

# HOLY CROSS & ST. PATRICK'S



## THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

## 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 22, 2019

**Sunday Collection** \$ 1090.75

**Candles** \$ 79.25

**Poor box** \$ 18.00

**Thank you all for your support !!!**

I would like to thank all of you who have been supporting our parish church in all the way possible and I am really glad that this year 2019 has come to the end and we are ready to enter into 2020 which shall be a year of blessings and God's grace. May the peace of the Lord reign in your hearts and lives. Fr. Joseph.

## Holy Family of Jesus

Today we celebrate the Holy Family comprised of the child Jesus, Mary Most Holy, and St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Together, they model a Christian family focused on both "human and supernatural virtues." May the patterns of love and mutual care in this house of Nazareth elevate the love and peace in our own homes.

### From an address by Pope Paul VI — *Nazareth, a model*

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths. But here we are only on pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing, some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplifying its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings; in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children—and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value—demanding yet redeeming—and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.

In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well being.

(New year mass Schedule )  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - A  
day of obligation

December, 31, 2019 ( Holy Cross Church)

4.00 pm : Vigil mass

January 01, 2020

8.30 am: St. Patrick's Church

11.00 am: Holy Cross Church

We are glad to inform you all that this year 2019, we have contributed for donation of gifts for Christmas Toy Giveaway. With your support, 135 children 946 (local families) received the gifts. Thanks for all your donation and support.

The mass intentions for 2020 is open and you are invited to take masses if needed. You can offer mass for your family members and friends, for their good health, their intentions and for those deceased members of our won family and friends. Each mass is \$15.00 only.

**My gratitude**

I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who dedicated their time to decorate the church for Christmas in both the churches, and the Knights of Columbus and also the CCD coordinator and teachers and parents with their kids who made this Christmas more vibrant and alive with their paly.

Many of you stated last Sunday after 11.00 am mass to decorate the church which was a great sign of co-operating. It was really impressive and happy to have you support in this. This is how we need to do the mission /work of our parish.

A special thanks to our neighbor Mills family, who always help us keep our church clean from snow and icy platform.

My gratitude to everyone for your support and collaboration. Let us continue to do His will together.

**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.

**Mass Intentions**   
FOR THE WEEK

**Dec 28, 2019 – Jan 05, 2020**

**Dec 28– Saturday**

4.30 pm: + Angie O'Neil by David Smith

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

8.30 am : + Ed & Joann Sykes by Ed T Sykes

11.00 am : (L) Kelly Flynn by Ed T Sykes

**Dec 30- Mon - Sixth day within the Octave of the nativity of the Lord**

8.30 am :

**Dec 31 - Tue - Seventh day within the Octave of the nativity of the Lord**

8.30 am :

4.00 pm :

**Jan 01 – Wed– Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

8.30 am:

11.00 am:

**Jan 02 – Thu– St. basil the great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church**

6.30 pm:

**Jan 03 – First Friday - Christmas Weekday**

8.30 am :

**Jan 04 – First Saturday**

4.30 pm:

**Jan 05 – Epiphany of the Lord**

8.30 am : (L) Craig Stewart by Ed T Sykes

11.00 am : + Angie O'Neil by Ed & JoAnn Coates

With Peace and Love

Fr. Joseph Raj & Dn. John Lyttle

December, 29, 2019