

# 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, *Coordinatrix – 203. 257. 1262*  
Organists: Anthony Sagnella, Esq. – *Sundays*  
Mrs. Lori Golias – *Saturdays*  
Prayer Request Line: Ann Marie Schiessl / 203.255.0866

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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. Aug 07 4:30 pm + Robert DiCecco – A Friend  
Sun. Aug 08 10:00 am The Blessing of Virginia Cerrone – Her Family, AND, + Narcisa Pecchiari – Her Nephew and Niece  
Mon. Aug 09 9:00 am + Jozef Leszynski – Vlado Waupotitsch  
Tues. Aug 10 9:00 am Blessing and Good Health of Ralph Ravo – John DiGiacomo  
Wed. Aug 11 9:00 am + Julius Schindler – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler  
Thur. Aug 12 9:00 am + Frank DiGiacomo – A Friend  
Sat. Aug 14 4:30 pm + Liboire & Seraphine Goyette – Patricia Goyette & Louise Wrynn  
Sun. Aug 15 10:00 am + Leopoldine Belovich – Anthony & Patty Belovich, AND John F. Gurrieri – Anna Gurrieri & Family  
Sat. Aug 07 4:30 pm James Feeney Sat. Aug 14 4:30 pm John Adams  
Sun. Aug 08 10:00 am Tony Mitchell Sun. Aug 15 10:00 am Joe Csom

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. August 14 None Assigned Sat. August 21 None Assigned

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

**EMERGENCY PICNIC MEETING:** for all Picnic volunteers and Members of both the Finance and Parish Advisory Boards this Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.



**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** will be celebrated next Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, which pre-empt the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Solemnity of the Assumption/Dormition- *κοίμησις* (falling asleep) of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation, as it not only honors the Holy Mother of G\_D, but also anticipates our own Resurrection, Assumption, and Glorification-Transfiguration of our bodies into the Heavenly Kingdom at the end of the Ages.

According to the Theology of the Orthodox Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary died a natural death, like any human being. Upon her death her soul was received by Christ. Her body was resurrected on the third day after her repose, at which time she was taken up, bodily into Heaven when the Apostles, miraculously transported from the ends of the earth, found her tomb to be empty. The Western Church (Catholic Church) maintains that the BVM died, but before the corruption of the grace was able to ravage her body, Christ took her out death, hence the term ASSUMED-Latin for “*taken up*.”

In times past, the Vigil of the Assumption-August 14<sup>th</sup> was always a day of abstinence and fasting, invoking the prayers of the Virgin Mary. The Eastern Church-Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox-follow the Ancient Tradition of 14-day vigil of prayers, known as: *Παράκλησις τῆς Μαρίας Θεοτόκος* – the Intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This Solemnity of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15<sup>th</sup> in the Gregorian Calendar, and on August 28<sup>th</sup> according to the Julian calendar, when a Church in Jerusalem was dedicated to the Assumption/Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**BRIDGE HOUSE GOLF DAY:** Bridge House is sponsoring their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Guys Day, on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at Oronoque Country Club in Stratford. Events begin with Lunch at 10:30; Shotgun at 12 noon; 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Happy Hour, and Dinner at 5:00 pm. For on-line registration and information: [www.bridgehousect.org](http://www.bridgehousect.org) or contract [ryan.g.kelly11@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.g.kelly11@gmail.com).

**PROPER SUMMER DRESS:** bear in mind that the Church is the House of G\_D, and appropriate and modest dress is to be observed at ALL times. NO figure form tights, high shorts, tank tops, beach and recreational street clothes are appropriate for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Everyone is asked to dress modestly and respectfully in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, and also to avoid scandal.

NOTE: the Church is air conditioned and moderate temperatures vary. If you think you may be cold, please bring a sweater or light jacket, if you think you may be too warm, don't wear a woolen coat.

