

# 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 28 4:30 pm + William Lagoja – Rosalie Pugliese  
Sun. Aug 29 10:00 am + Philip C. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Mon. Aug 30 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Rosalie Pugliese  
Tues. Aug 31 9:00 am + Release of the Holy Souls from Purgatory  
Wed. Sept 01 9:00 am + Mario Campolucci – John & Helen DeCaro  
Thur. Sept 02 9:00 am + Bernhardt Schindler – Anna Pugliese

Sat. Sept 04 4:30 pm + Stephen & Julia Barna – Patricia Goyette & Louise Wrynn  
Sun. Sept 05 10:00 am + Zdravko Hribar – Družina Hribar, AND, Jolanta Bazan – Anna Morawski & Family

Sat. Aug 28 4:30 pm Lawrence Davide Sat. Sept 04 4:30 pm John Adams  
Sun. Aug 29 10:00 am Evelyn Chomortany Sun. Sept 05 10:00 am Tony Mitchell

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. September 04 None Assigned Sat. September 11 None Assigned

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

**FINAL PICNIC MEETING:** will take place this coming Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Finance Board, Parish Advisory Board, and Picnic Committee members are asked to attend. In light of the increasing Covid and Delta Virus infections in the State of CT, and especially FFLD County, a discussion regarding our Annual Parish Picnic will determine whether it is to take place this year. At Tuesday's meeting, various future projects will be discussed. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

**VIRUS PRECAUTIONS:** As of this Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, mask wearing will be required at all indoor and public places. As of to date, the Diocese has only issued a statement indicating that VACCINATED Parishioners are NOT required to wear a face mask during Holy Mass, however depending on their sensitivity, they may do so at their own discretion. Parishioners or Guests who are NOT vaccinated ARE REQUIRED to wear face mask at all indoor places including in Churches. This is subject to change in accord with the CDC guidelines and the Town of FFLD mandates.

**HOLY CROSS MASS SCHEDULE:** although, it had been previously announced that following the date of the Parish Picnic the weekend schedule of Masses would return to the previous schedule, after careful consideration, please know that we will continue with ONE Sunday Mass at the 10:00 am hour throughout the year. Hence the Mass schedule for the remainder of the year will be: 4:30 Saturday Vigil Mass, and 10:00 am Sunday Mass.

Since there will be no Annual Parish Picnic this year, there will not be 2 Masses on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>-only the 10:00 am Mass on that day. Please make note of this change.

**CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** begin Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> of this year with an in-person education forum. Class times will be between 5:30 -6:30 pm barring inclement weather. We follow the Fairfield Public School calendar. Please stay tuned for cancellations and weather reports in the event of precarious or inclement weather.

**CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORMS:** may be obtained on line by accessing the Parish website at: [www.holycrosschurchfairfield.com](http://www.holycrosschurchfairfield.com), selecting the *Religious Education* tab, and downloading the *Registration Form*. Forms may be mailed in to the Parish office; brought in person during usual office hours; or, brought to weekend Masses.

We ask all Parents to please complete the forms early so that the correct number of books and materials may be obtained for class.

**BRIDGE HOUSE GOLF DAY:** Bridge House is sponsoring their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Guys Day, next 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).

**CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:** will be held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> outdoors at the New Britain Baseball Stadium. The format for the day includes: Eucharistic Procession, Inspiring Speakers, Confession, Adoration, Lunch, Games, Exhibitors and High Mass. The theme this year will be: "The Most Holy Rosary." Speakers include Fr. Donald Calloway, Dr. Ralph Martin, Gary Zimak, and Dr. Blythe Kaufman. Tickets are \$45.00 for adults; \$20.00 for teens, and may be purchased on line at: [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org). In the event of inclement weather on Saturday, the events of the Conference will be moved indoors to St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford.

