

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*

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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. Oct. 21 4:30 pm + Deceased Members of the De Caro Family

Sun. Oct. 22 10:00 am + Louisa E. Levai – A Friend

Mon. Oct. 23 9:00 am + Bernhardt Schindler – His Loving Wife, Ana Schindler

Tues. Oct. 24 9:00 am + Edward & Adeline Reyen, Edward

Wed. Oct. 25 9:00 am + Robert Topar – Peter and Kathy Allen

Thur. Oct. 26 9:00 am + Dianna Koskelowski – Patricia Patrignelli

Sat. Oct. 28 4:30 pm + Teresa Feranec – Lea Belovich

Sun. Oct. 29 10:00 am + Stephen & Francesca Virag – The Federico Family

MASS READERS

Sat. Oct. 21 4:30 pm Bob Kokorda

Sun. Oct. 22 10:00 am Bill Sekelsky

Sat. Oct. 28 4:30 pm

Sun. Oct. 29 10:00 am

Liz Selimović

John Adams

FROM THE PASTOR:

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

The Parish office is closed on Mondays and Fridays.

70th ANNIVERSARY THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT: Bishop Caggaino has mandated that all Parishes in the Diocese celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Diocese this weekend of October 21/22nd.

Hence, the Orations of the Mass will be taken from the Mass “*For the Particular Church.*” The Readings of the Mass are taken from the *Prophet Isaiah* LX: 1 – 6; *Resp Psalm* XCVI: 1 – 10; the *Book of Revelation* XXI: 1 – 5; and the *Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew* XVI: 13 – 19.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST: will be held in two weeks, on Sunday, November 5th. As usual, our sumptuous breakfast of Pancakes, Sausages, Sweets, Juice, Coffee and Tea, are ALL offered for ONLY \$5.00 per person. Please join us in the Parish Hall and Gym for a delightful Autumn Breakfast.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: will draw to a close in two weeks, on Sunday November 5th at 2:00 am. Make sure you set your clocks BACK one hour before retiring on Saturday evening, or you will be one hour EARLY on Sunday am. We gain an hour of blessed sleep 😊.

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, October 13th commemorates the final apparition of The Blessed Virgin Mary 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 the conversion of sinner, the for forgiveness of sins, and for the salvation of souls.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: we are now collection food items to be distributed to the Daughter of Charity and the Black Rock Food Pantry.

Bins for the Thanksgiving Food Drive have been placed in the vestibule of the Church. We are collecting dry foods such as pasta, cereals, canned goods, peanut butter and jelly, coffee, tea, etc. Please check expiration dates-foods with expired dates serve no purpose!

We will continue to collect food items until November 18/19. Please be as generous as your situation permits to allow families to celebrate the blessings and grace of G_D through your generosity.

THANK YOU: to everyone who participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal, aka, Bishop's Annual Appeal. To date, our Parish raised 50 gifts worth \$16,680 from 37 donors bringing the parish to 113.47% of its \$14,700 goal. \$16,505 has been collected in cash which is 112.28% of goal. Again, **THANK YOU, G_D BLESS YOU.**

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 OUR VENDORS FOR YOUR KIND AND GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

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.**

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

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, Mauro Bonaventura, Julianne Burany, Mary Lou Cahill, Martha Catel, Don DeMattia, Eileen Donohue, Melissa Doran, Jamie Dowdell, Dorothy Fejes, Lorraine Ferrone, Ian Gallagher, Joan Gerdson, Patricia Goyette, Linda Grzegowski, Debbie Hiergersol, Nancy Hocurscak, Vinnie Hurosck, Peter John, 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 & 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, George Wilson, Melissa Yearington,

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 22

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

70th Anniversary of the Diocese of BPT

Monday, October 23

St. John of Capistrano

Tuesday, October 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Saturday, October 28

Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles;

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, October 29

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Although these two Apostles are mentioned in the New Testament as being among the 12 men chosen by Our LORD Jesus Christ as His close companions, not much is known for certain about them, except that after the Resurrection, they left Jerusalem to preach, teach, baptize & evangelize.

St. Simon is known as “*Simon the Canaanite*” possibly because he may have been from the town of Canaan, but more probably because *Kananaïos* is the Aramaic word which translates as Zealous or “*the Zealot*.” Zealots were members of a Jewish sect which represented an extreme Jewish nationalism. They understood the Messianic promise that the Jewish Nation was to be a free and independent Nation with G_D alone as their King. They considered any payment of taxes to the Roman Government as blasphemy against G_D Himself.

Historically, These Zealots were known to attack, raid, and even kill foreigners or Jewish dissenters. It is believed that they were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of the Temple and the burning of the City of Jerusalem in the year 70 AD.

Tradition holds that St. Simon was joined by St. Jude in evangelizing throughout Egypt, Persia, Armenia, and lastly Beirut, Lebanon-where they were both martyred for the Holy Christian Faith in the year 65 AD.

St. Jude was known as Judas Thaddaeus to distinguish him from Judah Iscariot, hence the name was abbreviated to Jude or Jude Thaddaeus. He is depicted with a flame around his head, representing his presence at Pentecost at which event he received the Holy Spirit. He is also depicted holding an image of Our Lord, as he is considered to be the patron Saint of desperate or lost causes, and appeals directly to Christ on our behalf.

St. Jude was born of Jewish parents, Cleophas and Mary-a cousin of the Virgin Mary- he would have spoken both Aramaic and Greek. His father was martyred because of his forthright and outspoken devotion to the Risen Christ.

St. Jude along with St. Bartholomew brought Christianity to Armenia. The Armenian Apostolic Church claims to have been founded by him. Hence the Monastery of St. Thaddeus was founded there-which today lies in Northern Iran. In Art, he is usually depicted with an axe-the instrument by which he died in Beirut.

Sometime after his death, his body was brought from Beirut to Rome, where it was placed in a crypt in St. Peter's Basilica.

October 14/ 15, 2023

Regular Collection: \$ 1,105.00

Maintenance Collection: \$ 755.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 184.00