

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Dvajset-šestnajsta Nedelja Letom September 26, 2021

# 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;*

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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. Sept 25 4:30 pm + Donald Patrignelli – Patricia Patrignelli

Sun. Sept 26 10:00 am + Maria Nilo – John & Helen DeCaro, AND, Florence M. DeProffio – Linda DeProffio

Mond. Sept 27 9:00 am + Release of the Holy Souls from Purgatory

Tues. Sept 28 9:00 am + Release of the Holy Souls from Purgatory

Wed. Sept 29 9:00 am + Release of the Holy Souls from Purgatory

Thur. Sept 30 9:00 am + Elizabeth Owen – Carolyn, Ed, and Bill

Sat. Oct. 02 11:00 am Nuptials for Raymond Andrew Kingsbury and Olivia Sydney O'Neil  
4:30 pm + Bernhardt Schindler – Susan Pugliese

Sun. Oct. 03 10:00 am + Marie DeCaro – John and Helen DeCaro

Sat. Sept 25 4:30 pm John Adams

Sun. Sept 26 10:00 am Tony Mitchell

Sat. Oct. 02 4:30 pm Lawrence Davide

Sun. Oct. 03 10:00 am Joe Csom

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. September 26 None Assigned

Sat. October 02 None Assigned

3<sup>rd</sup> BANS OF MARRIAGE ARE ANNOUNCED FOR: Raymond Andrew Kingsbury and Olivia Sydney O'Neil

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

**VIRUS PRECAUTIONS:** mask wearing is now mandated during all Masses and Services in Churches.

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK WHILE IN CHURCH**

**CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** begin tomorrow Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY ARCHANGELS-MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, AND URIEL:** on September 29<sup>th</sup> we commemorate the feast of St. Michael the Archangel with the Prayer:

*“Oh! St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness and the snare of the Devil.  
May G\_D rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,  
by the (Divine) power of G\_D, cast down into Hell Satan,  
and all the Evil Spirits, who wander through the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.”*

The Prayer to St Michael was added to the *Leonine Prayers* in 1886, by Pope Pius XI for the intention for which these prayers should be offered: *“that tranquility & freedom to profess the Faith be restored to the people of Russia.”*

During his time as a student at the Gregorian University in Rome, St. Maksimilijan Kolbe witnessed vehement demonstrations against Popes St. Pius X and Benedict XV during an anniversary celebration by the Freemasons, who placed the black standard of the *“Giordano Brunisti”* under the windows of the Vatican. On this standard the Archangel, St. Michael, was depicted lying under the feet of a triumphant Lucifer-Satan. At the same time, countless pamphlets were distributed to the people in which the Holy Father (i.e., the Pope) was attacked shamefully.

The practice of reciting this and the other *Leonine Prayers* after Mass was recommended by John Paul II.

**OCTOBER-MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY:** commemorates two Marian feast days: October 7<sup>th</sup>-Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, to thank her for her intercession at the Battle of Lepanto, wherein the Papal Naval Fleet of Venice, Naples, and Spain defeated the invading Turks which were threatening and persecuting Christianity in the Southern Balkans.

Additionally, October 13<sup>th</sup> marks the occasion of the last apparition of Our Lady to the three Children of Fatima. On 29 September 2018, Pope Francis asked Catholics everywhere to pray the Rosary each day during the following month of October and to conclude it with the ancient prayer *“Sub tuum praesidium”* and the *Leonine Prayer* to Saint Michael. He asked them *“to pray that the Holy Mother of G\_D place the Church beneath her protective mantle: to preserve the Church from the attacks by the Devil, the great Accuser, and at the same time to make her more aware of the faults, the errors and the abuses committed in the present and in the past, so that Evil may not prevail.”*

**PRAYERS FOR GLOBAL DISASTER VICTIMS:** let us pray for those who lost their lives as a result of the natural disaster, 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.

