

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*
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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. Dec. 05 4:30 pm + Linda Rich – James & Diane Caserta
Sun. Dec. 06 10:00 am + Allan Chomortany – His Wife, Evelyn, AND, Deceased of the Schindler Family – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Mon. Dec. 07 9:00 am + Marge Sabia – A Friend
Tues. Dec. 08 9:00 am + Rev. Msgr. Louis A. DeProfio, PA – Linda DeProfio
Wed. Dec. 09 9:00 am + Elsa Havanich – Her Estate
Thurs. Dec. 10 9:00 am + Elsa Havanich – Her Estate

Sat. Dec. 12 4:30 pm + Raymond “Bobby” Giansanti – Ed & Michele Colon
Sun. Dec. 13 10:00 am + Eugenia Pečarič – Her Children

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

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Dec. 12 None Assigned Sat. Dec. 18 None Assigned

Second Sunday in Advent / Druga Adventna Nedelja: December 6, 2020

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: this Tuesday, December 8th marks the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: the event when Our Lady-Mary, was conceived in the womb of her mother St. Ann without Original Sin; it is a Holy Day.

The Immaculate Conception is NOT to be confused with “*the Virgin Birth*” which refers to Our Lady-Mary’s conceiving, Our Lord Jesus Christ- the Son of G_D in her womb, which is known as THE INCARNATION. The Incarnation refers to the 2nd Person of the Holy Trinity of divine nature assuming human nature through the body of the Blessed Virgin Mary and becoming man in all things but sin. Being the Son of G_D “*consubstantial with the Father*” His essence is Divine, so HE was born without Original Sin.

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX, decreed:

“From the first instance of Her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, (Mary) was preserved from all stain of Original Sin.”

MASS FOR THE HOLY DAY IS: Tuesday December 8th – 9:00 am

CHRISTMAS WINE BASKET RAFFLE: will be drawn on Wednesday, December 23rd following the 9:00 am Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS: This year, so far, there are 3 Masses scheduled for Christmas: the 4:30 Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve; and, the 12:00 Midnight, and the 10:00 am Masses on Christmas Day.

In Observance of the State mandate, I am asking that EVERYONE call the office or send an e-mail ASAP and register for the time of Mass you would like to attend for Christmas. Once the number has reached 50, you will be asked to choose another time for Mass.

In the event we have a need, the former Sunday Mass schedule of 9:30 and 11:00 would be restored- in addition to the Vigil and Midnight Masses.

Please call the office, or send an e-mail to register for the time of the Christmas Mass you plan to attend.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH XL: 1 – 5, 9 - 11 2 - 7

“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your G_D. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated. Indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: ‘In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our G_D! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low. The rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then, the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings. Cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Feat not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your G_D! Here comes with power the LORD G-D, Who rules by His strong arm; His recompense before Him. Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs, carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM LXXXV: 9 – 10, 11 – 12, 13 - 14

R: *“LORD, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.”*

*“I will hear what G_D proclaims; the LORD - for He proclaims peace to His people,
Near indeed is His salvation to those who fear Him, glory dwelling in our land. R.
Kindness and Truth shall meet; Justice and Peace shall kiss.*

Truth shall spring out of the Earth, and Justice shall look down from Heaven. R.

The LORD Himself will give His benefits; our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before Him, ad salvation, along the way of His steps.”

A READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF ST. PETER III: 8 - 14

“This point must not be overlooked, dear friends. In the LORD’s eyes, one day is as a thousand year and a thousand years are as a day. The LORD does not delay in keeping His promise-though some consider it delay.’ Rather, He shows you generous patience, since He wants none to perish but all to come to repentance. The Day of the LORD will come like a thief, and on that day the Heavens will vanish with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the Earth and all its deeds will be made manifest. Since, everything is to be destroyed in this way, what sort of men must you not be! How holy in your conduct and devotion, looking for the coming of the Day of G_D and trying to hasten it! Because of it, the Heavens will be destroyed in flames and the elements will melt away in a blaze. What we await are new Heavens and a new Earth where, according to His promise, the justice of G_D will reside. So, beloved, while waiting for this, make very effort to be found without stain or defilement, and at peace in His sight.”

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK I: 1 – 8

“Here begins the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of G_D. In Isaiah the Prophet, it is written ‘I send my messenger before you to prepare your way: a herald’s voice in the desert, crying- Make ready the way of the LORD, clear Him a straight path. Thus, it was that John the Baptizer appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to the forgiveness of sins. All the Judean countryside and the people of Jerusalem went out to him in great numbers. They were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist. His food was grasshoppers and wild honey. The theme of his preaching was: ‘One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie His sandal straps. I have baptized you in water; He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.”

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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, Robi Capuder, Jennifer Cronk, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, Melissa Doran, Jon Duguid, Lorraine Ferrone, Linda Grzegowski, Rhoda Harap, Nancy Hocurscak, Vinnie Hurosachak, 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., Sherri Us. 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 DECEMBER:

- Sunday, December 06
Second Sunday in Advent
- Monday, December 07
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor
- Tuesday, December 08
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- Wednesday, December 09
St. Juan Diego
- Friday, December 11
St. Damascus I, Pope
- Saturday, December 12
In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Sunday, December 13
Third Sunday in Advent

HOLY ADVENT SEASON
ADVENT II



Every year, the holy season of Advent reminds us to prepare spiritually for the coming of Our LORD by a Sacramental Confession, as St. John the Baptist bids us: *“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”*

Man cannot live without hope. Unlike animals, we are blessed with the ability to arbitrate-to choose-to think about our life and our future. Without hope, we have nothing to live for and when we have nothing to look forward to we surrender to despair.

In the First Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah, on this Second Sunday in Advent, the holy Prophet inspires hope as he announces the favor of the Lord G_D: *“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your G_D. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.”*

Isaiah alludes to the desert as a symbol of the purification of our wayward hearts and he exhorts us to prepare the way of the LORD. By our acknowledging our sins and repenting of them, we make straight a highway for our G_D. It is only after we have made such a preparation that the “glory of the LORD shall be revealed.”

In the Holy Gospel, the Holy Apostle St. Mark echoes the exhortation of the Prophet Isaiah through the ministry of St. John the Baptist. St. John appears in the desert-the place of purification from the sins of city life. Many of the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him acknowledging and confessing their sins as he baptized them in the waters of the Jordan River.

Confession of sins is an integral part of Advent, the season of preparing for the Light from Heaven-the Messiah of G_D, Whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. In truth, we cannot celebrate the birth of Christ if we do not spiritually prepare to receive Him with a clear conscience, with a clean heart, and our soul free from sin.

The inhabitants of Jerusalem publicly confessed their sins to one another and to St. John. We confess our sins in a more personal setting to a duly ordained Priest, who configures Christ Himself. It is Christ the spiritual Healer who absolves our sins through the ministry of the Priest.

One of the hallmarks of a sacramental Confession is humility, to kneel down and express our contrition for the times we have offended Our Lord.

November 21 /22 2020

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,765.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 432.00
Miscellaneous:	\$ 332.00

November 28/29, 2020

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,511.00
Miscellaneous:	\$ 583.00
Retired Priests Collection:	\$ 397.00