

# 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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**Organists:** Anthony Sagnella, Esq. – *Sundays*

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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. Dec. 23 4:30 pm + William and Mary Sekelsky – The Sekelsky Family

Sun. Dec. 24 10:00 am + Mirna Morawski – The Morawski Family

4:30 pm + Deceased Members of the Lederer and Emler Families – Carolyn, Ed, and Bill

Mon. Dec. 25 00:00 Midnight + Eugenia Pečarič – Her Children

10:00 am + Allan Chomortany – His Loving Wife, Evelyn

Tues. Dec. 26 9:00 am + Bernt Roth – Ana Schindler

Wed. Dec. 27 9:00 am + Jo Ann Howley (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) – A Friend

Thur. Dec. 28 9:00 am + Ruth Langer – Mary Ellen Peterson

Sat. Dec. 30 4:30 pm + Maria Nilo – John and Helen De Caro

Sun. Dec. 31 10:00 am + Hedwig Schindler – Ana Schindler

## MASS READERS

Sat. Dec. 23 4:30 pm Bill Sekelsky

Sun. Dec. 24 10:00 am Evelyn Chomortany

4:30 pm Bob Kokorda

Mon. Dec. 25 00:00 Bill Sekelsky

10:00 Joe Csom

Sat. Dec. 30 4:30 pm John Adams

Sun. Dec. 31 10:00 am Evelyn Chomortany

Tomorrow we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Nativity of the Son of G\_D made man-the Mystery of the Incarnation. We welcome our LORD, Jesus Christ into our hearts, our homes, and our lives. Let us truly recognize the reason why we celebrate this day with joy, festivities, and friendship. Although the secular world celebrates a day of commerce endorsing the buying, exchanging, and giving of gifts to boost profits, Christians throughout the world celebrate the miracle of the Love of G\_D born in a stable over 2 millennia ago.

May the Holy Christ Child born at Bethlehem enlighten your minds, your hearts, and your souls with divine love, spiritual joy, and peace from Above. I wish you all a beautiful, holy, and merry Christmas celebration of Our LORD's birth.

***MASS TIMES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY NATIVITY AT CHRISTMAS:***

**Christmas Eve Mass, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 Vigil**

**Midnight Mass at Christmas, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 00:00 Midnight**

**Christmas Day Masses: 10:00 am**

***MERRY CHRISTMAS***

***VESELI BOŽIČ***



**The Staff here at Holy Cross Church wishes all of you a beautiful and holy Feast celebrating Our LORD's birth at Bethlehem of Judea. May the Son of G\_D, born to us as the Messiah at Whose birth we rejoice at Christmas, bless you & your families with good health, prosperity, joy, peace, and, an increase of the virtues of Faith, Hope, Charity, and, safety and deliverance from all disease, evil, and harm throughout the New Year of 2024.**

***CHRISTMAS PRAYER: "Help us rightly to remember the birth of Your Only-Begotten Son, Our LORD Jesus-the Messiah, we may share in the song of the Angels, the gladness of the Shepherds and the worship of the Wise Men.***

***May we close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.***

***May kindness come with every gift and good desire and with every greeting***

***Deliver us from evil by the blessing that the Messiah brings, and teach us to be joyful with clean hearts.***

***May Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children and may Christmas evening, bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for the sake of Our LORD, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One G\_D, now and ever, and from the ages unto the ages. Amen."***

***THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:*** will be the Collection for the Retired Religious.

***NEW YEAR'S DAY: JANUARY 1, 2024***

***JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>*** marks the Solemnity of Our Lady, Mary, the *Holy Theotokos-the GOD Bearer*. As it falls on Monday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated, so although a Holy Day, it is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation.

Nonetheless, you invited to attend the 9:00 am Mass on New Year's Day to consecrate the new year of 2024 to Our LORD, invoking His blessing, for protection and world peace through the Intercession of HIS Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary.

***JANUARY COFFEE HOUR:*** will be hosted by the Finance Board, on Sunday January 21, 2024.



**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 Hurosach, 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, Bonaventura Mauro, 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 DECEMBER:

Sunday, December 24, 2023

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**Monday, December 25,**

**Solemnity of the Nativity of Our LORD**

Tuesday, December 26

**St. Stephen, Protomartyr**

Wednesday, December 27

**St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Thursday, December 28

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

Friday, December 29

**St. Thomas Becket Bishop and Martyr**

Saturday, December 30

**In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Sunday, December 31

**Feast of the Holy Family**

### Solemnity of the Holy Nativity of the Son of G\_D



*“In the sixth month, the Angel Gabriel was sent from G\_D to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.*

*Upon arriving, the Angel said to her: Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The LORD is with you. Blessed are you among women. She was deeply troubled by his words, and wondered what his greeting meant.*

*The Angel went on to say to her: Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with G\_D. You shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name “Yehushuah” (which is rendered “Jesus.”) Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the MOST HIGH. The LORD G\_D will give Him the throne of David His father. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever and His reign will be without end.*

*Mary said to the Angel, how can this be since I do not know man The Angel answered her: The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the MOST HIGH will overshadow you; hence, the Holy Offspring to be born will be called Son of G\_D.*

*Know that Elizabeth your kinswoman has conceived a son in her old age; she who was thought to be sterile is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible with G\_D.*

*May said: I am the handmaid of the LORD. Let it be done to me according to your word. With that, the Angel left her.” LUKE I: 26 – 38*

*G\_D the Father inhabits light inaccessible. It was to make His Father known to us that Our LORD came on Earth: “No one knows the Father but the Father, and no one known the Father but the Son, and anyone to whom He wishes to reveals Him.” -MATT XI: 27.*

*The Word made flesh is the manifestation of G\_D to us. It is G\_ made man, showing the Father to us. Therefore, the Christmas Liturgy attaches importance to this manifestation of the Divinity of Christ. Our LORD said: “He who sees me, sees the Father also.” – JOHN XIV: 9.*

*By the mystery of the Incarnation of the Word-Our LORD Jesus Christ, we know G\_D under a visible form. May you be graced with a Blessed Christmas!*

*December 16/ 17, 2023*

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>792.00</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>415.00</i>