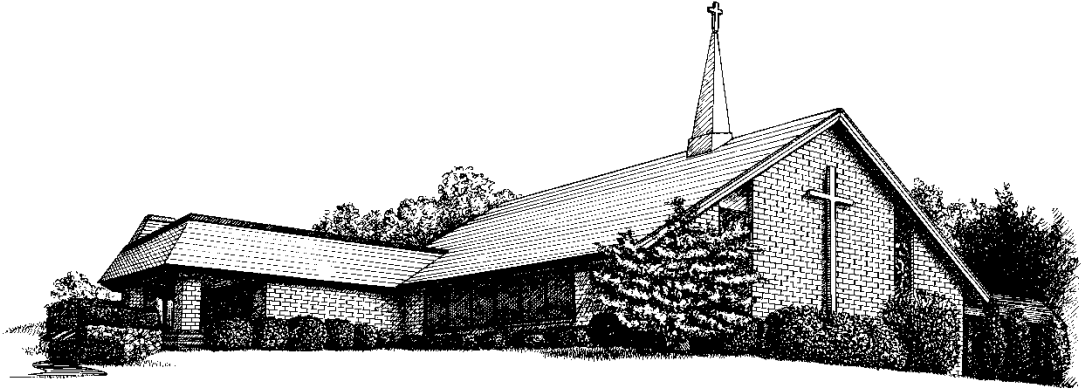


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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*
Rectory: 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*
Mr. John Masi + Mrs. Lori Cellini - *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. Oct. 01 4:30 pm + John Sisko, Jr. – The Sekelsky Family
Sun. Oct. 02 9:30 am + Joseph S. Duh – His Family
11:00 am + Ignac Igor Grašič- His Sister, Marija Grašič

Mon. Oct. 03 9:00 am + Anton Koprivec – Frank Rivek
Tue. Oct. 04 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Joe & Dotty Fejes
Wed. Oct. 05 9:00 am + Kathryn Laudadio – Rocco and Lee Laudadio
Thur. Oct. 06 9:00 am + Marie DeCaro – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro

Sat. Oct. 08 4:30 pm + Louis Koprivec – Hiw Wife – Mary Ann & His Children
Sun. Oct. 09 9:30 am + Ana Marija Us – Her Father, Frank Us & Family
11:00 am + Jacob & Frančeska Makovec – Marija Schadl & Family

Sat. Oct. 01 4:30 pm J. Piczko/ M. Coyne
Sun. Oct. 02 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ J. Csom
11:00 am D. Paronich

Sat. 08 4:30am M. E. Vollemans/ T. Mitchell
Sun. 09 9:30 am J. Piczko/ M. Colon
11:00 am J. Adams/ J. Adams

From the Pastor:

SECOND COLLECTION: next weekend will be the usual Monthly Collection.

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY: this Friday, October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary commemorating the victory at the Battle of Lepanto defeating the Muslim Turks invading Western Europe in 1571. Please pray the Rosary for world peace, and an end to terrorism.

CCD/REL ED: are conducted between the hours of 5:30 – 6:30 pm. The CCD class schedule will follow the Fairfield Public Schools calendar. Please listen to local news stations of both radio and television for inclement weather cancellations.

ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION: the 1st class for Catholic Adult Education will be conducted next Sunday, October 9th in the parish hall during the hours of 9:45 – 10:40 for especially lapsed and nominal Catholics, any family members and friends of the parish, parents of our CCD Children, or anyone wishing to enhance their knowledge, understanding and commitment to our Holy Venerable Christian Faith. Classes will be held on alternate Sunday mornings during the months of October through April, between the same hours of 9:45 – 10:40 am, with the opportunity to attend the 11:00 am Mass. The 2nd class in October will meet on the Sunday the 23rd. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY: St. Theresa Church invites anyone interested to join them for Catholic Bible Study, using the approved *THE BIBLE TIME LINE* series. *The Bible Timeline* is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. The study will include a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion. The study will include fellowship, camaraderie (and food) at the Parish Center beginning Friday, October 14, at 9:15am and continuing every Friday. Registration required due to minimal space. For more information or to register contact Maryann Cornelio at 203-767-9566 or Maribeth Scalzo at 203-445-1802 by October 3rd! By being a part of this study, you will not only benefit personally, but you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we all grow closer to Christ!

17th ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE: will take place Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Holy Angels Parish Center 585 Main Street in S. Meriden, CT 06451, tel: 203. 235. 3822 X 402. featuring keynote speak, Mother Dolores Hart. Registration Fee of \$25.00 includes Hospitality, Exhibits, Worship, Lunch, Respect Life Mass. For more information or to register as Pro-Life Exhibitor, please visit www.HolyAngelsChurch.org or e-mail: profile@HolyAngelsChurch.org.

CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT TO THE SACRED HEART: Bishop Caggiano in conjunction with Priests and the Laity of the Diocese encourage everyone possible to attend the Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, November 5, 2016, at St. Augustine Cathedral from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. This event will include Scriptural Rosary, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and a presentation by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a Vigil Mass with Consecration. Bishop Caggiano is asking that ALL the Faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 observe a day of FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM ALL MEATS, on Friday, November 4th as a means of expiation for sin.

