

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

Mon. Dec. 14 9:00 am +
Tues. Dec. 15 9:00 am + Valentin (Zdravko) Hribar – Družina Hribar
Wed. Dec. 16 9:00 am +
Thurs. Dec. 17 9:00 am + Florence DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Sat. Dec. 19 4:30 pm + Elizabeth Cowic – James & Diane Caserta
Sun. Dec. 20 10:00 am + Philip J., Philip C., and, Florence DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

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| Sat. Dec. 12 4:30 pm | None Assigned | Sat. Dec. 19 4:30 pm | None Assigned |
| Sun. Dec. 13 10:00 am | None Assigned | Sun. Dec. 20 10:00 am | None Assigned |

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Dec. 18 None Assigned Sat. Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Third Sunday in Advent / Tretja Adventna Nedelja: December 13, 2020

GAUDETE SUNDAY: this Sunday, is the Third Sunday in Advent known *Gaudete* Sunday. It is so called “*Gaudete –Rejoice*” from the first word of the Antiphon of the Traditional Mass of the Latin Rite (known as the *Tridentine* Mass). It is taken from the Latin translation of the Epistle to Philippians IV: 4 – 5, which sets the tone of joyful anticipation of the LORD’s birth and Second Coming: “*Rejoice in the LORD always. I say it again, rejoice.*” Echoing this spirit of joy of the coming of our Saviour, and so to soften the penitential aspect of Advent, the color of the vestments at Mass is changed to rose, as is the third candle in the Advent Wreath.

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Holy Cross Parishioners have raised 39 gifts worth \$10,285 from 29 donors bringing the parish to 63.49% of its \$16,200 goal. THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Appeal. I ask all of you to consider a donation to help us reach the goal.

CHRISTMAS MASS: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIMES OF CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:

December 24, 2020 – 4:30 Vigil Mass remains the same

December 25, 2020 – Midnight Mass remains the same – 00:00 Midnight

December 25, 2020 – 9:30 am AND 11:00 am

NOTE: there will be NO 10:00 am Mass on Christmas Day only. After Christmas we will resume the 10:00 am Mass.

IF YOU REGISTERED FOR THE 10:00 AM MASS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO REREGISTER FOR EITHER THE 9:30 AM OR 11:00 AM MASS.

NEW YEAR’S DAY: marks the Solemnity of Our Lady, Mary, the *Holy Theotokos-the GOD bearer*, falls on Friday, January 1st it is a Holy Day to attend Mass. Mass times will be as follows:

New Year’s Eve, Thursday, December 31st -4:30 Vigil, and on Friday, January 1st – 10:00 am

You invited to attend the 10:00 am Mass on New Year’s Day to consecrate the new year of 2021 to Our Lord, invoking His blessing, for protection and peace.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH LXI: 1 – 2, 10 - 11

“The spirit of the LORD G_D is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners; to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our G_D. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my G_D is the joy of my soul; for He has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice. Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels; as the Earth brings forth its plants and a garden makes its growth spring up, so, will the LORD G_D make Justice and Praise spring up before all the Nations.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM LUKE I: 46 – 48, 49 – 50, 53 - 54

R: “My soul rejoices in my G_D.”

“My being proclaims the greatness of the LORD, my spirit finds joy in G_D my Saviour,

For, He has looked upon His handmaid in her lowliness: all ages to come shall call me blessed. R.

G_D Who is Mighty has done great things for me HOLY is His Name;

His mercy is from age to age on those who fear Him. R.

The hungry He has given every good thing, while the rich He has sent empty away.

He has upheld Israel His servant, ever mindful of His mercy. R.”

A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS V: 16 – 24

“Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is G_D’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not stifle the Spirit. Do not despise Prophecies. Test everything: retain what is good. Avoid any semblance of Evil. May the G_D of Peace make you perfect in holiness. May you be preserved whole and entire, spirit, soul and body, irreproachable at the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. He who calls us is trustworthy, therefore He will do it.”

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN I: 6 – 8

“There was a man named John sent by G_D, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through him all men might believe-but only to testify to the Light, for he himself was not the Light. The testimony John gave when the Jews sent Priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask ‘Who are you?’ was the absolute statement, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ They questioned him further, ‘Who then, Elijah? I am not Elijah,’ he answered. ‘Are you the Prophet? No’ he replied. Finally, they said to him: ‘tell us who you are, so that we can give some answer to those who sent us. What do you have to say for yourself?’ He said, quoting the Prophet Isaiah, ‘I am-a voice in the desert, crying out: make straight the way of the Lord!’ Those whom the Pharisees had sent proceeded to question him further: ‘If you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet, why do you baptize?’ John answered them: ‘I baptized with water. There is one among you whom you do not recognize-the One who is to come after me-the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to unfasten.’ This happened in Bethany, across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.”

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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, Julianne 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 Hocuscak, Vinnie Hurosck, 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 13
Third Sunday in Advent
- Monday, December 14
St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor
- Saturday, December 19
In Honor of Our Lady
- Sunday, December 20
Fourth Sunday in Advent;

**HOLY ADVENT SEASON
ADVENT III**



On this Third Sunday in Advent, known as *Gaudete* Sunday, the Church encourages us to rejoice with an inner sense of gladness in the midst of this busy season as we anticipate the coming of the Messiah-the Light from Heaven who illuminates our path to the glory of the Father, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, first, at His coming by His birth as man-which we celebrate on the Holy Day of Christmas-and secondly, at His coming at the end of the ages when He will return in Glory to judge the living and the Dead.

In the First Reading, the Prophet Isaiah, reminds us of the reason for this great joy: G_D commands that comfort be given to HIS people by healing the brokenhearted, liberating captives, and, by proclaiming a year of favor. These favors result in rejoicing heartily in the LORD as HE will annihilate injustice from the Earth, and make it blossom forth an idyllic state of peace, holiness and love.

Paul of Tarsus in his Epistle to the Thessalonians exhorts us all to rejoice always and never cease praying so that: *“the G_D of Peace make you perfect in holiness. May you be preserved whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. He who calls us is trustworthy, therefore, HE will do it.”*

Throughout this holy season of Advent, continual reference is made also to Our Lord’s second coming, which is emphasized by the additional signs of gladness.

Gaudete Sunday is further marked by a new *“invitatory”-the invitation to prayer-* no longer inviting the Faithful to merely adore *“The LORD Who is to come,”* but calling up them to worship and hail Him with joy: *“The LORD Who is now nigh & close at hand.”* Therefore, in this spirit of joy at the coming of the LORD, the color of the Liturgical vestments is changed from purple or violet to rose, and therefore joy is enunciated by the Church.

This Holy Season of Advent affords us the opportunity to reflect on our relationship with G_D, to turn away from sin, prepare for the birth of HIS Son on the day we call *Christmas*. As St. John the Baptist proffered: *“There is One among you whom you do not recognize-the One who is to come after me-the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to unfasten.”*

Remember to keep Christ in Christmas, for without Him, there is no Christmas.

December 5/6, 2020

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| <i>Regular Collection:</i> | \$.00 |
| <i>Miscellaneous:</i> | \$.00 |