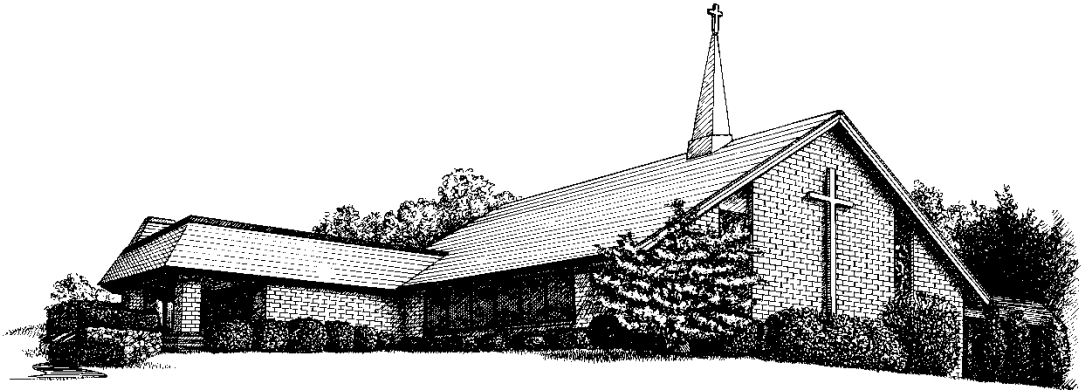


# Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



## 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. 22 4:30 pm + John Ray – His Wife, Monica Ray  
Sun. Oct. 23 9:30 am + Peregrin Us – His Son Frank Us & Family  
11:00 am + Philip C. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Mon. Oct. 24 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Frank Drechlser  
Tue. Oct. 25 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – The Pugliese Family  
Wed. Oct. 26 9:00 am + Valentin (Zravko) Hribar – Mr. & Mrs. Anton Lunder  
Thur. Oct. 27 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. Ann Konitzer

Sat. Oct. 28 4:30 pm + Andrew Piretti – Peter & Kathleen Allen & Family  
Sun. Oct. 30 9:30 am + Release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
11:00 am + Mary Zlatar – Anna Gurrieri & Family

Sat. Oct. 22 4:30 pm J. Piczko/ D. Paronich  
Sun. Oct. 23 9:30 am M.E. Vollemans/ M. Coyne  
11:00 am B P. Sullivan/ W. Sullivan

Sat. 29 4:30am M. Adams/ J. Adams  
Sun. 30 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ P. Walsh  
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ L. Selimović

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Oct. 29 Diane Caserta

Sat. Nov. 5 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

From the Pastor:

**SECOND COLLECTION:** this weekend is the Diocesan Collection for Retired Religious.

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** next Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of All Saints, and a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass. The times of Masses are as follows: 4:30 Vigil Mass on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>; Masses on Tuesday-the Holy Day are the usual 9:00 am and 5:30 pm.

**FEAST OF ALL SOULS:** next Wednesday, November 2 is the Feast of All Souls. There will be a commemorative service of our parishioners, family and friends who have died during the past year from November 2, 2015 – November 2, 2016. Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of all the Deceased, and the happy release from the Souls in Purgatory.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> class for Catholic Adult Education will be conducted this Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the parish hall during the hours of 9:45 – 10:40 am. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> class in October will meet on the Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Classes in November will meet on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WINE TASTING:** will be held on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in the parish hall, featuring wines for tasting from *Val's Putnam Wines & Liquors*, finger foods, coffee, tea and desserts. \$25 Advance Sale tickets ONLY on sale after all masses or call 203-372-4595 for reservations.

**HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION:** Please join us in collecting ONLY candy for Sr. Theresa Tremblay and the Daughters of Charity. Items need to be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church by Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> as a means of expiation for sin.

Furthermore, Bishop has mandated that all Masses on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 study will be held at the Parish Center every Friday at 9:15 am. For more information or to register, please contact Maryann Cornelio at 203-767-9566 or Maribeth Scalzo at 203-445-1802.

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:** 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** entitled "Made by Love, For Love" will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Catherine of Siena Family Center, Trumbull from 9:30 am until closing Mass at 5:30 pm. For more information or to register, please visit the website [www.bridgeportwomensconference.org](http://www.bridgeportwomensconference.org) or contact Kim Quatela at [kquatela@diobpt.org](mailto:kquatela@diobpt.org).