Furthermore, Bishop has mandated that all Masses on the Sunday, November 6th pray the orations from the Votive Mass of the *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* while retaining the Readings from the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

OPEN HOUSE AND ENTRANCE EXAM: for Sacred Heart Academy for girls will take place on Sunday, October 16, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The Entrance Exam will be conducted on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 8: am until noon. President, Sr. Sheila O'Neil and Elaine Lamboleay would be happy to offer a guided tour of the school when convenient for you. Please contact them @ www.sacredhearthamden.org or call: 203. 288. 2309.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: According to Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, comments made by Martin Castro, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, saying that religious liberty is reduced to "nothing except hypocrisy," and religion is being used as a "weapon... by those seeking to deny others equality" are shocking. It suggests that Catholic, evangelical, orthodox Jewish, Mormon, and Muslim communities are comparable to fringe segregationists from the civil rights era. These statements, said Lori, painting those who support religious freedom with the broad brush of bigotry are reckless and reveal a profound disregard for the religious foundations of his own work.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

OCTOBER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS:

Universal Intention: that in carrying out their work, Journalists may always be motivated by respect for Truth and a strong sense of Ethics;

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Intention for Evangelization: that World Mission Day may renew within all Christian Communities the joy of the Holy Gospel and the responsibility to announce it faithfully.

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



Alan Bedwell, Patricia Butzko, Dorothy Cassidy, Lori Cellini, Anthony Cilo, Terry D'Amico, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, Don Donaldson, Melissa Doran, Carol Ennis, Dorothy Fejes, Mary Galich, Lee Gentile, Joan Gerdson, Anna Grotti, Frank Hering, Colleen Horan, Peter John, Kathleen Johnson, Maureen Kelly, Ron & Alma Knight, Andrew Kokorda, David Koprivec, Mary Ann Koprivec, Margaret Kuharec, Jennifer Lach, Pat Lenahan, Madalene Lennon, Gabriel Loeser, Anton Lukman, Lillian Makar, Patty Merola, Jim Motley, Gregory Parsley, Ilona Paul, Bernard Peloquin, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, Verlene Pickstone, Rev. Louis Pintye, OFM, Justina Pšeničnik, Edward & Diane Raschke, Stephen Ray, Darlene Raytar, Louis Rednak, Annette & Bernie Senderak, Micheal Sheets, Louise Tatangelo, Jaye Turner, Katherine Vallone, KJ Waller, Sue Waller, Frank Us, Ethel Wuennemann & Fay Ann Zak.

We commend to our prayers the souls of all the recently deceased, esp. 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 war, civil strife, and 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 in the months of October:

Sunday, October 02

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, October 04

St. Francis of Assisi, Mystic

Thursday, October 6

St. Bruno, Priest

Friday, October 7

Feast of the Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, October 8

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, October 09

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 4

Miscellaneous: \$ 383.00

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



St. Francis of Assisi was born late in the year 1181, 1 of 7 children, to a wealthy cloth and silk merchant-Pietro & di Bernardone & his wife Pica-a French noblewoman. While Pietro was in France on a business trip, Pica gave birth to a son, and had him baptized with the name of Giovanni (John) after the St. John the Baptist. As he grew, Giovanni developed a love of all things French, hence, his father nicknamed him "Francesco-" the *Frenchman*, the name by which he is universally known.

As a youth, he developed love of all temporal pleasures, esp., all things *Transalpine*, dressing in fine bright colored clothing, surrounding himself with friends of his upper class, enjoying a frivolous life. Yet, he slowly became disillusioned with all the trappings of his lifestyle. One day, while his father left him in charge to sell fine cloths in the marketplace, a beggar approached him for alms. Francesco finished the deal in which he was involved, ran after the beggar & gave the beggar all the money in his pockets. Having witnessed the event, his friends related the account to his father who excoriated him.

In 1201, Francesco was captured as a military prisoner & taken to *Collestrada*, where he spent a year in captivity. He returned to Assisi in 1203 but began to reject his former life, preferring to spend time alone beseeching GOD for enlightening. He began to nurse lepers & the most pitiable of beggars. After he returned from a pilgrimage to Rome, he had the 1st of his spiritual conversions-a mystical vision of Our Lord: the Icon of Christ Crucified spoke & said to him: "Francesco, go and repair My House, which, as you can see is falling into ruins." He sold some cloth from his father's store to assist the Priests there to rebuild the ruins. After his father threatened to beat him, he went before the Bishop of Assisi, stripped himself bare, renounced his father, and his entire patrimony to pursue the dictates of the Gospel of St. Matthew: 10:9. He began to preach. In 1295 Pope Innocent

September 24/ 25, 2016

Regular Collection: \$ 1,483.00

Diocesan Aid to LA: \$ 480.00

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III approved his followers as: "Order of Friars Minor."

On September 14, 1224, he received a vision of Our Lord, who gave him the Stigmata-the 5 wounds of Christ. He performed many miracles and died October 3, 1226.