Additionally, we pray for the People in Afghanistan who are not under Taliban Rule, and for all Refugees who will be relocating to the United States, and especially here in CT.

In Biblical Times, similar calamities to these 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 save sinners.”*

**A & E CLOTHING CORPORATION:** **PLEASE** review your closets, drawers, and storage bins and donate your used clothes for this worthy cause for A & E collects clothes which are clean and in good condition to help raise money for the Retired Peace Officers Charity Organization that support the research to prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Cancer, and Crohn’s Disease. They also help to satisfy the needs of children in schools, scout groups, sport clubs. They also donate \$100.00 to our Parish for allowing them to do so. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.**

**CHRISTLIFE:** a Catholic Ministry for Evangelization will host their next *“Discovering Christ”* series on the following dates of Thursday: October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 11, and 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. A retreat will take place on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3:30 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas parish Center, 1719 Post Road in Fairfield. This seven-week program is offered without charge to help rediscover the true meaning of life, and to revive our Faith through Biblically based teachings and thought-provoking discussions. East gathering includes dinner. Please register on line at: [www.christlifefairfield.com](http://www.christlifefairfield.com). For further information access [www.christlifefld@gmail.com](mailto:www.christlifefld@gmail.com) or call Holy Family/St. Emery Church at 203. 336. 1835

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Feast of St. Michael, the Archangel

Feast of the Holy Archangels

September 29

**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 Hocurscak, 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, Mary Ellen Peterson, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, Joanne and Joseph Piczko, Joseph Piliero, George & Richard Prackup, Edward & Diane Raschke, Joel Rivera, Annette & Bernie Senderak, Michael Sheets, 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 SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER:**

Sunday, September 26

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Monday, September 27

St. Vincent DePaul, Priest

Tuesday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companion Martyrs

Wednesday, September 29

Feast of the Holy Archangel Michael

Thursday, September 30

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor

Friday, October 01

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

Saturday, October 02

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels;

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, October 03

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Angel” is Greek: “ἀγγέλος” meaning: messenger; “Archangel” is also Greek: “Ἀρχαγγέλος” meaning high messenger or important messenger. Angels are spiritual, i.e., incorporeal beings who perform a specific function or who relay a specific message from Almighty G\_D and His works for our Salvation. St. Augustine proffered that “angel” is the name of their office or duty, not their nature.

Through the Sacred Scriptures we learn that there are 7 Archangels, but only 4 of their names are revealed in the Sacred Scriptures:

Archangel *Michael* (Hebrew for: Like unto G\_D) is revealed as the Archangel of battle and Defender of Heaven and Earth. He is the patron of Policemen and Law Enforcement. The *Book of Revelation* proffers that Michael will lead G\_D’s troops against the ancient serpent-Satan & his Angels in the final battle.

Archangel *Gabriel* (Hebrew for: Strength of G\_D) is mentioned in the *Book of Daniel* VIII: 16, and also in the *Gospel of St. Luke* LK I: 26, wherein he announced to the Priest Zachariah the birth of his son-John the Baptist, and, to the Virgin Mary, that she was to be the Mother of the Son of G\_D-Most High, & to give Him the Hebrew Name: “*Yehushauah – Jesus*,” meaning “G\_D is Salvation.”

Archangel *Raphael* (Hebrew for: Healing of G\_D) is mentioned in the *Book of Tobit* III: 16; XII: 15, wherein he accompanies Tobias on a journey. Therefore, he is the patron of, and invoked by, all who travel for their safety.

Archangel *Uriel* (Hebrew for: Brilliance of G\_D) is mentioned in *III Ezdra* V: 20.

The names of the other 3 Archangels are not mentioned in either the Hebrew Scriptures or in the NT, and are therefore not to be mentioned, as they are revealed by demons-a revelation which is not initiated by G\_D and to therefore not to be heeded by His holy people.

September 18/ 19

Regular Collection: \$ 1,335.00

Maintenance: \$ 573.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 87.00