

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*
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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 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

Mon. Aug 16 9:00 am + Rev. Aloysius J. Hribšek - Anonymous
Tues. Aug 17 9:00 am + Steve Haney – A Friend
Wed. Aug 18 9:00 am + Rev. Alexander Z. Serenely - Anonymous
Thur. Aug 19 9:00 am + Narčisa Pecchiari

Sat. Aug 21 4:30 pm + Bernt Roth – Rosalie Pugliese
Sun. Aug 22 10:00 am + Alfonso & Anthony Nilo – John & Helen DeCaro, AND, Philip C. DeProfio – Anna Gurrieri & Family

Sat. Aug 14 4:30 pm John Adams Sat. Aug 21 4:30 pm Robert Kokorda
Sun. Aug 15 10:00 am Joe Csom Sun. Aug 22 10:00 am James Feeney

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. August 21 None Assigned Sat. August 28 None Assigned

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: this weekend, Holy Mother the Church commemorates and celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which pre-emptly the Liturgical Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Solemnity of the Assumption/Dormition- *κοίμησις* (falling asleep) of the Blessed Virgin Mary is typically a Holy Day of Obligation when it falls during weekdays, 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.

This Solemnity honors the workings of G_D in preserving the Holy Virgin Mary from all sin, Original and personal, so that she would become the stainless/sinless vessel through which G_D's own Son would be born. The Holy Book of Genesis proffers that Original Sin entered the world through arrogance, and so, by contrast the Gospel of St. Luke proffers that Salvation came into the world by humility, in the assent of the Virgin's compliance to G_D's will. As the young maiden sought to collaborate with G_D's divine plan, she was spared the ravages of death, by being assumed bodily into the Heavenly realm at the moment of her death.

According to the Theology of the Eastern 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 aka the Catholic Church maintains that the BVM died, but before the corruption of the grave 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 14th was always a day of abstinence and fasting, invoking the prayers of the Virgin Mary. Both, the Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches -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 15th in the Gregorian Calendar, and on August 28th according to the Julian calendar. This date of the 15th of August is the day when a Church in Jerusalem was dedicated and consecrated to the Assumption/Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



HARRY CONNICK, JR. CONCERT: Harry Connick, Jr. and the Hartford HealthCare Amphitheater have graciously offered the Diocese of Bridgeport a special 50% discount on tickets to the Harry Connick, Jr. & His Band Concert this Sunday, August 15th beginning at 7:00 pm. Harry Connick, Jr. and His Band have exemplified excelling in every aspect of the entertainment world. This concert promises to be a fun, lighthearted evening. This offer expires on August 13, 2021 at 10 pm, and is valid on select seating available with code: ARCH. NOTE: the discount does not include taxes and fees.

BRIDGE HOUSE GOLF DAY: Bridge House is sponsoring their 4th Annual Golf Guys Day, on Tuesday, September 7th at Oronoque Country Club in Stratford. Events begin with Lunch at 10:30; Shotgun at 12 noon; 19th Holy Happy Hour, and Dinner at 5:00 pm. For on-line registration and information: www.bridgehousect.org or contract 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.

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, Julianne 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, , 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., Steve Haney and Bernhardt Schindler. 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 15
Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM
- Monday, August 16
St. Stephen of Hungary
- Thursday, August 19
St. John Eudes
- Friday, August 20
St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor
- Saturday, August 21
St. Pius X, Pope;
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, August 22
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Coronation of the BVM as Queen of Heaven

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
August 15



In the year 451 AD, Bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered at a *Synodal Council* at Chalcedon to define the role and the Theology of the mother of the Holy Saviour- Our LORD, Jesus Christ. The Patriarch of Jerusalem, St. Juvenal had attended the Council, where he learned of her assumption into Heaven. Accordingly, he later informed the Emperor Marchianos & his wife Pulcheria of Constantinople-who desired to possess the remains of the body of the BVM since the Mother of the Son of G_D had died in the presence of ten Apostles. At the request of St. Thomas- who had been absent at the time of her death and burial- when opened on the third day, her tomb was found empty of the body. Raising their eyes to Heaven, they beheld a vision of the Holy Virgin in the glory of Heaven.

Orthodox Tradition as defined by the Council of Chalcedon decreed that the Holy Virgin underwent a physical death, as did her Son, but her body was afterwards raised out of Death. They refer to this as her *Dormition or Falling Asleep*, being taken up into Heaven in body as well as in soul: *“Our Lady has passed beyond Death and Judgment, and lives wholly in the Age to Come: the Resurrection of the Body has in her case been anticipated and is already an accomplished fact.”*

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII issued the Apostolic Constitution of *Munificentissimus Deus*, proclaiming that: *“Having completed the course of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into Heavenly glory,”* where she shares the glorious Resurrection of her Son.

This Solemnity of the *Dormition/Assumption* of Our Lady reminds us of the eternal future to which we are all called. As disciples of Our LORD Jesus Christ, who resurrected in both body and soul, we are promised by our Savior that if we believe in Him and follow His teaching all the days of our earthly life, we shall one day follow where He reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One G_D forever and ever.

Let us live our lives in anticipation of our own assumption to the glory of Heaven in union with all the Saints of G_D.

August 07/08

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	1,215.00
<i>Monthly Collection:</i>	\$	518.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	245.00