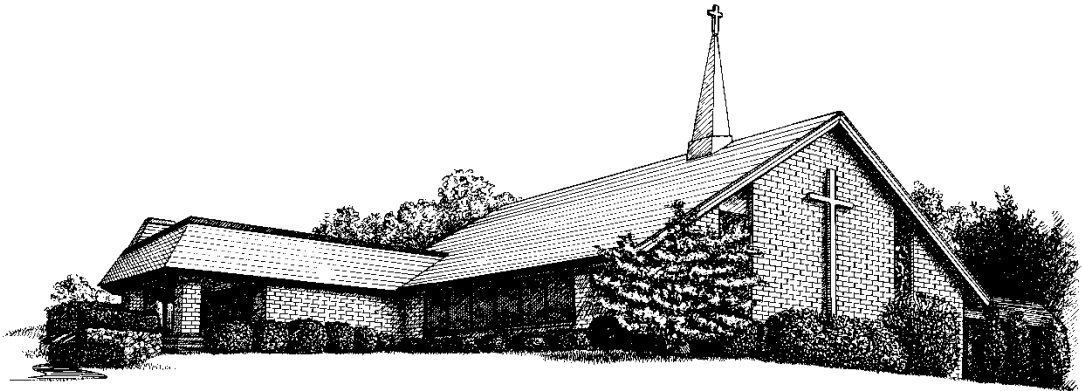


Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Četrta Nedelja med Letom

January 28, 2018

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.

Parish Staff:

Rev. Alfred F. Pečarič, S.T.L., *Pastor*
Mrs. Clare Coyne - *Parish Secretary*
Mr. John Ertlmaier, CPA – *Bookkeeper*
Rector: 203. 372. 4595
Parish Office: 203. 372. 4595; Fax 203. 372. 4668
Parish E-mail: holy_cross_church@sbcglobal.net

Mass Schedule:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am
Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses: 9:30 and 11:00 am
Holy Day Masses as announced

Prayer Request Line:

Ann Marie Schiessl: 203. 255. 0866

Mr. William Sekelsky - *Finance Board Chairman*
Patrick J. Walsh, Esq. - *President of Parish Advisory Board*
Mrs. Dorothy Fejes – *Catechist: 203. 259. 4905*

Organists:

Mr. Anthony Sagnella – *Sundays*
Mrs. Lori Golias – *Saturdays*

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 and Societies:

Parish Advisory Board: *Quarterly – 7:00 pm*
Finance Board: *Quarterly – 7:00 pm*



MASS INTENTIONS

MAŠNI NAMENI

Sat. Jan. 27 4:30 pm + Ethel Wuennemann – Mary Ann Koprivec
Sun. Jan. 28 9:30 am + Jean O'Leary – Frank Ficko and Family
11:00 am + John F. Gurrieri – Anna Gurrieri & Family

Mon. Jan. 29 9:00 am + Rev. Kevin Fitzpatrick – Tony & Jackie Mitchell
Tues. Jan. 30 9:00 am + John F. Gurrieri – Linda DeProfio
Wed. Jan. 31 9:00 am + Rev. Andrej Farkaš – Justina Pšeničnik
Thur. Feb. 01 9:00 am + Annamary Searles – Holy Cross Seniors Bowling League

Sat. Feb. 03 4:30 pm + Mr. & Mrs. Franc Šadl – Schadl & Family
Sun. Feb. 04 9:30 am + Stephen Ray – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
11:00 am + John F. Gurrieri, Sr. – Linda DeProfio

Sat. Jan. 27 4:30 pm J. Piczko/ P. Walsh
Sun. Jan. 28 9:30 am D. Fejes/ M. Colon
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ T. Mitchell

Sat. Feb. 03 4:30 pm J. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. Feb. 04 9:30 am D. Fejes/ J. Csom
11:00 am B. Sekelsky/ S. Cassone

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ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Feb. 03 Volunteers Needed

Sat. Feb. 10

C. & N. Conklin

FROM THE PASTOR:

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Diocesan Collection for the Church in Latin America.

NASA CHALLENGER: today, January 28th is the 34th anniversary of the Challenger Space Capsule which exploded 90 seconds after blast off from Cape Canaveral in FL. Seven brave people lost their lives. We pray for the peace of their families, and also for the safety of all further space exploration missions and the astronauts who will man them. May GOD bless them with safety and with successful ventures.

CCD/REL ED: Classes meet Monday evenings between 5:30 – 6:30pm following the Fairfield Public Schools calendar. In the event of inclement weather, please stay tuned to the local weather channels for cancelations.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: the next classes of Adult Education will convene on Sunday, February 11th and Sunday, February 25th in the parish hall between the hours of 9:45 – 10:40 am. The topic of study will be the Creed. You are all invited to come and learn the rudiments of our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

CANDLE-MASS DAY: February 2nd marks 40 days after the celebration of Christmas. According to *Old Calendarists*, it is the official close of the Christmas Season, commemorating the feast of the *Purification of Our Lady* in the Temple of Jerusalem. According to the Book of Leviticus XII: 6 - 8:

“When the days of her purification for a son or for a daughter are fulfilled, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the meeting tent (the Temple) a yearling lamb for a holocaust and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering. The Priest shall offer them up before the Lord to make atonement for her, and thus she will be clean again after her flow of blood. Such is the Law for the woman who gives birth to a boy or a girl child. If, however, she cannot afford a lamb, she may take two turtledoves or two pigeons, the one for a holocaust and the other for a sin offering. The Priest shall make atonement for her, and thus she will again be clean.”

And so it happened as recounted in the Gospel of St. Luke II: 22 - 24:

“When the day came to purify them according to the Law of Moses, the couple brought (the Infant Jesus) up to Jerusalem so that HE could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord.’ They came to offer in sacrifice ‘a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,’ in accord with the dictate in the Law of the Lord.”

