

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*

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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. Sept. 05 4:30 pm + Alice Barnett – Patricia Goyette
Sun. Sept. 06 10:00 am + Albert Heurich – Rosalie Pugliese

Mon. Sept. 07 9:00 am + Judith Ann Repak – A Friend
Tues. Sept. 08 9:00 am + Rev. Msgr. Louis A. DeProfio, PA – Linda DeProfio
Wed. Sept. 09 9:00 am + Elsa Havanich – Her Estate
Thurs. Sept. 10 9:00 am + Elsa Havanich – Her Estate

Sat. Sept. 12 4:30 pm + Arthur Patrignelli – His Wife, Patricia Patrignelli
Sun. Sept. 13 10:00 am + Michael Alcaraz – Linda DeProfio, AND, John Fr. Gurrieri, Sr. – Anna Gurrieri and Family

Sat. Sept. 05	4:30 pm	None Assigned	Sat. Sept. 12	4:30 pm	None Assigned
Sun. Sept. 06	10:00 am	None Assigned	Sun. Sept. 13	10:00 am	None Assigned

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Sept. 12 None Assigned Sat. Sept. 19 None Assigned

CCD: to date no determination has been made relative to in person classes vs on line classes. Stay tuned for further notice.

LABOR DAY: this Monday, September 7th we celebrate the national feast of *Labor Day*, commemorating the victory for just pay; just work; and, for the formation of unions protecting legitimate rights of workers.

As we celebrate the *Labor Day* this weekend we are mindful of the events which produced this civil holiday. *Labor Day* was first observed on September 5, 1882, in Boston, MA, by the *CENTRAL LABOR UNION of NY*. It became a federal holiday in 1894, following the deaths of a number of laborers at the hands of the *US MILITARY & US MARSHALS* during the *PULLMAN STRIKE*. President Grover Cleveland brought an end to the strike through reconciliation by recognizing the issues & their legitimacy raised by the labor movements in major cities across the land.

The celebration of Labor Day took the form of a parade comprised of all labor unions, representing Policemen, Firemen, Rescue, and all other Labor & Trade Unions, all exhibiting the strength and the spirit of their organizations. A festival followed the parade, a celebration for all the laborers and their families. It came to be a day free of work; a day marking the end of the summer and the last weekend to vacation prior to the beginning of school.

Socially, Labor Day also marked the last day to wear white, as well as the beginning of the NFL and College Football seasons. *It has also* become the traditional last Hurrah weekend of our American society to enjoy excursions to the beach; picnics; parades; travel; and enjoyment. Furthermore, it is the hallmark of the beginning of the fulltime academic year when schools open and classes convene. It is an opportunity to thank GOD for employment, our comfortable lifestyles, and, for the freedoms we enjoy as a result of the courage and fortitude of the many men who fought for these rights. Please pray that all unemployed people who are looking for work may find it.

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: this Tuesday, September 8th we commemorate the nativity of Mary, the *Holy Theotokos-the Mother of G D*. Sacred Tradition commemorates the event as a Liturgical feast on September 8th, nine months after the solemnity of her Immaculate Conception celebrated on December 8th. This feast may have originated somewhere in Syria or Palestine in the beginning of the sixth century, when after the Council of Ephesus in the year 451, the cult of the *Mother of G_D* was greatly intensified, especially in Syria. The first Liturgical commemoration is connected with the sixth century dedication of the *Basilica Sanctae Mariae ubi nata est*, now called the Church of St. Anne in Jerusalem. The original Church built in the fifth century, was a Marian Basilica erected on the spot known as the shepherd's pool and thought to have been the home of the Virgin Mary's parents. In the seventh century, the feast was celebrated by the Byzantines as the feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Maurilius instituted this feast at Angers, France, in consequence of a revelation about 430. Accordingly, on the night of September 8th, a man heard the angels singing in Heaven, and on asking the reason, they told him they were rejoicing because the Virgin was born that night.

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER CHURCH!

SUNDAY READINGS FOR TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL XXXIII: 7-9

“Thus, says the Lord: You, Son of Man, I have appointed Watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear Me say anything, you shall warn them for Me. If I tell the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you shall surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM XCV: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R: *“If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.”*

“Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to Him. R.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

For He is our G_D, and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides. R.

Oh, that today you would hear His voice: ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted Me; they tested Me though they had seen My works.’ R.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS XIII: 8-10

“Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the Law. The Commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,’ and whatever other Commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love does no evil to the neighbor, love is the fulfillment of the Law.”

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW XVIII: 15 – 20

“The Lord said to His Disciples: ‘If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses,’ if he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church. If he refuses to listen even to the Church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a Tax Collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on Earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on Earth shall be loosed in Heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on Earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my Heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

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, Iona Paul, Eric Pelletier, 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. 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 SEPTEMBER:

- Sunday, September 06
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, September 08
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday, September 05
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, September 13
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29/30, 2020

Regular Collection: \$ 1,1512.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 225.00

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 8**



Although the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not mentioned in the Holy Scriptures, sacred Tradition from the *Apocryphal Protoevangelium of St. James V: 2*, recounts the story of a very holy and wealthy man, Joachim and his wife Hannah-Ann, who were both advanced in years & yet childless. When Joachim went to offer the customary sacrificial offering at the Temple of Jerusalem, the High Priest, Issachar, refused his offering for not having given offspring to Israel considering him unworthy.

Shamed by the event, Joachim sought refuge in the countryside where he wept and prayed to G_D for relief. At the same time, Hannah was praying in their home in Jerusalem when the Angel Gabriel appeared to both simultaneously and announced to them that they would bear a child whose name would be known throughout the ages, and from whom the Mercy of G_D would dawn-the Child would advance G_D's plan of Salvation for the world. This statement accents the special presence of G_D in Mary's life from the very beginning of conception in her mother-Ann's womb.

St. Augustine links Mary's birth with Our Lord's saving work. He tells the Earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. *"She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious Lily of the Valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our 1st parents Adam & Eve is changed."* A reference to the Prophet Micah V: 1-2

"But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore, the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel."

This feast of Our Lady's Nativity was celebrated in Jerusalem on September 8th from the 5th century, when the Basilica of St. Mary was dedicated. St. Romanos composed many hymns used during the *Divine Liturgy* to honor the *Holy Theotokos-Mary "the Ever Blessed and Most Glorious Lady, the Holy Mother of G_D."*