

Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



Welcome to Holy Cross Parish

750 Tahmore Drive,
Fairfield, CT 06825-2519

We extend a warm welcome to all newcomers. May you find our parish a place where your faith will be nourished.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 9:30 & 11:00 am

Holy Day Masses: As announced

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Alfred F. Pečarič, S.T.L., *Pastor*

Mrs. Clare Coyne, *Parish Secretary*

Mr. John Ertlmaier, *CPA / Bookkeeper*

Mr. William Sekelsky, *Finance Board Chairman*

Robert Kokorda., *President of Parish Advisory Board*

Mrs. Dorothy Fejes, *Catechist / 203.259.4905*

Organists: Anthony Sagnella, Esq. – *Sundays*
Mrs. Lori Golias – *Saturdays*

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Preparation Class is by appointment only. Arrangement for baptism will be made during the class.

Confession: Saturday, 3:45-4:15 pm and by appointment

COUNCIL & SOCIETIES

Parish Advisory Board: Quarterly – 7:00 pm

Finance Board: Quarterly – 7:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

MAŠNI NAMENI

Sat. Aug. 01 4:30 pm + Allan Chomortany – His Wife, Evelyn

Sun. Aug. 02 10:00 am + Albert Heurich – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler, AND, Philip J. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Mon. Aug. 03 9:00 am Special Intention of Marie Csom – M. L. Weiner

Tues. Aug. 04 9:00 am + Michael Nilo – John & Helen DeCaro

Wed. Aug. 05 9:00 am + Philip J. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Thurs. Aug. 06 9:00 am + Joseph Zacharias – A Friend

Sat. Aug. 08 4:30 pm + Narcisa Pecchiari – Her Nephew and Niece

Sun. Aug. 09 10:00 am + Julius Schindler – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler, AND, John F. Gurrieri, Sr. – Anna Gurrieri

Sat. July 25 4:30 pm

None Assigned

Sat. Aug. 01 4:30 pm

None Assigned

Sun. July 26 10:00 am

None Assigned

Sun. Aug. 02 10:00 am

None Assigned

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Aug. 01 None Assigned

Sat. Aug. 08 None Assigned

DEAR PARISHIONERS: As an unfortunate consequence of the *Corona Virus Pandemic*, please know that our annual parish picnic which was to have taken place on Sunday, September 13th, and, all parish activities and events have been cancelled this year. Many of you have generously donated towards the annual parish picnic, which is considered “*designated or restricted*” by the Diocese, and therefore has to be re-directed. Please request IN WRITING that your “picnic” donation be returned to you, OR, you may indicate that you approve that your “picnic” donation be directed to the needed replacement of the AC/HAV unit which controls the second area of the Church behind the folding doors. The unit is 35 years old and might be able to emit heat in the winter as long as it holds out-no guarantee, but it is no longer able to produce cool air. Please let me know.

MASS TIMES: until further notice, weekend Mass times are: Saturday 4:30 Vigil Mass and Sunday 10:00 am only. Weekday Mass times remains the same: Monday – Thursday at 9:00 am.

PROJECT BELOVED: is now accepting applications for several key positions in our soon-to-be medial practice. We are seeking candidates for the following paid positions: Family Practice Physician (FT or PT); Nurse Practitioner; Medical Assistant; and Receptionist. *Project Beloved Inc* is a non-profit organization whose primary objective it to establish a life-affirming medical center in Stamford, CT. Please contact Tom Amann, Executive Director at: www.projectbeloved.co.

FEAST OF HOLY TRANSFIGURATION: this Thursday, August 6th Holy Mother the Church commemorates and celebrates the great Feast of Our Lord’s Transfiguration, i.e., the manifestation of His glorified Body to His Apostles Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor. Two of the most important figures of the Hebrew Testament: The Great Lawgiver Moses and the Greatest of the Prophets-Elijah appeared with Our Lord in glory. Let us attend this great event which anticipates our own Resurrected state of Body and soul: Blessed be Jesus Christ, true G_D & true man.

**MAKE SURE TO WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN AND USE SANITIZER
FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER CHURCH!**

SUNDAY READINGS FOR EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH: LV: 1 - 3

“Thus, says the Lord: ‘All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed Me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to Me heedfully, listen, that you may have Life. I will renew with you the everlasting Covenant, the benefits assured to David.’”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: CVL: 8 – 9, 15 – 16, 17 - 18

R: *“The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.”*

“The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all His works. R.

The eyes of all look hopefully to You, and You give them their food in due season;

You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. R.

The Lord is just in all His ways and Holy in all His works.

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.” R.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS – VIII: 35 – 37 - 39

“Brothers and Sister: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loves us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor Angels, nor Principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of G_D in Christ, Jesus, Our Lord.”

