

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: 10:00 am
Holy Day Masses: As announced

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Alfred F. Pečarič, S.T.L., *Pastor*
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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. Oct. 31 4:30 pm + Philip H. Cerrone, Jr. – Sully & Patty Sullivan
Sun. Nov. 01 10:00 am + In Honor of All Saints

Mon. Nov. 02 9:00 am + Release of the Holy Souls from Purgatory
Tues. Nov. 03 9:00 am + Sylvia Cappetto – John & Helen DeCaro
Wed. Nov. 04 9:00 am + Rev. Roy N. Henderson – A Friend
Thurs. Nov 05 9:00 am Special Intention of Mark Hudson – His Wife Lela Hudson

Sat. Nov. 07 4:30 pm + Virginia Desel – James & Diane Caserta
Sun. Nov. 08 10:00 am + Dr. Leticia S. Galvez – Frank & Fran Federico & Family

Sat. Oct. 31	4:30 pm	None Assigned	Sat. Nov. 07	4:30 pm	None Assigned
Sun. Nov. 01	10:00 am	None Assigned	Sun. Nov. 08	10:00 am	None Assigned

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Nov. 07 None Assigned Sat. Nov. 14 None Assigned

Solemnity of All Saints / Praznik Useh Svetih November 1, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS/PRAZNIK USEH SVETIH: today, Sunday, November 1st is typically a Holy Day is the Solemnity of All Saints. Please pray for all the Baptized of the Church, that the life and example of the Saints and Martyrs may inspire them to refute sin in their life, return to their Baptismal pledge of fidelity to Christ through the Sacraments of the Church, and, to bear witness to our Holy Faith.

UNITE OUR NATION EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AND ROSARY RALLY: Please join us this afternoon at 3 PM for an All Saints' Day Unite Our Nation Eucharistic Procession and Rosary Rally. The Eucharistic Procession will begin immediately after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 1719 Post Road, Fairfield, CT. We will pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary as we process to Sherman Green. At Sherman Green we will pray the Litany of the Saints, asking the intercession of the whole Church in Heaven to obtain the grace of unity and peace for our town, state, and nation. The procession will return to St. Thomas as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at approximately 4:30. Participants are reminded to wear masks and observe the other CDC-recommended health precautions! Join us on Nov. 1 in prayer and witness to our Catholic faith alive in the world!

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS: tomorrow, Monday, November 2nd we remember our beloved Deceased, especially our parishioners who entered Eternal Life from November 2, 2019 – November 1, 2020. A candle lit memorial for each Deceased of all parish will be included at the 9:00 am Mass; join us at Mass to pray for your beloved Deceased. All parishioners are invited to pray for all our beloved Deceased, to visit the graves of your family members who have passed into Eterna Life, and, to pray for the release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially for those who have no one to interceded for them.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Holy Cross, Fairfield raised 38 gifts worth \$10,185 from 28 donors bringing the parish to 62.87% of its \$16,200 goal. Please consider making a pledge to help us meet the parish goal. If the goal is not met it will be Taken out of the weekly collections which are already much depleted as a result of the C-Virus.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION vii: 3 – 4, 9 - 14

“I, John, saw another Angel come up from the East, holding the Seal of the Living G_D. He cried out in a loud voice to the four Angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, ‘Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our G_D.’ I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the Children of Israel. After this I had a vision of a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation comes from our G_D, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.’ All the Angels stood around the throne and around the Elders and the four living Creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped G_D, and exclaimed: ‘Amen, blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our G_D forever and ever. Amen.’ Then, one of the Elders spoke up and said to me, ‘Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?’ I said to him, ‘My Lord, you are the one who knows.’ He said to me ‘These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.’”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM XXIV: 1 – 2, 3 – 4, 5 - 6

R: *“LORD, this is the people that longs to see Your face.”*

“The LORD’s are the Earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.

For HE founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. R.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? Or, who may stand in HIS Holy Place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain. R.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from G_D his savior.

Such is the race that seek HIM, that seeks the face of the G_D of Jacob. R.

A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF ST. JOHN III: 1 - 3

“Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the Children of G_D. Yet, so we are. The reason that world does not know us is that it did not know HIM. Beloved, we are G_D’s Children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like HIM, for we shall see HIM as HE is. Everyone who has this hope based on HIM makes himself pure, as HE is pure.”

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW V: 1 - 12

“When the LORD saw the crowds, He went up the mountain, and after He had sat down, His disciples came to Him. He began to teach them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see G_D. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Children of G_D. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven., Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely, because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven.”

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 Hocuscak, 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, esp., Rev. Roy N. Henderson. 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 NOVEMBER:

- Sunday, November 1
Solemnity of All Saints
- Monday, November 2
Commemoration of All Souls
- Tuesday, November 3
St. Martin de Pores, Religious
- Wednesday, November 4
St. Charles Borromeo
- Saturday, November 7
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, November 8
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 1st



During the early ages of our Church, a great Persecution broke out against all committed Christians beginning with the order of the Roman Emperor Nero in the year 64 AD, which lasted until the Emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Toleration in 313 AD.

Under the period of this great persecution, many Christians were tortured and martyred for the profession of their faith in the Son of G_D, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Their martyrdom served to empower the surviving holy Believers who were forced into hiding to avoid extermination.

Surviving Christians solemnized the date of each martyr's death as the day of their entrance into Eternal Life in Heaven in union with G_D. This was typically done at the place of their martyrdom. Frequently groups of martyrs were sacrificed on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. The Church believed that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all the martyred. We find the first trace of this custom in the city of Antioch on the First Sunday after Pentecost- a tradition which the Eastern Orthodox Church continues to uphold.

In the Western Church, Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to all Martyrs on May 13, 609, establishing an annual celebration in Rome to commemorate their witness to Christ.

On November 1st, in the year 735, Pope Gregory III consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. He established it as an annual memorial to be celebrated every 1st of November, to honor of all the Saints, Martyrs, and Confessors.

Pope Gregory IV in the year 830, extended this celebration to the entire Universal Church, and declared it as a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION to attend Mass, to honor the Faithful, who because of their witness to Christ Crucified and Risen in Glory, enjoy the Beatific Vision in Heaven. These Saints in Heaven (*the Church Triumphant*) support, and, intercede on behalf of the Faithful in the world (*the Church Militant*) in their battle against the enemies of G_D and His Saints, who in turns intercedes by prayer for the Holy Soul in Purgatory (*the Church Suffering.*)

October 24/ 25, 2020

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