

HOLY CROSS & ST. PATRICK'S

4th
Sunday
OF ADVENT



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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Stewardship Dec 15, 2019

Sunday Collection	\$ 1030.84
Candles	\$ 25.15
Poor box	\$ 13.01
Christmas Flowers	\$ 60.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Retired religious 2nd	
Collection	\$ 439.00

Thank you all for your support !!!

From a commentary of Luke by Venerable Bede, priest

The Magnificat

Mary said: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. The Lord has exalted me by a gift so great, so unheard of, that language is useless to describe it, and the depths of love in my heart can scarcely grasp it. I offer then all the powers of my soul in praise and thanksgiving. As I contemplate his greatness, which knows no limits, I joyfully surrender my whole life, my senses, my judgment, for my spirit rejoices in the eternal Godhead of that Jesus, that Savior, whom I have conceived in this world of time.

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Mary looks back to the beginning of her song, where she said: *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.* Only that soul for whom the Lord in his love does great things can proclaim his greatness with fitting praise and encourage those who share her desire and purpose, saying: ***Join with me in proclaiming the greatness of the Lord; let us extol his name together.***

Those who know the Lord, yet refuse to proclaim his greatness and sanctify his name to the limit of their power, *will be called least in the kingdom of heaven.* His name is called holy because in the sublimity of his unique power he surpasses every creature and is far removed from all that he had made. ***He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy.*** In a beautiful phrase Mary calls Israel the servant of the Lord. The Lord came to his aid to save him. Israel is an obedient and humble servant, in the words of Hosea: ***Israel was a servant, and I loved him.***

Those who refuse to be humble cannot be saved. They cannot say with the prophet: ***See, God comes to my aid; the Lord is the helper of my soul. But anyone who makes himself humble like a little child is greater in the kingdom of heaven.***

The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. This does not refer to the physical descendants of Abraham, but to his spiritual children. These are his descendants, sprung not from the flesh only, but who, whether circumcised or not, have followed him in faith. Circumcised as he was, Abraham believed, and this was credited to him as an act of righteousness.

The coming of the Savior was promised to Abraham and to his descendants for ever. These are the children of promise, to whom it is said: ***If you belong to Christ, then you are descendants of Abraham, heirs in accordance with the promise.***

From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her son and the son of God. Pope St. John Paul II

Christmas Schedule

December, 24, 2019 (Holy Cross Church)

**4.30 pm : Children Mass
7.30 Choir program
8.00 pm: Christmas Eve Mass**

December, 25, 2019

8.30 am: Christmas day mass (St. Pat)

**11.00 am: Christmas day mass (Holy
Cross Church)**

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Dec 21– Dec, 29, 2019

Dec 21– Saturday

4.30 pm: + Lisa Ann Pastore by Doreen & Jess McDonald

Dec 22– Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.30 am : + Rozalia + Frank Geosits by Frank & Kathy Geosits

11.00 am : William + Helan Theyson by Mary Schumacher

Dec 23- Mon - Late Advent Weekday

8.30 am : + Daniel Rafini by Miki & Mary DePrimo

Dec 24 - Tue - Late Advent Weekday

8.30 am : + + Angie O'Neil by Miki & Mary DePrimo

(Children Mass)

4.30 pm (L) Grazyne (Grace) Matuszko by Ela Clarke & Family

(Night Mass)

8.00 pm :

Dec 25 – Wed– The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

8.30 am:

11.00 am: (L) Arockia Xavier - B'day

Dec 26 – Thu– St. Stephen, the First Martyr

NO MASS

Dec 27 – Fri - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

8.30 am :

Dec 28– Saturday

4.30 pm: + Angie O'Neil by David Smith

Dec 29– The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8.30 am :

11.00 am :

“The liturgy of Advent helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an ‘advent,’ a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously.” — Pope St. John Paul II, December 18, 2002

Prayer Requests

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Budenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, , Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Barbara Donatelli, Anita Robertson, Frank Ruggeiro, Linda Roche and all sick and needy.

With December, 2019, I, Fr. Joe complete two years and six months serving in Holy Cross & St.Patrick's Church. Hence I would like to hear a feedback from you. If you have any suggestions or clarifications or both, you are most welcome to talk to me, which will help me improve in future. I will take everything as a suggestions for my growth and so if you have any words, you are most welcome to say it to me. Let the new year be New year. Hope to see you (at least some) Thank you. Fr. Joseph Raj