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW: XIV: 13 - 21

“When the Lord heard of the death of John the Baptist, He withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by Himself. The crowds heard of this and followed Him on foot from their towns. When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them, and He cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached Him and said, ‘This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.’ The Lord said to them, ‘There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.’ But they said to Him, ‘Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.’ Then He said, ‘Bring them here to Me,’ and He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to Heaven, He said the Blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over-twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.”

I ask all of you to please continue your financial support of our parish, as we have suffered the Weekly, Monthly & Maintenance Collections, but still have bills to pay: office equipment, utilities, and salaries. **CONSIDER MAILING IN YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS.**

THANK YOU to all our faithful parishioners who have sent in your offerings. **THANK YOU** for your kindness to our parish.

To all unable to attend Mass, you may wish to arrange regular bank mail-in contributions free of charge through your banks.

THE INFIRM: We pray for the healing & restoration of good health to all our infirm family members, friends, & Parishioners in particular:



Robert Balling, Anna Maria Barchetti, Alan Bedwell, Julienne Burany, Patricia Butzko, Mary Lou Cahill, Phil Cerrone, Jennifer Cronk, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, Melissa Doran, Jon Duguid, Lorraine Ferrone, Linda Grzegowski, Rhoda Harap, Nancy Hocurscak, Peter John, Pam Kegeles, Ron Knight, Mary Ann Koprivec, Louise Kranyik, Johnny Kuczo, Margaret Kuharec, Patricia Land, Pat Lenahan, Madalene Lennon, Eleanor Liskar, Gabriel Loeser, Michael Long, Will Lowney, Lillian Makar, Patty Merola, Jackie Mitchell, James Norris, Marc Pagnozzi, Paul Paris, Gregory Parsley, Ilona Paul, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, Joseph Piliero, Msgr. Tom Powers, George & Richard Prackup, Justina Pšeničnik, Edward & Diane Raschke, Joel Rivera, Patricia Semosky, Annette & Bernie Senderak, Michael Sheets, Louise Tatangelo, Katherine Vallone, Diane Vince, KJ Waller & George Wilson.

We commend to our prayers the souls of all the recently deceased, esp., Rev. Paul F. Merry, and Rev. William F. Virilli. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of G_D rest in Peace. Amen.

Please pray for World Peace, for an end to all unrest throughout the world-especially the Middle East, and for the protection of all our soldiers, troops, and Servicemen, may G_D BLESS & PROTECT THEM, from all evil, harm, & injury, and, return them safely home. Amen.

FEAST DAYS IN AUGUST:

- Sunday, August 02
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, August 04
St. John Vianney, Priest
- Wednesday, August 05
Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Thursday, August 06
Transfiguration of Our Lord
- Friday, August 07
St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companion Martyrs
- Saturday, August 08
St. Dominic, Priest;
In Honor of the BVM
- Sunday, August 09
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Feast of Holy Transfiguration
August 6**



This feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, celebrated in the Eastern Church since the 5th century, was raised to universal celebration in the Western Church by Pope Callixtus III in 1457, in gratitude to Almighty God for the defeat of the invading Muslims by the Papal Naval Forces at the Siege of Belgrade on August 6, 1456, and, for the saving of Christianity throughout Western Europe.

This event of the Transfiguration/ *Metamorphosis* celebrates the glorious mystical meeting/*hypostasis* of human nature in the Person of Jesus-the temporal Messiah, with HIS Divine nature as Eternal God, bridging Heaven and Earth as testified to by 2 of the most important Old Testament figures who appeared conversing with Our Lord: Moses and Elijah. This event was witnessed by the holy Apostles Peter, James & John 40 days prior to Our Lord's passion, death and Resurrection.

The Synoptic Gospels depict this event of Our Lord's appearance in divine Glory as taking place on a "high mountain," which pre-figures the Divine Life that awaits those sanctified in the Blood of the Lamb- the Son of God.

Cf.: MT: XVII: 1 – 9; MK IX: 2 – 8; LK IX: 28 – 26.

This Feast of the Transfiguration may be seen also as a feast of the Holy Trinity, as the Three Divine Persons are interpreted as being present: The Voice of the Father; the Transfigured Person of the Son; and, the presence of the Holy Spirit in the form of the overshadowing Cloud.

The Apostle Paul in his Epistle to II Corinthians: III: 18, reminds them: "transformation of believers (by) holding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord" which became the theological base for contemplating the event of the Transfiguration as the Ikon & Spirituality which leads the Faithful to the knowledge and the reflection of GOD.

July 25/ 26, 2020

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	<i>\$ 1,415.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Co-Op Mission:</i>	<i>\$ 169.00</i>
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	<i>\$ 327.00</i>