

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*
Mrs. Clare Coyne, *Parish Secretary*
Mr. John Ertlmaier, *CPA / Bookkeeper*
Mr. William Sekelsky, *Finance Board Chairman*
Robert Kokorda., *President of Parish Advisory Board*
Mrs. Jackie Azarian, *Coordinatrix – 203. 218.5525;*
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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. Nov. 07 4:30 pm + Virginia Desel – James & Diane Caserta
Sun. Nov. 08 10:00 am + Dr. Leticia S. Galvez – Frank & Fran Federico & Family
Mon. Nov. 09 9:00 am + Elsa Havanich – Her Estate
Tues. Nov. 10 9:00 am + Lou Alice Nilo – John & Helen DeCaro
Wed. Nov. 11 9:00 am + John McGrath – The Federico Family
Thurs. Nov 12 9:00 am + Joan Meszaros – Her Husband & Family

Sat. Nov. 14 4:30 pm + Josef Bukovec, Sr. – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Sun. Nov. 15 10:00 am + Eugene Paraska – His Wife Jeanette & Family

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ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Nov. 14 None Assigned Sat. Nov. 21 None Assigned

FROM THE PASTOR:

DEAR PARISHIONERS: if you are frustrated with the mandates of the Diocese and the State regarding the *Corona Virus Pandemic*, know you are not alone. Many folks have expressed their anxiety, frustration, and impatience at having to wear masks in public places. It has been reported that young adults have disregarded safety measures which have resulted in a spike of infection by attending bars, gatherings, parties, and restaurants without considering the consequences.

As a Disciples of Our Lord, we ought all to respect the mandates as safety precautions for ourselves and for our neighbor. Remember the Scribe's question to Our LORD: "which of the Commandments of the Law is the greatest?" After proffering the First and Greatest, Our LORD added: "and the Second is like it-love your neighbor as yourself." We have to consider our actions may negatively affect other people. As one wise Rabbi once paraphrased: "do to no one what you would hate done to you." PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR YOUR MASKS, MAINTAIN DISTANCE, AND, WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN!

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the usual Monthly Collection.

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CCD/RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES: meet Monday afternoons from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, following the Fairfield Public School Calendar. In the event of inclement weather, please stay tuned to the local news for cancellations.

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM vi: 12 - 16

"Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of Wisdom is the perfection of Prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM LXIII: 2, 3 – 4, 5 – 6, 7 - 8

R: "My soul is thirsting for YOU, O LORD, my G_D."

"O G_D, YOU are my G_D whom I seek, for YOU my flesh pines,

And my soul thirsts like the Earth, parched, lifeless and without water. R.

Thus, have I gazed toward YOU in the Sanctuary to see YOUR power and YOUR glory,

For YOUR kindness is a great good than life; my lips shall glorify YOU. R.

Thus, will I bless YOU while I live; lifting up my hands, I shall call upon YOUR Name.

As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise YOU. R.

I shall remember YOU upon my couch, and through the night-watches I shall meditate on YOU:

YOU are my help, and in the shadow of YOUR wings I shout for joy. R.

A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS IV: 13 - 18

"We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that the LORD died and rose, so too will G_D, through the LORD, bring with HIM those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the LORD, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the LORD, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the LORD HIMSELF, with a word of command, with the voice of an Archangel and with the trumpet of G_D, will come down from Heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air. Thus, we shall always be with the LORD. Therefore, console one another with these words."

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW XXV: 1 - 13

"The LORD told HIS Disciples this parable: 'The Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish one said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'"

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, Julianne Burany, Patricia Butzko, Mary Lou Cahill, 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 Kuzco, 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, 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 8
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, November 9
Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran
- Tuesday, November 10
St. Leo the Great
- Wednesday, November 11
St. Martin de Tours, Bishop
- Thursday, November 12
St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
- Friday, November 13
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Religious
- Saturday, November 14
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, November 15
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St. Martin of Tours
November 11**



Martin was born in 316 in Savaria- Szombathely, in Hungary. His father was a Tribune in the Imperial Horse Guard of the Roman Army who was later assigned to Pavia in Italy, where his son-the young Martin grew up. At the age of 10, Martin began attending the Christian Church-which was newly liberated by the Roman Emperor Constantine.

Much against his parents' wishes, Martin enrolled for Religious Instructions, but was not baptized. As the son of an Army Officer, he was required to join the Cavalry. Around 334, at age 18, he was stationed at Amiens-now in France.

While there, he experienced a vision: as he was approaching the city gate of Amiens, he met a barely clad beggar. He impulsively cut his military cloak in half to share with the man. That night, he had a dream of Our Lord Jesus Christ, wearing half the cloak he had given to the beggar. He heard Our Lord say to an Angel: 'Here is Martin, the Roman Soldier who is not baptized; he has clad me.' When Martin awoke from the dream, he found the cloak restored to its full size. This event led him to be baptized. He was then convinced that his Christian conscience prohibited him from engaging in war stating: "I am a soldier of Christ. I cannot fight." Charged with cowardice, he was imprisoned. To fight this charge of cowardice he volunteered to go to the front lines unarmed. Without warning, the invaders asked for terms of peace, avoiding battle. Martin was then released from Military Service. He made his way to Tours, where he became a Monk and a strong defender of Trinitarian Christianity opposing the Arian heresy prevalent at the time.

From the late Middle Ages, it became custom to honor Martin's feast day as a lover of the poor and of children, by celebrating with a feast of new wine & a sumptuous meal prior to beginning the 40 days fast before Christmas. This became known as *Martinovanje-Slovenijan for St. Martin's Fast*. Today, we call this period of fasting: *Advent*, which has been abbreviated to the 4 weeks before Christmas This season is characterized by the Advent Wreath, bearing 3 purple and 1 rose colored candles lighted on their respective Advent weekends.

October 31/ November 01, 2020

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	<i>\$ 1,045.00</i>
<i>All Saints:</i>	<i>\$ 336.00</i>
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	<i>\$ 61.00</i>