

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*

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. 30 4:30 pm + Theresa Feranec – Rosalie Pugliese

Sun. Oct. 01 10:00 am + Marie De Caro – John and Helen De Caro

Mon. Oct. 02 9:00 am + Sue Carroll – Carolyn, Ed, and Bill

Tues. Oct. 03 9:00 am + Marianne Bell - Edward

Wed. Oct. 04 9:00 am Special Intention for Desmond Hudson – Leila Hudson

Thur. Oct. 05 9:00 am + Elizabeth Cerruti – John and Helen De Caro

Sat. Oct. 07 4:30 pm + Maria Grašič – Lea Belovich

Sun. Oct. 08 10:00 am + Mary Sekelsky – The Sisko Family

MASS READERS

Sat. Sept. 30 4:30 pm Bob Kokorda

Sun. Oct. 01 10:00 am Liz Selimović

Sat. Oct. 07 4:30 pm John Adams

Sun. Oct. 08 10:00 am Joe Csom

FROM THE PASTOR:

OFFICE HOURS: The Parish office is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10:00 am – 1:30 pm. The office is closed on Mondays and Fridays.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: two major feast days are commemorated in the month of October:

First, October 7th-the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary-commemorates the victory over the invading Muslims of the Ottoman Empire at the Battle of Lepanto, north of the Gulf of Corinth, in the year 1571, wherein Pope Pius V marshaled the naval forces of Naples, Spain and Venice to thwart the invaders threatening Western Christianity massacring the Faithful and destroying both Orthodox and Catholic Churches in the southern Balkans. A large procession & recitation of the Rosary, invoking the intercession of Our Lady, was prayed in Rome at St. Peter's Square. Before entering battle, the soldiers knelt down to pray the Rosary. After a five-hour battle, they were victorious in defeating the invading Muslim Turks at this decisive maritime battle.

Second, next Sunday, October 13th will commemorate the final apparition of Our Lady to 3 shepherd children outside of Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady requested that everyone reverently pray the Holy Rosary in reparation for the many blasphemies, offenses, and sins committed against Almighty G_D.

We continue to pray through Our Lady's intercession for the protection, the growth, and, the holiness of the Holy Church of Christ, Our G_D on Earth, and for the salvation of souls.

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY: is Saturday, October 7th commemorating the victory of the Naval Forces at Battle of Lepanto. During her 6 apparitions to the 3 children of Fatima, the Blessed Virgin asked everyone to pray the Holy Rosary.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS: this Wednesday, October 4th marks the feast of one of the most beloved and celebrated Saints, of the Western Church- St. Francis of Assisi, who was baptized *Giovanni* – John. Giovanni's father, Giovanni Bernardone was a wealthy cloth merchant from Assisi who married a French woman of a noble family. The young boy was greatly influenced by his French mother, who taught him the French language; he became enamored of all things French. This being so, his father nicknamed him "*Francesco*" – "the little Frenchman," a name by which he has been exclusively known. After rejecting his father's wealth and entering Monastic life, Francis became a Mystic, who received the Five Wounds of Christ's Crucifixion, known by the Greek name-τὰ Στιγμάτα – *the Stigmata-the Wounds*. In a vision, Our LORD appeared to Francesco and told him to "*rebuild My Church.*" By his preaching and miraculous intervention, he brought many lapsed Christians back to the Holy Faith. Francesco was also known to have communicated with animals, who followed his dictates, which is why his feast day is also known for the *Blessing of the Animals*. He died during the late hours of October 3, 1226 at the age of 44, during the recitation of Psalm 141: "*O LORD, to You I call; hasten to me; hearken to my voice when I call upon You. Let my prayer come like incense before You; the lifting of my hands, like the Evening Sacrifice.*"

OCTOBER COFFEE HOUR: will be hosted by members of the Finance Board, who invite you to the first Coffee Hour of the Season in two weeks, on Sunday, October 15th following the 10:00 Mass. Come join us to enjoy pastries, sweets, coffee, tea, and juice, and camaraderie.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Father Anthony Federico, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Hartford, will present the next installment in a series of Eucharistic Revival lectures at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center. His talk, "Under the Gaze of Jesus: A Priest Reflects on the Beauty and Difficulty of Eucharistic Adoration," is open to the public next Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 2 PM. Admission and parking are free. The McGivney Center is at 1 State Street in New Haven. More information: 203-865-0400 or michaelmcgivneycenter.org.

LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO: Tune in to 24-hour Veritas Catholic Network is on the radio at 1350 AM, 103.9 FM, livestream from your computer, and on our mobile app for your phone. Learn more about the faith, strengthen your family, deepen your spirituality, and hear the news through a Catholic lens. Subscribe to our weekly newsletter for notice of original shows, local Catholic events, and reflection questions for the Sunday readings. More info at www.veritascatholic.com

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 clothe 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.**

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL VENDORS: in an effort to thank our local vendors who support our Parish Bulletin at no cost to the Parish, and or, donate generously to our Parish, please support our local vendors: *A & S Italian Fine Foods; Carpet City & Flooring Center; James Hughes, Attorney, Lesko Funeral Home, Morrison Insurance Agency, One Stop Supply Inc., and Turnpike Spirit Stop & Wine Emporium.*

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR KIND AND GENEROUS SUPPORT TO OUR PARISH

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, Mary Lou Cahill, Martha Catel, Don DeMattia, Eileen Donohue, Melissa Doran, Dorothy Fejes, Lorraine Ferrone, Ian Gallagher, Joan Gerdson, Patricia Goyette, Linda Grzegowski, Debbie Hiergersol, Nancy Hocurscak, Vinnie Huroschak, Peter John, Mary Ann Koprivec, Louise Kranyik, Johnny Kuczo, Patricia Land, Pat Lenahan, Madalene Lennon, Eleanor Liskar, Gabriel Loeser, Michael Long, Lillian Makar, Raul Matamoras, Patty Merola, Jackie & Tony Mitchell, Marc Pagnozzi, Paul Paris, Gregory Parsley, Amy Peloquin, Mary Ellen Peterson, Pete Peterson, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, Joseph Piliero, Frank Prokaly, George & Richard Prackup, Edward & Diane Raschke, Joel Rivera, Annette & Bernie Senderak, Michael Sheets, Katherine Vallone, KJ Waller, and 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 unrest 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 IN OCTOBER:

Sunday, October 01

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 02

Feast of the Guardian Angels

Wednesday, October 04

St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday, October 05

St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin and Mystic;

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Friday, October 06

St. Bruno, Priest;

Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Saturday, October 07

Feast of the Most Holy Rosary

Sunday, October 08

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of the Most Holy Rosary October 7th



The Chaplet of the Rosary emerged from the practice of Lay Brothers who worked in the fields doing manual labor who did not have time to pray the entire 150 Psalms of the *Monastic Office*. They therefore substituted it by praying the *Hail Mary* 150 times distinguished in groups of 10 followed by the *Lord's Prayer* and a *Glory Be*.

In 1208 in an apparition to St. Dominic, Our Lady bestowed upon him a Chaplet of beads divided into groups of 5, wherein the *Our Father* was followed by a *Hail Mary* prayed 10 times, while meditation on the Mysteries of Our LORD's life. Our Lady taught him that each prayer represented a rose. This is how the chaplet came to be known by the name "*Rosary*," meaning a *crown of roses*. In some countries, esp., Italy, the chaplet is known as "*la Corona*-" the Crown.

In 1213, the praying of the Chaplet of the Rosary & the intercession of Our Lady were both attributed to the defeat of the *Albigensan (Cathar) Heresy*.

In 1529 the Rosary was prayed by soldiers before entering battle at the Siege of Vienna, resulting in a great victory against Muslims Turks invading the Balkans.

On October 7, 1571, Muslims were again threatening to invade Western Europe to destroy Christianity. A large procession & recitation of the Rosary, invoking the intercession of Our Lady, was prayed in Rome at St. Peter's Square. The Muslims were defeated at the decisive maritime battle fought at the Bay of Lepanto north of the Sea of Corinth. Before entering battle, the soldiers knelt down to pray the Rosary. After a five hour battle they were victorious in defeating the invaders.

After news of this victory reached the Holy Father, Pope Pius V attributed it to Our Lady's intercession, and in thanksgiving, established this feast as Our Lady of Victory on October 7th; the name was later changed to the *Feast of the Most Holy Rosary*.

In 1913, when Our Lady appeared to the 3 children of Fatima, she taught them to add: "*Oh My Jesus! Forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.*"

September 23/ 24, 2023

Regular Collection: \$ 790.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 155.00