

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*

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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. 28 4:30 pm + Teresa Feranec – Lea Beloovich

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

Mon. Oct. 30 9:00 am + John Belus – Peter & Kathy Allen

Tues. Oct. 31 9:00 am + Dianna Koskelowski – Nicholas and Kristina Worden

Wed. Nov. 01 9:00 am + Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish

5:30 pm + Dianna Koskelowski – Robert and Maureen Kokorda

Thur. Nov. 02 9:00 am + Sylvia Cappetto – John and Helen De Caro

Sat. Nov. 04 4:30 pm Healing of Christopher Mauro – John and Helen De Caro

Sun. Nov. 05 10:00 am + The Deceased Members of the Hribar Families in Slovenija – Ani Hribar

MASS READERS

Sat. Oct. 28 4:30 pm Liz Selimović

Sun. Oct. 29 10:00 am John Adams

Wed. Nov. 01 9:00 am Joe Csom

5:30 pm Bill Sekelsky

Sat. Nov. 04 4:30 pm Bob Kokorda

Sun. Nov. 05 10:00 am Evelyn Chomortany

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Christmas Flower Collection.

“**ALL HALLOWS EVE – ALL SAINTS EVE**” commonly known as **HALLOWEEN** is the night associated with praying for the Dead which followed the celebration of the Vigil the Mass commemorating the witness and fidelity of all the Martyrs and Saints of the Roman Church, Olde English known as All Hallows-All the Holy Ones.

When a chapel in St. Peter’s Basilica was dedicated to all Martyrs and Saints on November 1st in the year 735, the Vigil Mass offered on the evening before-October 31st, was believed to be a night when the spirits were able to leave Hades.

From ancient pagan Celtic and Roman times, it was believed that the ether between the world of the Living and the world of the Dead was blurred or weakened, allowing the Spirits of demons, devils, ghosts, goblins or the Dead who were not at Peace, to manifest themselves on the Earth for the purpose of tormenting the Living.

In an attempt to elude the ghosts and evil Spirits of the Underworld, people would disguise themselves in the hope fooling them whom they believed came to haunt them, and so protect themselves. In addition to disguising themselves, people would bake “soul cakes,” and leave them out for the Spirits in an effort to appease them in hopes of winning their favor. This custom of giving the spirits *souls cakes* has evolved into the modern-day practice of “*trick or treat*,” i.e., giving out candy to people wearing disguises.

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND MASS FOR ALL THE SAINTS!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: this Wednesday, November 1st is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS** in honor of all Saints.

Masses for the Holy Day will be offered, Wednesday, November 1st at **9:00 am** and at **5:30 pm**.

There will be **NO** 4:30 Vigil Mass on October 31st-Halloween.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS: is this Thursday, November 2nd. There will be a Memorial Mass of all our Deceased Parishioners and friends at the usual 9:00 am Mass. Family members who have lost a loved one from November 2, 2022-November 1, 2023 are especially invited to attend this commemorative service. All Souls envelopes are available on the table in the middle of the Church, please submit them **BEFORE** Tuesday, October 31st.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: draws to an end next Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 am, which means we gain an hour sleep 😊. Don't forget to set your clocks backward one hour before you retire Saturday evening before you retire for bed or you will be an hour too EARLY for Mass.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST: will take place **NEXT** Sunday, November 5th in our Parish Hall. The Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, pastries, sweets, coffee, tea, and juice ALL at the cost of ONLY \$5.00 per person. Please join us in the Parish Hall next Sunday after the 10:00 Mass for Breakfast.

DIOCESAN/PARISH MASS CENSUS: The Annual Diocesan Mass Census will be taken up again on the weekends of November 11th/12th and 18th/19th. This census is taken to forecast the future viability of a parish. So as the colloquial adage goes: “Stand up and be counted.”

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, 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, John Krausse, 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/NOVEMBER:

Sunday, October 29

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, November 01

Solemnity of All Saints

Thursday, November 02

Commemoration of All Souls

Friday, November 03

St. Martin de Porres

Saturday, November 04

St. Charles Boromeo;

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, November 05

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS NOVEMBER 1st



During the early ages of our Church, a great Persecution broke out against Christians in the year 64 AD, beginning with the order of the Roman Emperor Nero. The Persecution lasted until the Emperor Constantine the Great issued the Edict of Toleration in 313 AD.

Under the period of this great Persecution, many Christians were tortured and martyred for the profession of their faith in the Son of G_D, Our LORD Jesus Christ. Their martyrdom served to empower the surviving holy Believers who were forced into hiding to avoid extermination.

Surviving Christians solemnized the date of a Martyr's death as the day of their entrance into Eternal Life in Heaven in union with G_D. This was typically done at the place of their martyrdom. Frequently groups of Martyrs were sacrificed on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. During the persecution of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, the number of Martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church feeling that every Martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all the Martyred. We find the first trace of this custom in the city of Antioch on the First Sunday after Pentecost- a tradition which the Eastern Orthodox Church continues to uphold.

In the Western Church, on May 13, 609, Pope Boniface IV consecrated the pagan temple-the Pantheon in Rome-to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to all Martyrs establishing an annual celebration in Rome to commemorate their witness to Christ.

On November 1st, in the year 735, Pope Gregory III consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. He established it as an annual memorial to be celebrated every 1st of November, to honor of all the Saints, Martyrs, and Confessors.

Pope Gregory IV in the year 830, extended this celebration to the entire Universal Church, and declared it as a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** to attend Mass, to honor the Faithful, who because of their witness to Christ Crucified and Risen in Glory, enjoy the Beatific Vision in Heaven. These Saints in Heaven (the Church Triumphant) support, and, intercede on behalf of the Faithful in the world (the Church Militant) in their battle against the enemies of G_D and His Saints, who in turn intercedes by prayer for the Holy Soul in Purgatory (the Church Suffering.)

October 21/ 22, 2023

Regular Collection: \$ TBA

World Mission Collection: \$ TBA

Miscellaneous: \$ TBA