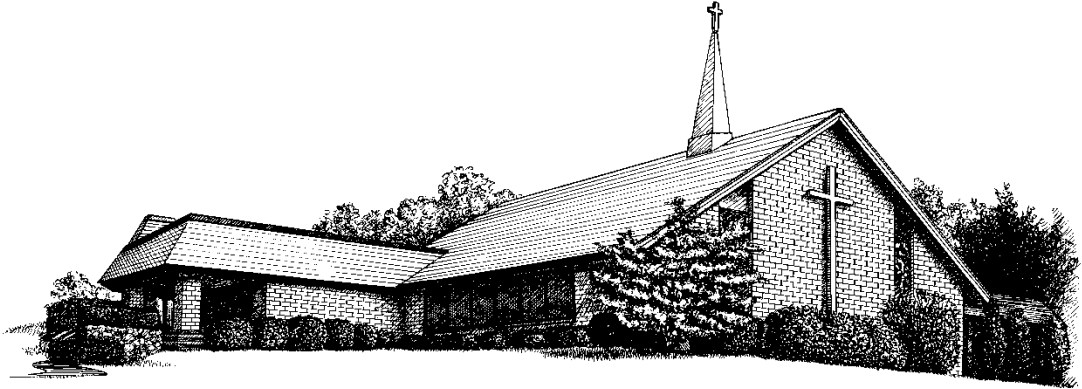


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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. 19 4:30 pm + Anton Schadl – Marija Schadl & Family
Sun. Nov. 20 9:30 am + Mr. & Mrs. Henry Campolucci – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
11:00 am + Alex Zlatar – Anna Gurrieri & Family

Mon. Nov. 21 9:00 am + The Deceased Members of the Hribšek Family - Justina Pšeničnik
Tue. Nov. 22 9:00 am + Rev. K. P. Fitzpatrick – Gregory Mikulka
Wed. Nov. 23 9:00 am + John Joseph Bonatti, Jr. – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
Thur. Nov. 24 9:00 am + Stanisława Bazan – Her Daughter Anja Morawski

Sat. Nov. 26 4:30 pm + John M. Haray, III, and, Michael J. Haray – The Koprivec and Haray Families
Sun. Nov. 27 9:30 am + Giuseppe Cordone – Dario & Βασίλική Vitali
11:00 am + John Ray – Anthony Belovich & Family

Sat. Nov. 19 4:30 pm M. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. Nov. 20 9:30 am J. Piczko/ B. Sekelsky
11:00 am M.E. Vollemans/ D. Paronich

Sat. Nov. 26 4:30 pm J. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. Nov. 27 9:30 am D. Fejes/ M. Colon
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ S. Cassone

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Nov. 26 Volunteers Needed

Sat. Dec. 3 Nida Conklin

From the Pastor:

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: this weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King which culminates the Liturgical Year of Ordinary Time in Cycle C. Next weekend, November 26/27 begins Liturgical Cycle A for weekend Readings, and I for weekdays.

ADVENT: next weekend begins the holy season of Advent-the 4 weeks we set aside to meditate on the prophecies for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ at Christmas. Please maintain a spirit of vigil during Advent, as the Christmas season begins on December 25th, NOT before. Let us give evidence that we are true Christians-disciples of the Anointed of the Lord, by observing a period of fasting and making Advent a time of true repentance, and return to the Lord anticipating both the birth, and, the return of the Holy Light from Heaven, born to us at the event of Christmas. Keep Christmas in Christ AND Christ in Christmas.

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Capitol Improvement Collection.

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THE PARISH ADVISORY BOARD: invites everyone to the parish hall after Mass this morning for coffee and...

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING: this Thursday, November 24th is the national feast/holiday of Thanksgiving Day. Typically family and friends join together for a communal meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetables, pies, cakes and other sweets.

This day should also include a prayer service of thanksgiving to Almighty GOD for all the benefits, freedoms and gifts we enjoy here in the United States. Remember to offer thanks to Almighty GOD at your Thanksgiving feast.

I invite all of you and your families to join us this Thursday, Thanksgiving morning for the 9:00 am Mass, which will be a sung Mass in rendering true thanksgiving to our Lord.

I wish all of you and your families a blessed, loving, and warm Thanksgiving Day and feast, and, pray for all who will travel on this weekend, for their/your safety, enjoyment, and safe return home.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: the CCD REL/ED in conjunction with the Finance Board invite everyone to the coffee hour/pancake breakfast on **Sunday, December 11th** following the 9:30 & 11:00 am Masses, featuring pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, tea, and juices for ONLY \$5.00 per person. Santa Clause will greet the children of the parish.