**ENTRANCE EXAM:** for Notre Dame High School in Fairfield will be given on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Complete information can be found on the school's website [www.notredame.org](http://www.notredame.org). Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to schedule a visit by contacting the Admissions Office at 203-372-6521.

**MERCY LEARNING CENTER:** at 637 Park Avenue in BPT is seeking volunteers to teach English, Math & Reading on a 1 on 1 basis or in small groups. Classes meet 2 times weekly for 2 hour sessions. A 1-day training session is required for all new tutors. Teaching experience is NOT necessary. Training and all instructional materials are provided. For information, or to register for a training session, please contact Lynn Gabriel: [lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org](mailto:lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org) or Sandra Santy: [sandra.santy@mercylearningcenter.org](mailto:sandra.santy@mercylearningcenter.org), or call 203.334.6699.

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Tridesetnajsta Nedelja med Letom*

*October 23, 2016*

**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, Anne Colon, 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, Verlone Pickstone, Rev. Louis Pintye, OFM, Justina Pšeničnik, Edward & Diane Raschke, Stephen Ray, Darlene Raytar, Louis Rednak, Annette & Bernie Senderak, Michael 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. 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 23

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Friday, October 28

Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles

Saturday, October 29

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, October 30

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*October 15/16, 2016*

*Regular Collection: \$1,618.00*

*Capitol Improvement: \$ 853.00*

*Miscellaneous: \$ 626.00*

**Leonine Prayers:**

*Hail Mary* prayed 3 times

*Hail Holy Queen* +following prayer

*Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel*

*Invocation to the Sacred Heart* prayed 3 times

Although suppressed in 1964, these prayers are now prayed in many Catholic Churches around the world as the need for Heavenly intercession is sought in victory over forces which threaten the peace and stability of the world.

Commonly but erroneously known as "Prayers for the conversion of Russia" have a longer history than is typically known. These prayers were added invoking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael to help against the assaults and attacks by secular powers threatening the spread of the Faith throughout western Europe, and, by the Italian Communist movement against the authority of the Holy See both spiritual and temporal.

In 1859, Pope Pius IX, faced a growing threat to the Holy See's temporal sovereignty over the Papal States which were later seized by the Italian Militia under Vittorio Emmanuele, King of Italy. Recognizing the growing tide of anti-Catholicism among the Italian State, the Holy Father invoked the intercession of the Virgin Mary by ordering that prayers be offered after the conclusion of Holy Mass in the order of: Hail Mary 3 times; Hail Holy Queen 1 time; and a Collect. Although Pius IX did not make these prayers obligatory, he did ask Catholics everywhere to pray for the defeat of those bent on destroying the Holy See's temporal sovereignty.

On the Feast of the Holy Epiphany, January 6, 1884, Pope Leo XIII ordered that the prayers inaugurated by Pius IX be recited throughout the world. Two years later, he modified the prayer after the Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen) to make it a prayer for the conversion of sinners, and "the freedom and exaltation of Holy Mother the Church." He also composed and added the Prayer to St. Michael (which is much longer and more elaborate than the one presently and commonly known.)

In 1904, Pope Pius X granted permission to add the threefold invocation: "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us," at the end of these prayers.

In 1929, Vatican City State was created, resolving the troubled relationship between the Holy See and the Italian State, which had been the object of the Leonine Prayers.

The following year, Pope Pius XI ordered that the Leonine Prayers should be offered "to permit tranquility and freedom to profess the Faith to be restored to the afflicted people of Russia," not as is erroneously said "for the conversion of Russia," the intention which was miscommunicated throughout the world.

On March 13, 1964, Giovanni Montini-Pope Paul VI agreed to the Russian Orthodox Patriarch's Representative bequest that the Leonine Prayers be dropped from after Mass, as they were offensive to the Russian Orthodox Church. On September 26, 1964, the Instruction *Inter Oecumenici* on implementing the *Constitution on Sacred Liturgy* of the Second Vatican Council decreed: "The Leonine Prayers are suppressed."