**PRAYERS FOR GLOBAL DISASTER VICTIMS:** as we have learned from media sources, our Planet Earth has been ravaged by various global calamities, catastrophes and disasters, i.e., the out of control raging fires in the States California, Utah, and Montana where thousands of people lost their homes and houses and are now displaced. Raging fires have also devastated areas of Greece, Bulgaria, and Macedonia resulting in significant loss of property-homes and houses, and vegetation.

Additionally, the residents of the Caribbean Island Nation of Haiti have had a double climactic disaster of another Earthquake 7.2 magnitude only 11 years after a first one destroyed the Capitol City of Port-au-Prince and its environs. Over two thousand people have perished. Moreover, Tropical Depression Grace has rained heavily upon Haiti which has resulted in mudslides.

Flood waters have ravaged areas in Germany and Italy-especially the island City of Venice. Furthermore, Hurricane Fred has devastated the Panhandle of the northwest area of the State of Florida.

Let us pray for those who lost their lives as a result-may they rest in Peace, and, for the living, may they be able to rebuild their lives through the generosity of the Citizens of the world. We pray to G\_D for the stabilization of weather and weather patterns throughout the globe, and deliverance from further storms, hurricanes and tornados.

More recently, the Eastern Seaboard was subject to heavy rains and flooding due to Hurricane Henri. We pray to Almighty G\_D for the blessing and for the safety of all residents, especially those who reside close to LI Sound of the Atlantic Ocean.

In Biblical Times, similar calamities were attributed to Covenant infidelity, evils practiced in Societies, and, indifference to observance of the Commandments of the LORD. As crimes of violence, wars, and injustices plagues many of our Societies, we pray to Almighty G\_D to send out the Holy Spirit for the internal/spiritual renewal and a true conversion of the perpetrators of all crimes, for the forgiveness of sins, and, for the salvation of Souls. As Our LORD, Jesus Christ said:

*"I have come to call sinners."*

**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 Hocurscak, Vinnie Hurosachak, 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, Mary Ellen Peterson, 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., Mirna Bertha Morawski. 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 29  
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Friday, September 03  
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor
- Saturday, September 04  
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, September 05  
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St. Gregory the Great  
September 3**



Gregory was born c. 540 AD in the city of Rome to parents of noble standing. He was named Gregorius-from Greek rendering *Vigilantius-Watchful*. His father Gordianus was a Roman Senator who also served as Prefect of Rome; his family owned & resided in a villa on the Caelian Hill in Rome. Gregory's mother Sylvia came from an aristocratic family.

A brilliant boy, Gregory was very well educated, learning Grammar, Rhetoric, the Natural Sciences, Literature and Latin Authors, Law, History, Mathematics and Music, excelling in all subjects. Because he possessed a "*fluency in Imperial Roman Law*" it is believed that he may have trained for a career in a Roman Legal Profession.

Although Gregory had entered the Monastery and resolved to retire to a monastic lifestyle of contemplation, he was unwillingly forced back into the world that although he loved, he no longer wanted to be part of. Yet, he maintained a very deep respect for Monasticism, viewing being a Monk as the "ardent quest for the Vision of Our Creator."

Gregory had become Prefect of Rome by age 30, and disdained the burden of the Office mourning the loss of the undisturbed life of Prayer he had once enjoyed as a Monk. When he became Pope in 590, he wrote prolific volumes to re-energize the Church's missionary work among non-Christians peoples of northern Europe. Gregory reformed the Liturgy of the *Pre-Tridentine Mass*, writing what became known as the *Gregorian Sacramentary*. He fused the Roman and Frankish elements of the plain chant brought from Antioch by St. Peter, which later became known as Gregorian Chant. He was the first Pope to make use of the phrase: "*Servus Servorum Dei--Servant of the Servants of G\_D.*" Upon his father's death, he converted his family villa into a Monastery dedicated to the holy Apostle St. Andrew. After his own death, the Monastery was rededicated to him and named "*San Gregorio Magno al Caelio- St. Gregory the Great on the Caelion Hill.*"

*August 21/22*

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$ 1,101.00
<i>Picnic Collection:</i>	\$ 538.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$ 512.00