

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. Jan. 16 4:30 pm + Lieselotte Ziegler – A Friend
Sun. Jan. 17 10:00 am + Veronica E. Davison – Michael & Clare Coyne

Mon. Jan. 18 9:00 am + Rev. Kevin Fitzpatrick – Gregory Mikulka
Tues. Jan. 19 9:00 am Special Intention of Mr. & Mrs. Leila Hudson – Leila Hudson
Wed. Jan. 20 9:00 am + Susan A. Biafore – Her Daughter, Mary Lou Weiner
Thurs. Jan. 21 9:00 am + Mario DeFazio – Gregory Mikulka

Sat. Jan. 23 4:30 pm + Frank ‘Tex’ Ahlers – Eddie’s Family
Sun. Jan. 24 10:00 am + Philip H. Cerrone, Jr. – Paschal & Lorraine Ungarino

Sat. Jan. 16 4:30 pm None Assigned Sat. Jan. 23 4:30 pm None Assigned
Sun. Jan. 17 10:00 am None Assigned Sun. Jan. 24 10:00 am None Assigned

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Jan. 23, 2019 None Assigned Sat. Jan. 30, 2019 None Assigned

From the Pastor:

CCD CLASSES: meet on Monday afternoons between the usual times of 5:30 – 6:30 pm following the Fairfield Public School calendar. Please be attuned to the local weather stations for cancellations due to inclement weather.

There are no CCD classes tomorrow, Monday, January 18th as per the national holiday. Classes will resume next Monday, January 25th.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN: this Friday, January 22nd is:

PRAY DAY FOR THE HOLY INNOCENT UNBORN KILLED IN ABORTION

Please pray to end this horrible offense against Almighty G_D Who is the Author, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier of Life-both, born and unborn. As the society becomes increasingly secularized, Faith becomes lukewarm, resulting in the obfuscation or blurring of morals, values, and understanding. May the Holy Spirit inspire us with enlightenment and for the strength to defend the Truths of Christ

Our G_D Who said: *“let the little children come to me, and do not harm them.”*

Please pray the Rosary to end the legalization of the killing of unborn children asking Almighty G_D for forgiveness of the violation of the 5th Commandment: *“I AM the LORD, thy G_D, thou shalt not kill.”*

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Maintenance Collection.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL III: 3B – 10, 19

“Samuel was sleeping in the Temple of the LORD where the Ark of G_D was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, ‘Here I am.’ Samuel ran to Eli and said, ‘Here I am. You called me.’ ‘I did not call you,’ Eli said. ‘go back to sleep.’ So, he went back to sleep. Again, the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. ‘Here I am,’ he said. ‘You called me.’ But Eli answered, ‘I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep.’ At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, ‘Here I am. You called me.’ Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So, he said to Samuel, ‘Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening.’ When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed HIS presence, calling out as before, ‘Samuel, Samuel!’ Samuel answered ‘Speak, for Your servant is listening.’ Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of HIS to be without effect.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM XL: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R: *“Here am I, LORD: I come to do Your will.”*

“I have waited, waited for the LORD, and He stooped toward me and heard my cry.

And He put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our G_D. R.

Sacrifice or offering You wished not, but ears open to obedience You gave me.

Holocausts or sin-offerings You sought not; then said I, ‘Behold I come’.” R.

In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do Your will, O my G_D, is my delight,

And Your Law is within my heart.” R.

I announced Your justice in the vast assembly;

I did not restrain my lips, as You, O LORD, know.” R.

A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS VI: 13C – 15A, 17 – 20

“Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the LORD, and the LORD is for the body; G_D raised the LORD and will also raise us by HIS power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the LORD becomes one Spirit with HIM. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from G_D, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify G_D in your body.”

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN I: 35 – 42

“John was standing with two of his Disciples, and as he watched the LORD walk by, he said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of G_D.’ The two Disciples heard what he said and followed the LORD Who turned and saw them following Him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to Him ‘Rabbi’-which translated means Teacher--, ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’ So, they went and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon, was one of the two who heard John and followed the LORD. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ – which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to the LORD. The LORD looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon, the son of John; you will be called Kephas’ – which is translated Peter.”

THE INFIRM: We pray for the healing & restoration of good health to all our infirm family members, friends, and 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, Dorothy Fejes, Lorraine Ferrone, Linda Grzegowski, Rhoda Harap, Nancy Hocurscak, 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., Alexandra Ruta and John Joyce. 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 JANUARY:

- Sunday, January 17
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday, January 20
St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr
- Thursday, January 21
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Friday, January 22
St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
- Saturday, January 23
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, January 24
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Agnes, Martyr
January 21



St. Agnes lived between 291 and 304 A D, when she was martyred for her unwavering allegiance to Our Lord. In addition to the Blessed Virgin, Agnes is one of the seven women whose names are mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

According to Sacred Tradition, St. Agnes was born in the year 291 during the Christian persecution under the Emperor Diocletian into a family of wealthy Roman nobility but was raised as a Christian. She was said to have been exceedingly beautiful, and was the object of suitors of high rank. One of her suitors who hoped to marry her was angered at her announcement that she was married to Christ, and was His bride. Spurned at his refusal, this suitor reported her to the authorities as a follower of Christianity.

The Prefect *Sempronius* condemned her to be dragged naked through the street to a brothel. According to Sacred Tradition as she was being dragged, her hair grew so long it covered her body, and anyone who made attempts to defile her was struck blind. She was then put on trial; the Presider sentenced her to death by a public burning at the stake in a stadium. When the Executioner attempted to light the pyre, the wood would not burn. In anger, the Officer in charge of the troops, beheaded her. As her blood poured to the stadium floor other Christians soaked up her blood with cloths.

Agnes' body was buried alongside the *Via Nomentana* in Rome. On the following day, her foster-sister (the daughter of her wet nurse), St. *Emerentiana* was found praying by her tomb. She was ordered to leave, but refused, and instead reprimanded the pagan soldiers for killing her innocent foster sister. St. *Emerentiana* was executed and was later canonized.

Many miracles came about through St. Agnes' intercession, viz., St. Constance, the daughter of Constantine I, was cured of leprosy after praying at St. Agnes' tomb.

St. Agnes' bones are preserved beneath the High Altar in the Church of *Sant'Agnese Fuori le Mura* in Rome. Her skull is enshrined in a separate Chapel in the Church of *Sant'Agnese in Agonia* at the *Piazza Navona* in Rome.

St. Agnes is always depicted with a lamb as her name resembles the Latin word for 'lamb-*agnus*.' However, the name is actually taken from the feminine form of the Greek adjective *ἀγνή* meaning: "chaste or pure." She is the patron saint of chastity, gardeners, girls, engaged couples, and virgins.

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| <i>Regular Collection:</i> | \$ | 939.00 |
| <i>Monthly Collection:</i> | \$ | 470.00 |
| <i>Miscellaneous:</i> | \$ | 460.00 |