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC:** until further developments is still scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> following the close of the 11:00 “*Polka Mass*.” John Salov and the Polka Quads will collaborate with our Kapel-Meister, Anthony and our Choir for music and song at the Mass. Afterwards, they will supply music and song in the gym as in previous years. Plan to come to the picnic and enjoy music, our ethnic and national foods, Vendors, and camaraderie. Pray for clement weather and for the defeat of the Corona, Delta, and all other subsequent Viruses.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC RAFFLE TEAM:** is requesting Visa Gift Cards for our Annual parish Picnic that can be used to purchase items for this year's Raffle event. If anyone cares to donate, a card or a new item(s) for the Raffle, please place them in the bin located in the vestibule of the Church. If you have any questions, please call the Church office during normal office hours.

**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, Angelina Caldwell, Jennifer Cronk, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, Melissa Doran, Dorothy Fejes, Lorraine Ferrone, Patricia Goyette, Linda Grzegowski, Rhoda Harap, Nancy Hocuscak, Vinnie Huroschak, Peter John, Pam Kegeles, Mary Ann Koprivec, Louise Kranyik, Johnny Kuczo, Patricia Land, Pat Lenahan, Madalene Lennon, Eleanor Liskar, Gabriel Loeser, Michael Long, Lillian Makar, Raul Matamoros, Patty Merola, Jackie Mitchell, James Norris, Marc Pagnozzi, Paul Paris, Gregory Parsley, Ilona Paul, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, Joanne and Joseph Piczko, Joseph Piliero, George & Richard Prackup, Edward & Diane Raschke, Joel Rivera, Bernhard Schindler, 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. 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 Almighty G\_D bless & protect them, from all evil, harm, & injury, and, return them safely home. Amen.

**FEAST DAYS AUGUST:**

- Sunday, August 08  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, August 09  
St. Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
- Tuesday, August 10  
St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- Wednesday, August 11  
St. Clare, Virgin Religious
- Thursday, August 12  
St. Frances de Chantal, Religious
- Friday, August 13  
St. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest Martyrs
- Saturday, August 14  
St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr;  
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, August 15  
Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM

*July 31/ August 01*

*Regular Collection:       \$ 1,460.00*  
*Miscellaneous:             \$   166.00*

**St. Lawrence**

August 10



St. Lawrence, Martyr was born in the year 225 in Huesca in the Aragon Region of Hispania Tarraconensis. Lawrence met the future Pope Sixtus II, who was of Greek origin and a most famous and highly esteemed Teacher in the city of modern Zaragoza. They later both left Spain for Rome. When Sixtus became the Pope in 257, he ordained young Lawrence 1 of 7 Deacons and appointed him Archdeacon of Rome—a position of great trust of the treasury and riches of the Church to be distributed as alms among the poor.

St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage wrote that Roman authorities had established a norm according to which all Christians who had been denounced, must be executed and their good confiscated by the Imperial Treasury. At the beginning of August, 258, the Emperor Valerian issued an edict that all Christian Bishops, Priests, and Deacons should immediately be put to death. Sixtus was captured on August 6, 258 at the cemetery of St. Callixtus while offering Holy Mass and was beheaded on site.

The Prefect of Rome demanded that Deacon Lawrence turn over the riches and wealth of the Church. Lawrence asked for 3 days to collect it—days he used to distribute it to the poor to prevent it being seized by the Prefect.

On the third day when he was ordered to surrender the wealth, he presented the poor, the crippled, the blind and the suffering, saying: “*these are the true treasures of the Church,*” also adding: “*to these I shall add pearls and precious stones, those Widows and consecrated Virgins, which are the Church’s crown.*” This act of defiance led directly to his martyrdom on August 1, 258 under the persecution of the Emperor Valerian.

The Prefect was so angry that he ordered a great gridiron prepared with live coals beneath it. He had Lawrence’s bound and placed on it. After the Martyr had suffered the pain for a long time, he was heard to say: “*I’m well done on this side. I think you can turn me over!*”

Sacred Tradition maintains that he was sentenced, imprisoned, and martyred at what is the today the site of the Church of San Lorenzo in Panisperna. A Church was built over his tomb—San Lorenzo Fuori le Mura, i.e., St. Lawrence Outside the Wall.

He is especially honored in the City of Rome, where he is one of the City’s Patron Saints. He is invoked by Librarians, Archivists, Cooks and Chefs, and Tanners.