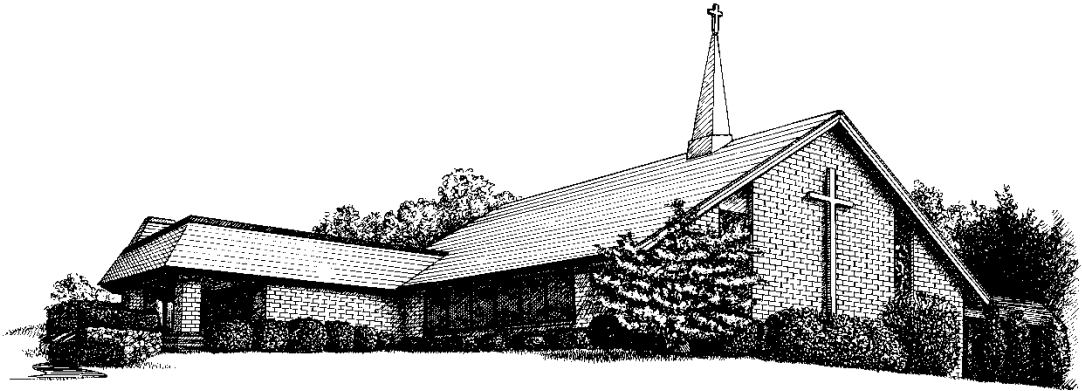


Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Trideseta-Prvaa Nedelja med Letom October 30, 2016

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
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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. 29 4:30 pm + Andrew Piretti – Peter & Kathleen Allen & Family
Sun. Oct. 30 9:30 am + Catherine Bonvicini – Jim & Diane Caserta
11:00 am + Mary Zlatar – Anna Gurrieri & Family
Mon. Oct. 31 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Ed Nosil
4:30 pm + Dorothy Tadduni – Mary Lou Weiner & Family
Tue. Nov. 01 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Frank Drechsler
5:30 pm + Ignac Igor Grašič – The Grašič Family
Wed. Nov. 02 9:00 am + Sylvia Cappetta – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
Thur. Nov. 03 9:00 am + Conversion of Sinners - Justina Pšeničnik
Sat. Nov. 05 4:30 pm + Phil Cerrone, Sr. – Phil & Virginia Cerrone
Sun. Nov. 06 9:30 am + Louis Tedesco – Julie Petro
11:00 am + John Ray – Anthony Belovich & Family

Sat. Oct. 29	4:30 pm	M. Adams/ J. Adams	Mon. Oct 31	4:30 pm	J. Picazko/ P. Walsh	Sat. Nov. 05	4:30am	D. Fejes/ M. Colon
Sun. Oct. 30	9:30 am	B. Sekelsky/ P. Walsh	Tues. Nov 1	9:00 am	T. Mitchell/ J. Csom	Sun. Nov. 06	9:30 am	J. Piczko/ M. Coyne
	11:00 am	T. Mitchell/ L. Selimović		5:30 pm	B. Sekelsky/ B. Sekelsky		11:00 am	ME Vollemans/ T. Mitchell
ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Nov. 05 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky			Sat. Nov. 12 M. Csom/ M. Walsh					

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From the Pastor:

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: this Tuesday, November 1st 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 31st; Masses on Tuesday-the Holy Day are the usual 9:00 am and 5:30 pm.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS: 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. Everyone is invited to come pray for their own beloved Deceased, and for the happy repose of the souls of all the Deceased, and the happy release from the Souls in Purgatory.

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, this 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**, this Friday, November 4th as a means of expiation for sin.

Furthermore, Bishop has mandated that all Masses next 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: ends next Sunday, November 6, which means we get 1 extra hour sleep. Don't forget to turn back your clocks one hour before you retire for the night next Saturday evening.

WINE TASTING EVENT: will take place on Friday, November 11th from 7:00 – 10:00. Tickets are ONLY \$25.00 per person, and will be on sale before and after all weekend Masses in the vestibule of the Church up through November 5/6th.

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: during the Month of November will meet in the parish hall on Sunday, November 13th and, Sunday, November 27th during the hours of 9:45 – 10:40, with the opportunity to attend the 11:00 am Mass. Anyone and everyone who is curious or wants to enhance their understanding of our Holy Faith is 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 every Friday (unless otherwise indicated), at 9:15 am. For more information or to register contact Maryann Cornelio at 203-767-9566 or Maribeth Scalzo at 203-445-1802 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!

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: We are called to advocate for the most fundamental of human goods and rights, in particular, the right to life and the right not only to profess our faith, but to live it out. We are advocating for the freedom to "be Catholic," to go about our lives serving the needs of our brothers and sisters, regardless of their race, creed, or religion, not because they are Catholic but because we are Catholic.

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;

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.

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS:

Universal Intention: that the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Intention for Evangelization: that within parishes, Priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

MERCY LEARNING CENTER: at 637 Park Avenue in BPT is seeking volunteers to teach English, Math & Reading on a 1 on 1 basis or small groups. Classes meet 2 times weekly for 2 hours sessions. A 1-day training session is required for all new tutors' the next raining session is Friday, September 23rd. 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 or Sandra Santy: sandra.santy@mercylearningcenter.org, or call 203. 334. 6699.

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. 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/November:

- Sunday, October 30
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, November 01
Holy Day: Feast of All Saints
- Wednesday, November 02
Commemoration of All Souls
- Thursday, November 03
St. Martin De Porres, Religious
- Friday, November 04
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- Saturday, November 05
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, November 06
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22/23, 2016

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$ 1,774.00
<i>Diocesan Collection:</i>	\$ 673.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$ 426.00

NOVEMBER 1

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS



In the year 64 AD, a fire-believed to be ignited by the Emperor Nero himself-consumed and destroyed most of the city of Rome. The Romans believed that their gods, who had protected the Empire, were furious with them for allowing a new nascent Religious Sect known as Christians, to be exempt from burning incense and from worshipping them. Hence, the Rome Empire inaugurated a great persecution against all members of the new Christian movement. As a result, hundreds of thousands of Christians were exterminated by brutal executions.

During these days of the persecution of our Holy Church, the early Christians began to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr who died bearing witness to Our Lord as the day of their entrance into Eternal Life; this was typically done at the place of their martyrdom.

Frequently groups of martyrs were sacrificed on the same day, which resulted in a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But surviving Christians believed that every martyr should be venerated, and so, appointed a common day for all the martyred, which we now know of as *All Saints*. We find the first trace of this custom in the city of Antioch on the First Sunday after Pentecost- a tradition which the Eastern Orthodox Church continues to uphold.

In the Western Church, Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to all Martyrs on May 13, 609, establishing an annual celebration in Rome to commemorate their martyrdom and their witness to Christ.

On November 1st, in the year 735, Pope Gregory III consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. He established it as an annual memorial to be celebrated every 1st of November, to honor of all the Saints, Martyrs, and Confessors.

Pope Gregory IV in the year 830, extended this celebration to the entire Universal Church, and declared it as a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass, so as to honor the Faithful who because of their witness to Christ Crucified and Risen in Glory, enjoy the Beatific Vision in Heaven. These Saints in Heaven (the Church Triumphant) support, and, intercede on behalf of the Faithful in the world (the Church Militant) in their battle against the enemies of God and His Saints.