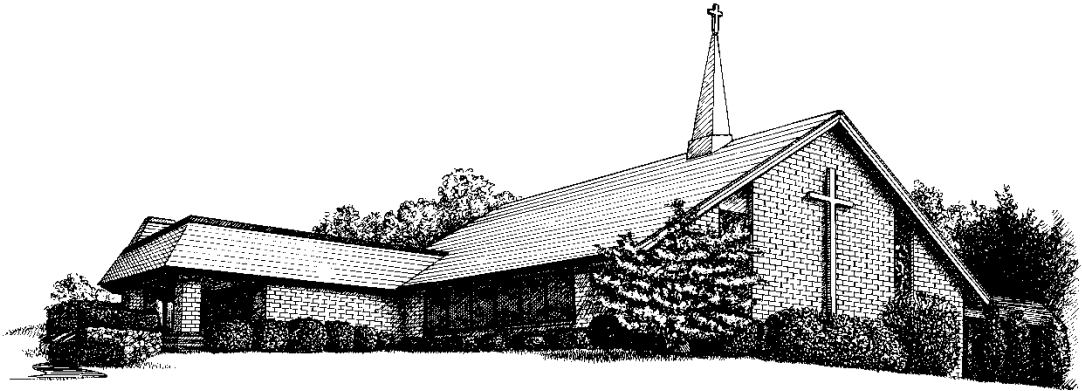


Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Trideseta-Druga Nedelja med Letom November 6, 2016

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
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. 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

Mon. Nov. 07 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mrs. Ann Kornitzerl
Tue. Nov. 08 9:00 am + Lou and Alice Nilo – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
Wed. Nov. 09 9:00 am Intention of Conversion of Sinners – Justina Pšeničnik
Thur. Nov. 10 9:00 am + Sue Biafore – Her Daughter, Mary Lou Weiner

Sat. Nov. 12 4:30 pm + Deceased of the Bukovec Family – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Sun. Nov. 13 9:30 am + Eugene J. Paraska – His Wife, Jeanette
11:00 am + Philip C DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Sat. Nov. 05 4:30 pm D. Fejes/ M. Colon
Sun. Nov. 06 9:30 am J. Piczko/ M. Coyne
11:00 am M.E. Vollemans

Sat. Nov. 12 4:30 pm P. Stone/ W. Sullivan
Sun. Nov. 13 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ P. Walsh
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ L Selimović

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Nov. 12 M. Csom/ M. Walsh

Sat. Nov. 19 Christine Santos

From the Pastor:

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: is the month dedicated to reflecting on the mystery of Death and Eternal Life. We consider the epitaph of a Confederate Soldier's Tomb:

“Remember man, as you pass by, as you are now, so once was I, as I am now you too shall be, so, be prepared to follow me.”

November is the month appropriate to visiting cemeteries and the graves of our Beloved Deceased, and to pray that Almighty GOD our Heavenly Father may grant them a merciful judgment, the forgiveness of their sins, and, receive them into Eternal Glory in HIS Heavenly Kingdom.

Please remember to pray for the happy release of the Souls of the Faithful Departed, that through the Mercy of GOD they may rest in peace, and that the Eternal Light of Christ may shine upon them. Amen.

CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT TO THE SACRED HEART: Bishop Caggiano has mandated that all Masses this weekend celebrating the *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time* pray the orations from the Votive Mass of the *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* while retaining the Readings from the Readings of the Mass of the day.

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

ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENT: will be conducted this coming Friday, November 11, Feast of St. Martin of Tours, in the parish hall. Tickets are ONLY \$25.00 per person; this is the last weekend to purchase them before and after all Masses, or you may call the parish office by Friday, November 10th at the very latest.

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 9:15am. 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: Recently, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, decried comments made by Martin Castro, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, who said that the phrases "religious liberty" and "religious freedom" were "code words" used to discriminate. “Today, Catholic priests, religious and laity can be found walking the neighborhood streets of our most struggling communities in places abandoned by a ‘throwaway culture’ that has too often determined that quick profits matter more than communities. We are there offering education, health care, social services, and hope, working to serve as the ‘field hospital’ Pope Francis has called us to be. We wish we were there in even greater numbers, but we are there to humbly offer the full promise of America to all. Rest assured, if people of faith continue to be marginalized, it is the poor and vulnerable, not the Chairman and his friends, who will suffer,” said Lori.

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.

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 training 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, 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, Micheal Sheets, Louise Tatangelo, Jaye Turner, Katherine Vallone, KJ Waller, Frank Us, Ethel Wuennemann & Fay Ann Zak.

We commend to our prayers the souls of all the recently deceased, esp., Rev. Walter Philip Coleman. 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, November 6

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica/Rome

Thursday, November 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

Friday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Saturday, November 12

St. Josephat, Bishop & Martyr

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, November 13

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Martin of Tours
November 11



Martin was born in 316 in Savaria- Szombathely, in Hungary. His father was a Tribune in the Imperial Horse Guard of the Roman Army. He was later assigned to Pavia in Italy, where his son, the young Martin grew up. At the age of 10, Martin began attending the Christian Church-which was newly liberated by Constantine.

Much against his parents' will, he enrolled for Religious Instructions, but was not baptized. As the son of an Army Officer, he was required to join the Cavalry. Around 334, at age 18, he was stationed at Amiens, now in France. While there, he experienced a vision: as he was approaching the city gate of Amiens, he met a barely clad beggar. He impulsively cut his military cloak in half to share with the man. That night, he had a dream of Our Lord Jesus Christ, wearing half the cloak he had given to the beggar. He heard Our Lord say to an Angel: 'Here is Martin, the Roman Soldier who is not baptized; he has clad me.' When Martin awoke from the dream, he found the cloak restored to its full size. This event led him to be baptized. He was then convinced that his Christian conscience prohibited him from engaging in war stating: "I am a soldier of Christ. I cannot fight." Charged with cowardice, he was imprisoned. To fight this charge he volunteered to go to the front lines unarmed. Without warning, the invaders asked for terms of peace, avoiding battle. Martin was then released from Military Service. He made his way to Tours, where he became a monk, and, a strong defender of Trinitarian Christianity opposing the Arian heresy prevalent at the time.

From the late Middle Ages, it became custom to honor Martin's feast day as a lover of the poor and of children, by celebrating with a feast new wine & sumptuous meal, before beginning the 40 days fast before Christmas. This became known as *Martinovanje*. Today, we call this period of fasting: *Advent*, which has been abbreviated to the 4

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Regular Collection: \$ 1,987.00

Diocesan Collection: \$ 344.00

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weeks before Christmas, characterized by the 3 purple
candles and 1 rose candle on the Advent Wreath.