

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*
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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. 21 4:30 pm + Mr. & Mrs. Henry Campolucci – John & Helen DeCaro
Sun. Nov. 22 10:00 am + Philip J., Philip C., and, Florence DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Mon. Nov. 23 9:00 am + Rev. Patrick Malcom Jones – a Friend
Tues. Nov. 24 9:00 am + Estelle Nilo – John & Helen DeCaro
Wed. Nov. 25 9:00 am + Rev. Roy Henderson – A Friend
Thurs. Nov. 26 9:00 am Thanksgiving to Almighty G_D

Sat. Nov. 28 4:30 pm + William E. Fay III, Michael & Clare Coyne
Sun. Nov. 29 10:00 am + Susan Duh – The Duh Family, AND, Alex Zlatar – Anna Gurrieri & Family

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Sun. Nov. 22 10:00 am	None Assigned	Sun. Nov. 29 10:00 am	None Assigned

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Nov. 28 None Assigned Sat. Dec. 05 None Assigned

Solemnity of Christ the King / Praznik Jezusa Kristusa, Kralj Vesoljstva: November 22, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, THE UNIVERSAL KING: today, November 22nd, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ, the King, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year in Cycle A.

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the *Christmas Flower* Collection.

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THANKSGIVING DAY: this Thursday, November 26th marks the National Holiday of Thanksgiving Day, a day to render gratitude to Almighty G_D for the blessings, freedoms, and plentiful harvest we enjoy there in the USA. There will be a 9:00 am sung Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Please remember to offer a prayer of gratitude and thanksgiving and pray for the less fortunate and all Soldiers who are away from their families as you enjoy the feast of the bounty of Our LORD.

THE HOLY ADVENT SEASON: begins next weekend November 28th/29th with the Liturgical year of Grace of 2021. The Sunday Readings will follow Cycle B; the weekday Readings will follow Cycle 1. The Advent color is purple reflecting the awaiting of and preparing for the birth of the Messiah-Our Lord Jesus Christ. The faithful are reminded to observe Advent as the preparation for the Nativity of the Son of G_D which we celebrate at Christmas. Remember, despite all the secular trappings, Christmas is about the birth of the Holy Child, so, let us truly rejoice at the coming of the Light from Heaven Who illuminates our life with comfort, peace, and joy as we await our entrance into the glory of Heaven.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL XXXIV: 11 – 12, 15 - 17

“Thus, says the LORD G_D: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the LORD G_D. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord G_D, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM XXIII: 1 – 2, 2 – 3, 5 – 6

R: “The LORD is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want

In verdant pastures HE gives me repose. R

Beside restful water HE leads me; HE refreshes my soul

HE guides me in right paths for HIS Names’ sake. R

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. R

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the House of the LORD for years to come.”

A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS XV: 20 – 26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since Death came through man, the Resurrection of the Dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die so too in Christ shall all be brought to Life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at His coming, those who belong to Him ; then comes the End, when He hands over the Kingdom to His G_D and Father, when He has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power, For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is Death. When everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to the One who subjected everything to Him, so that G_D may be all in all.”

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW: XXV: 31 - 46

“The LORD said to His Disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the Angels with Him, He will sit upon His glorious throne, and all the Nations will be assembled before Him. And He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on His right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on is right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the World. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer Him and say, LORD, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? When did we see You ill or in prison and visit You?’ And the King will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine you did for me.’ Then, He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the Eternal Fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’ Then they will answer and say, “LORD, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to Your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to Eternal Punishment, but the righteous to Eternal Life.”

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, Jennifer Cronk, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, Melissa Doran, Jon Duguid, Dorota Fejes, 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, 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., Ivanka (Giovanna) Perini. 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 22
Solemnity of Christ the King
- Monday, November 23
St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr
- Tuesday, November 24
St. Andrew Dung Lac, Priest and Companion Martyrs
- Wednesday, November 25
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
- Thursday, November 26, 2020
USA: Thanksgiving Day
- Saturday, November 28
In Honor of Our Lady
- Sunday, November 29
First Sunday in Advent

**Solemnity of Jesus Christ
The Universal King**



“The Angel Gabriel said to Mary: ‘You have found favor with G_D. You shall conceive and bear a son and give Him the name Yehushuah-Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the MOST HIGH. The LORD G_D will give Him the throne of David His father. He will rule over the House of Jacob forever, and His reign will be without end.’” – LK: 30 - 33

“Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned the LORD and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Our LORD answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief Priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” The LORD answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” The LORD answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the Truth. Whoever belongs to the Truth listens to my voice.” JN 18:33-37

Our LORD Himself speaks of His own Kingly authority & of the rewards and punishments that will be the Eternal Lot of the just & the damned respectively. After His Resurrection, He solemnly proclaimed that all power was given to Him in Heaven and on Earth. cf., MT XVIII: 18.

“That in the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those that are in Heaven, & on Earth, & under the Earth: and that every tongue should confess that the LORD, Jesus Christ, is in the glory of G_D the Father.” – PHIL II: 1- 11, which is why we genuflect before the Tabernacle, which contains the Real Presence of Our LORD, Jesus Christ.

Published in 1925, Pope Pius XI’s encyclical *QUAS PRIMAS*, addresses the Kingship of Christ, quoting St. Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Our LORD’s Kingship “is not obtained by violence, but by His essence and by His nature,” as He is co-substantial with the Father.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER:

May Christ the King be a welcomed Guest at our Thanksgiving table; bless it with abundance from the harvest of the fruits of the Earth, with family harmony, happiness, holiness, peace, prosperity, and holy protection. Amen.

November 14 /15, 2020

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	<i>\$ 934.00</i>
<i>Maintenance:</i>	<i>\$ 561.00</i>
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	<i>\$ 83.00</i>