It became the custom in the Church, as an offering to God, for the Faithful to bring candles to Church to have them blessed, taken home, and used in the event of extreme illness, calamity, or fear-the Light of Christ shining in the home. Accordingly, anyone wishing to have candles blessed, please bring white candles to Church on February 2nd where they will be blessed after the 9:00 am Mass.

BLESSING OF THROATS: next Saturday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. From early times the Church has maintained the tradition of blessing throats on his feast day. Therefore, throats will be blessed at the conclusion of all three Masses next weekend.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT: begins in only 3 weeks, on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. It is not too soon to begin an assessment of one’s life before GOD, seeking HIS Divine Mercy for all offenses, sins, and transgressions. From early Christian times, it became custom to focus on Our Lord’s Passion, Cross, and Death as a means of internal spiritual purification, so as to eradicate vulgar actions, intentions, and speech for the purpose of growing closer to Christ, Our Holy Saviour. May HE grant us all a holy Lent.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL: On Sunday, February 4th from 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Assumption Catholic School will host its Open House for grades Pre-K3 - 8th. Please join us at 10:00 a.m. for muffins and coffee with the Principal followed by a tour of the school and then an opportunity to meet with the teachers, current parents and students. Learn about the scholarship opportunities offered to families. There will also be an opportunity to meet with representatives from the after-school program and those who organize the after-school clubs. Please contact Karen Guastelle with questions or to RSVP at kguas-telle@oloaffld.org or 203-334-6271. We look forward to seeing you!

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: The Catholic Church is asking that lawmakers safeguard the rights afforded to us in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, so that we will have the freedom to serve the needy and most vulnerable without violating our moral principles and without being penalized with fines.

JANUARY INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR EVANGELIZATION: that Christian Religious minorities in Asia may be able to practice the Holy Faith in full freedom and without persecution or retribution.

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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH: at 149 S. Pine Creek Road in Fairfield invites you to join them for Music for a Winter Afternoon this afternoon at 5:00 pm in the Church; a light reception will follow. The concert is free.

THE INFIRM: We pray for the healing & restoration of good health to all our infirm family members, friends, & Parishioners in particular:



Marie Adams, Robert Balling, Alan Bedwell, Mary Lou Cahill, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, Melissa Doran, Jon Duguid, Mary Galich, Anna Grotti, Linda Grzegowski, Rhoda Harap, Colleen Horan, Peter John, Kathleen Johnson, Maureen Kelly, Ron & Alma Knight, Mary Ann Koprivec, Louise Kranyik, Margaret Kuharec, Patricia Land, Pat Lenahan, Madalene Lennon, Gabriel Loeser, Will Lowney, Anton Lukman, Lillian Makar, Patty Merola, Jackie Mitchell, Jim Motley, James Norris, Marc Pagnozzi, Gregory Parsley, Ilona Paul, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, Joseph Piliero, Justina Pšeničnik, Edward & Diane Raschke, Louis Rednak, Joel Rivera, Mary Ann Santolupo, Annette & Bernie Senderak, Michael Sheets, Louise Tatangelo, Jaye Turner, Katherine Vallone, KJ Waller, Frank Us and Fay Ann Zak.

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 God 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 GOD BLESS & PROTECT THEM, from all evil, harm, & injury, and, return them safely home. Amen.

FEAST DAYS JANUARY:

- Sunday, January 28
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday, January 31
St. John Bosco, Priest & Religious
- Friday, February 2
Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord
- Saturday, February 03
St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, February 04
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Thomas Aquinas
January 28th



Known as the "Angelical Doctor," Thomas of Aquinas was born at his father's Castle at Roccasecca in the region of Aquino, in Italy, on January 28, 1225 of a noble family of the Kingdom of Naples. His father was a Count in the Region of Aquila, which today is in the Region of Lazio, Italy. Despite his family's protest, he was ordained a Dominican Priest.

Because of his enormous size-being an obese child-and due to his silent disposition, his peers used to call him "the dumb ox." However, his teachers who recognized his great intellect encouraged and inspired him to engage in study. He later became known as one of the most brilliant minds of the scholastic era, known by the titles of: "Doctor Communis," "Doctor Universalis," or "Angelical Doctor."

Inspired by his Dominican teachers, he decided to join the Dominican Order of Preachers, which incurred the wrath of his family who wanted him to join the Benedictine Order at Monte Cassino, where they hoped he would become the Abbott. However, his Dominican teachers who had introduced him to the study of Aristotle, to the Arabian Mathematicians, and to the classical Philosophers, inspired his own love of these disciplines. Their influence further inspired his love of Arithmetic, Geometry, Astronomy, and Music. This exposure from the Dominicans monks during the time of his elementary education prompted his determination to seek academic study under the Order of Preachers.

Much against his family's protest, and imprisonment at his father's castle, Thomas persisted in his desire and in his resolve to join the Dominican Order.

St. Thomas was greatly influenced by his University Dominican Professor, St. Albert the Great, who became the Bishop of Cologne. Inspired by the example of his teachers, and by his love of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Thomas wrote the Summa Theologica; he authored the Eucharistic Hymns to the Blessed Sacrament: Adoro Te devote, O Salutaris, Tantum Ergo, and Pange Lingua.

St. Thomas is considered to be the model teacher for those men studying for the Priesthood. He advocated the

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Regular Collection:	\$1,414.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 974.00
Miscellaneous:	\$ 380.00

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study of Philosophy (especially Aristotle), Logic, and both
Natural Theology, Natural Law, and Speculative Theology.

St. Thomas is the patron saint of seminarians, students,
and of learning.

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