Additionally, tickets for the Finance Board's Raffle, featuring 3 prizes, will be sold before and after all Masses through December 10/11th. The Raffle's drawing will take place at the conclusion of the pancake breakfast. Come and join us for breakfast with Santa, family and friends and help support this fundraiser and enjoying our time together.

CCD/REL ED: classes 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 next Adult Catechism class will be Sunday November 27th during the hours of 9:45 – 10:40. Anyone and everyone who is curious or wants to enhance their understanding of our Holy Faith are welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM: at 1 State Street in New Haven, opens its annual Christmas exhibit November 19. The show features crèches from Germany as well as many from the museum's own collection, including a hand-carved cedar nativity scene from Mexico and its popular 120-square-foot Baroque Neapolitan (Italian) diorama. The Museum is open daily; free admission & parking. For more information, please call at 203-865-0400 or access: www.kofemuseum.org.

ADMISSIONS TESTING: for Notre Dame High School in West Haven will be conducted on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 between the hours of 8 – 11:00 am for boys in grades 7 – 8. For further information, please contact Mr. Pasquale G. Izzo, Director of Admissions t 203. 933. 1673, or by accessing: www.notredamehs.com.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: the Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the Affordable Health Care Act harshly penalizes those employers, such as the Church, who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees.

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 newly elected 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.

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, Linda Grzegowski, Frank Hering, Colleen Horan, Peter John, Kathleen Johnson, Maureen Kelly, Ron & Alma Knight, David Koprivec, Mary Ann Koprivec, Margaret Kuharec, Pat Lenahan, Madalene Lennon, Gabriel Loeser, Anton Lukman, Lillian Makar, Patty Merola, Jim Motley, Gregory Parsley, Iona Paul, Bernard Peloquin, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, Verlone Pickstone, Rev. Louis Pintye, OFM, Justina Pšeničnik, Edward & Diane Raschke, Stephen Ray, Darlene Raytar, Louis Rednak, Mary Ann Santolupo, 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-Joan Meszaros, and Andrew Kokorda. 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 November:

Sunday, November 20

Feast of Christ the King

Monday, November 21

Feast of the Presentation of the BVM

Tuesday, November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Wednesday, November 23

St. Clement, Pope & Martyr

Thursday, November 24

THANKSGIVING DAY: USA

Friday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

Saturday, November 26

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, November 27

Advent I

St. Cecilia
November 22



Cecilia was martyred under the reign of the Roman Emperor Alexander Severus around the year 230, along with her husband and his brother. She is 1 of the 7 Martyrs whose names are mentioned in the Traditional Canon of the Mass, as she is one of the most famous and celebrated Saints of the early Christian Church.

Cecilia was born in the environs of Rome into a noble and wealthy Christian family; she was reared in regal manor and exposed to the Arts from an early age. She loved Music which she used to inspire her prayer and meditation. At age 12, she vowed lifelong virginity to Christ. So beautiful was Cecilia, that a young noble suitor, Valerian asked her parents' permission to wed her. While Musicians played at the wedding, Cecilia prayed in her heart to the Lord. On their wedding night, when the time came to consummate the marriage Cecilia informed Valerian of her vow and of her angelic keeper: "I have as a lover an Angel of God who jealousy guards my body," Valerian demanded to see the Angel. Cecilia informed him he could only see him if he were baptized. She arranged for his Baptism with Pope Urban at a location on the *Via Appia* outside Rome. After his Baptism, Valerian was able to see the Angel who gave them a bouquet of red roses and a white lily. When his brother Tiburtius saw the bouquet, he was astounded by their beauty & he asked after their origin. When told, he too asked for the waters of Baptism.

When Almachius, the Prefect, heard of their conversions, he ordered his Officer Maximum to arrest & to imprison them. During the length of their time in prison, they converted Maximus & his entire family to the Faith. Angered by this, Prefect Almachius ordered her to be burned alive, but the fires would not touch her. He then ordered her to be decapitated in her own home in the *Trastevere* region of Rome. She lived after 3 attempts, and was left to bleed to death. She asked to see Pope Urban, requesting that her family home be dedicated as a Church to GOD. She was buried outside or Rome. In 1599 her body was exhumed, and found to be incorrupt as though she had just fallen asleep. It was later transferred to her house which is now the Church Santa Cecilia in Rome.

St. Cecelia is the patron saint of Liturgical music.

November 12/13, 2016

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,883.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 874.00
Miscellaneous:	\$ 368.00