

Third Sunday in Easter/ Tretja Velikonočna Nedelja

April 19, 2026

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. Apr. 18 4:30 pm + Carmella Terenzio – Bill & Tina Sekelsky

Sun. Apr. 19 10:00 am + Ann Haberman – Elaine Buccellato

Mon. Apr. 20 9:00 am + Josef Bukovec – Ana Schindler

Tues. Apr. 21 9:00 am + Release of the Holy Souls from Purgatory

Wed. Apr. 22 9:00 am Pro Populo

Thur. Apr. 23 9:00 am + John Drmić – Joseph and Marie Csom

Sat. Apr. 25 4:30 pm + Mario Campolucci – John and Helen De Caro

Sun. Apr. 26 10:00 am + Allan Chomortany – Evelyn Chomortany

MASS READERS

Sat. Apr. 18 4:30 pm John Adams

Sun. Apr. 19 10:00 am Bill Sekelsky

Sat. Apr. 25 4:30 pm Bob Kokorda

Sun. Apr. 26 10:00 am Evelyn Chomortany

FROM THE PASTOR:

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Maintenance Collection.

BYOB ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA DINNER: on Saturday, April 25th is a sell-out - all tickets have been sold out. Thank you to everyone who purchased a tickets, and helped us to make this a success.

READINGS FOR THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER:

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES - II : 14, 22 - 33

“Then Peter, stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and proclaimed: ‘You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus, the Nazorean, was a man commended to you by G_D with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which G_D worked through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of G_D, you killed, using lawless men to crucify Him. But G_D raised Him up, releasing Him from the throws of Death, because it was impossible for Him to be held by it. For David says of Him: ‘I saw the LORD ever before me, with Him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore, my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh too will dwell in hope, because You will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will You suffer your Holy One to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of Life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence’.”

Responsorial Psalm XVI: 1-2, 5 7- 8, 9 - 10

R. LORD, You will show us the path of Life.

A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISLE OF ST. PETER – I PT I: 17- 21

“Beloved: If you invoke as Father Him Who judges impartially according to each one’s works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious Blood of Christ as of a Spotless Unblemished Lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through Him believe in G_D Who raised Him from the Dead and gave Him Glory, so that your faith and hope are in G_D.”

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE – LK XXIV: 31 - 15

“That very day, the first day of the week, two of (the LORD’s) Disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, (the LORD) Himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. He asked them, ‘What are you discussing as you walk along?’ They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to Him in reply, ‘Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem Who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?’ And He replied to them, ‘What sort of things?’ The things that happened to Jesus, the Nazarene, Who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before G_D and all the people, how our Chief Priests and Rulers both handed Him over to a sentence of death and crucified Him... And He said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets spoke.! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His Glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them what referred to Him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, He gave the impression that He was going on farther. But, they urged Him, ‘Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.’ So, He went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while He was with them at table, He took bread, said the Blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but He vanished from their sight. Then, they said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?’ So, they set out once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the Eleven and those with them who were saying, ‘The LORD has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!’ Then, the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how He was made known to them in the Breaking of the Bread.”

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD: Praise to You, LORD, Jesus Christ.

“Blessed are You, O Lord, the Christ, Who is Risen from the Dead,
And by rising the Dead
Granted Life to those in the Graves
For to You belong the Power, the Kingdom, and the Glory
Now and Ever
And from the Ages unto the Ages. Amen”

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, Laurin Brenner, Beau Burany, Julianne Burany, Martha Catel, John Coletti, Don DeMattia, Melissa Doran, Dorothy Fejes, Lorraine Ferrone, Ian Gallagher, Dan Genovese, Joan Gerdson, Patricia Goyette, Linda Grzegowski, Nancy Hocurscak, Vinnie Huroschak, Peter John, Mary Ann Koprivec, Johnny Kuczo, Patricia Land, Pat Lenahan, Madalene Lennon, Eleanor Liskar, Gabriel Loeser, Michael Long, Pam Massaro, Raul Matamoros, Patty Merola, Jackie & Tony Mitchell, Paul Paris, Gregory Parsley, Amy Peloquin, Pete Peterson, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, Joseph Piliero, Michael Pollard, Frank Prokaly, George & Richard Prackup, Audrey Prokaly, Edward & Diane Raschke, Joel Rivera, Deborah Resto, Jerome Sagnella, Annette & Bernie Senderak, Michael Sheets, Katherine Vallone, KJ Waller.

