

# 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;*  
Mrs. Lory Moomjian, *Coordinatix – 203. 257. 1262*  
Organists: Anthony Sagnella, Esq. – *Sundays*  
Mrs. Lori Golias – *Saturdays*  
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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. 23 4:30 pm + Frank ‘Tex’ Ahlers – Eddie’s Family  
Sun. Jan. 24 10:00 am + Philip H. Cerrone, Jr. – Paschal & Lorraine Ungarino

Mon. Jan. 25 9:00 am + John Joyce – Jackie & Tony Mitchell  
Tues. Jan. 26 9:00 am Special Intention of Rev. Alfred F. Pečarič, STL  
Wed. Jan. 27 9:00 am + Thomas Howley – Michael and Clare Coyne  
Thurs. Jan. 28 9:00 am + Anna Pellegrino – Virginia Cerrone

Sat. Jan. 30 4:30 pm + Vittorio Venier – The Venier Family  
Sun. Jan. 31 10:00 am + Colores Cox – Jack & Suzanne Testani, AND, John F. Gurrieri, Sr. – Anna Gurrieri & Family

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Sat. Jan. 30 4:30 pm None Assigned  
Sun. Jan. 31 10:00 am None Assigned

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Jan. 30, 2019 None Assigned Sat. Feb. 6, 2019 None Assigned

**CCD/REL ED:** classes resume tomorrow, Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> during the usual class times between 5:30 – 6:30 pm. In the event of inclement weather, we follow the FFLD Public school agenda; please be attuned to the local weather channels for cancelations.

**CANDLEMASS DAY:** next Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> we commemorate the double feasts of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and, the Presentation of the Holy Child-Jesus, in the Temple of Jerusalem. By Mosaic Law, 40 days after the birth of the male child “*who opens the womb,*” both mother and child were to be brought to the Temple to offer sacrifices of “*two young pigeons or two turtledoves, in accord with the Law of the LORD.*”

Traditionally, these feasts marked the end of the 40 days of the Christmas Season, at which time candles were blessed in Churches and brought home by the Faithful to be lighted in times of inclement and/or turbulent weather, and on special occasions beseeching the blessing of G\_D.

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** in honor of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, whose feast day is next Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a general blessing of throats next weekend January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the conclusion of the weekend Masses. Due to the Corona Virus, there will be no individual blessing. We invoke the intercession of St. Blaise, as we pray for the healing of all who suffer from diseases of the throat, Corona infection, and every other evil & infirmity:

*“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr,  
May Almighty GOD deliver you from every ailment of the throat and  
From every other illness,  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”*

**FOSTER CHILDREN ADOPTION/MENTORING:** in CT, there is an ongoing need for families for the more than 4000 children in foster care, especially older children, as either foster or adoptive resources. We ask that you remember these children in your prayers in the hopes that they will find the love and support they need in foster, kinship and adoptive homes. Please also pray for the generous families who come forward to parent the children that they are blessed with the grace of G\_D and receive the love and support from their communities necessary to successfully care for the children in their homes.

Annie C. Courtney Foundation conducts information meeting for adults on how you can help by becoming a foster or adoptive parent or mentor. Meetings are held virtually all month long. Reservations are available upon request. To reserve a “seat” at a virtual meeting or to find out more information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent check out our website at: [www.AnnieC.org](http://www.AnnieC.org) or call Celeste Burnett at 203-439-1733.

**SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JONAH III: 1 – 5, 10**

*“The Word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: ‘Set out for the great City of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you.’ So, Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD’s bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the City, and had gone but a single day’s walk announcing, ‘Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,’ when the people of Nineveh believed G\_D; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When G\_D saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, HE repented of the evil that HE had threatened to do to them; HE did not carry it out.”*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM XXV: 4 – 5, 6 – 7, 8 - 9**

**R:**       *“Teach me Your ways, O LORD.”*

*“Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me Your paths,*

*Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are G\_D my Saviour.       R.*

*Remember that Your compassion, O LORD, and Your love are from of old.*

*In Your kindness remember me, because of Your goodness, O LORD.”       R.*

*Good and upright is the LORD; thus, He shows sinners the way.”       R.*

*He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble His way.”       R.*

**A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS VII: 29 - 31**

*“I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.”*

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK I: 14 – 20**

*“After John had been arrested, the LORD came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of G\_D: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of G\_D is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” As He passed by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. The LORD said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men:” Then, they abandoned their nets and followed Him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, and son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then, He called them. So, they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed Him.”*

**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 Huroschak, 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 un rest 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 24  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, January 25  
Conversion of Saul of Tarsus
- Tuesday, January 26  
Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Wednesday, January 27  
St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Rel Foundress
- Thursday, January 28  
St. Thomas Aquinas, OP, Priest and Doctor
- Saturday, January 30  
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, January 31  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St. Thomas Aquinas  
January 28<sup>th</sup>*



Known as the “*Angelic Doctor*,” Thomas of Aquinas was born at his father’s Castle at *Roccasecca* in the region of Aquino, in Italy, on January 28, 1225 of a noble family of the Kingdom of Naples. His father was a Count in the Region of Aquila, which today is in the Region of Lazio, Italy. Despite his family’s protest, he was ordained a Dominican Priest.

Because of his enormous size-being an obese child-and due to his silent disposition, his peers used to call him “*the dumb ox*.” However, his teachers who recognized his great intellect encouraged and inspired him to engage in study. He later became known as one of the most brilliant minds of the scholastic era, known by the titles of: “*Doctor Communis*,” “*Doctor Universalis*,” or “*Angelic Doctor*.”

Inspired by his Dominican teachers, he decided to join the Dominican Order of Preachers, which incurred the wrath of his family who wanted him to join the Benedictine Order at *Monte Cassino*, where they hoped he would become the Abbott. However, his Dominican teachers who had introduced him to the study of Aristotle, to the Arabian Mathematicians, and, to the classical Philosophers inspired his own love of these disciplines. Their influence further inspired his love of Arithmetic, Geometry, Astronomy, and Music. This exposure from the Dominicans monks during the time of his elementary education prompted his determination to seek academic study under the Order of Preachers.

Much against his family’s protest, and even imprisonment at this father’s castle, Thomas persisted in his desire and in his resolve to join the Dominican Order.

St. Thomas was greatly influenced by his University Dominican Professor, St. Albert the Great, who became the Bishop of Cologne. Inspired by the example of his teachers, and by his love of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Thomas wrote the *Summa Theologica*; he authored the Eucharistic Hymns to the Blessed Sacrament: *Adoro Te devote, O Salutaris, Tantum Ergo, and Pange Lingua*.

St. Thomas is considered to be the model teacher for those men studying for the Priesthood. He advocated the study of Philosophy (especially Aristotle) Logic, and both Natural Theology, Natural Law, and Speculative Theology.

St. Thomas is the patron saint of seminarians, students, and of learning.

*January 16/ 17*

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	980.00
<i>Maintenance:</i>	\$	582.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	200.00