soul and prepare for the Lord a perfect people, make the rough ways of the heart plain, make the crooked straight. Even now the spirit and power of John precede the coming of our Lord and Savior.”

“When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.” CCC 524

“Our Lord himself I saw in this venerable Sacrament [of Confession] ... I felt as if my chains fell, as those of St. Peter at the touch of the Divine messenger. My God, what new scenes for my soul!” —St. Elizabeth Ann Seton www.formed.org

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Dec 08th - Dec 16th 2018

Dec 08th - Sat

**4.30 pm - + David Poley & Melissa Poley Smith
by Pamela Poley**

Dec 9th - Second Sunday of Advent

8.30 am - + Rease Roche by Ed T Sykes

**11.00 am - + Walter & Florence Hubert by their
Children**

Dec 10th Mon—Advent Weekday

4.30 pm -

Dec 11th - Tue- Advent Weekday

8.30 am

Dec 12th - Wed— Our Lady of Guadalupe

No mass

Dec 04th - Thu— St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

6.30 am -

**Dec 14th— Fri- St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr
of the Church**

8.30 am - No mass

Dec 15th— Sat— Advent Weekday

04.30 pm -

Dec 16th – Third Sunday of Advent

8.30am - + Madelin Tenbus by her Family

11.00 am - + Jim HenKe by Mary Schumacher

**The mass intentions are open for next week and
so you invited to offer mass for your beloved
ones both for living (for their health & inten-
tions and diseased)**

Talk to Fr. Joseph for mass intentions ...

Dec, 02nd, 2018

With peace and Love

Fr Joseph Raj MMI and Dn. John Lyttle

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