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; 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 APRIL

Sunday in Easter, April 19

Third Sunday in Easter

Tuesday, April 21

St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor

Thursday, April 23

St. George, Martyr

Friday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

Saturday, April 18

St. Mark, Evangelist and Martyr;

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, April 26

Fourth Sunday in Easter

Easter Sunday, April 04/ 05

Regular Collection: \$ 1,617.00

Easter Collection: \$ 1,774.00

Miscellaneous Collection: \$ 691.00

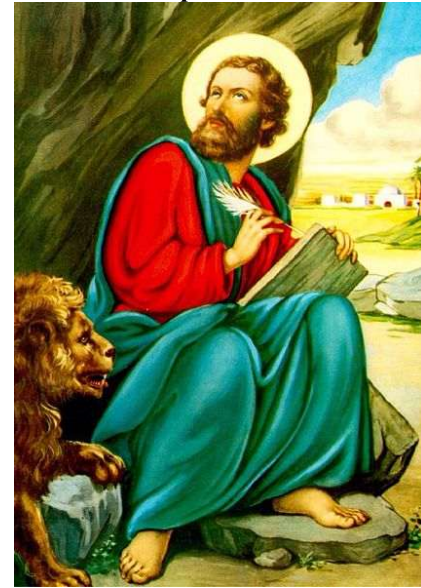
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11/ 12

Regular Collection: \$ 1,062.00

Monthly Collection: \$ 509.00

Miscellaneous Collection: \$ 181.00

St. Mark, the Evangelist
April 25th



The Tradition of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt maintains that St. Mark-whose original name was John and surname was Mark, was a native of Cyrene in Pentapolis, Lybia in N. Africa-just west of the Egyptian border. Born of Jewish parents-Aristopoulous and Mary Mark-the family migrated to Cana in Galilee of Palestine shortly after John's birth due to the Berber attacks on their town in N. Africa 3 years after the birth of Our LORD Jesus Christ. A few years later, his father died and Simon Peter-a distant relative-adopted John Mark as his own son affording him a good education.

His mother Mary was an admirer of Our LORD Jesus Christ's and followed Him. This Mary introduced her son Mark to Our Lord. Mark also initially followed Him, but when Our LORD preached that His flesh was Real Food, and His blood Real Drink, Mark parted company with Christ. He was later brought back to Him by St. Peter. After the Resurrection, when Peter was arrested & released, he lodged at the house of Mark's mother Mary until he left Cana for Syria. Mark accompanied Peter to Antioch, and ultimately to Rome, where he began to write down the sermons of St. Peter, which later came to be known as the *Gospel of St. Mark* before he left for Alexandria Egypt in 43 AD. It was in Alexandria, that he was apprehended by natives who resented the "*new teaching*" and threw him into a cage of lions, who at his preaching became tame, listening to him as he petted them. Infuriated at this, the natives placed a noose around his neck and dragged him through the streets of the City until he was dead; he was later decapitated.

St. Mark founded the Church in Alexandria which is now known as the Coptic Oriental Orthodox Church. It maintains to possess the head of St. Mark in their Cathedral, while the body, which was taken by Venetian merchants to Venice, is enshrined in the Basilica of St. Mark, in the square bearing his name. In art, St. Mark is depicted as the Lion of Revelation, as he conquered lions, and is considered to be the Lion of Judah.