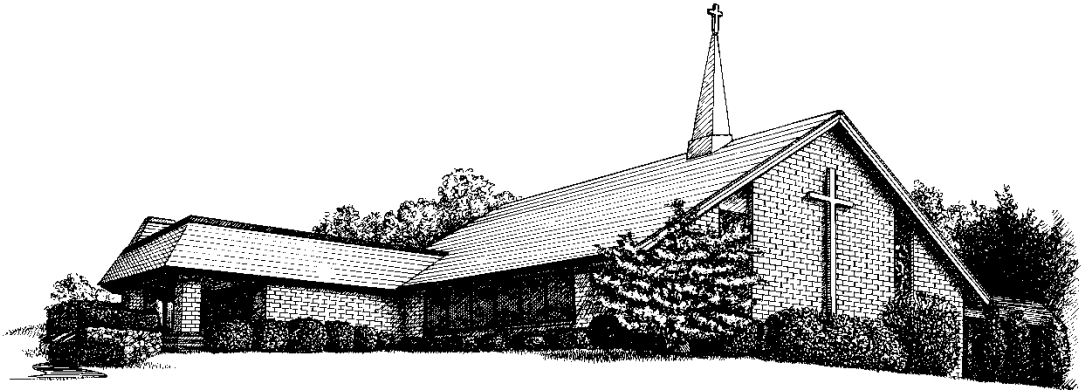


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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. Dec. 24 4:30 pm + James T. Kranyik – His Daugther, Patricia Butzko
00:00 Midnight – Pro Popolo

Sun. Dec. 25 9:30 am + Narcisa Pecchiari – Her Nephew & Niece
11:00 am + Eugenia Pečarič – Her Chilldren

Mon. Dec. 26 9:00 am Intention of Prevention of War – Justina Pšeničnik

Tue. Dec. 27 9:00 am + Maria Nilo – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro

Wed. Dec. 28 9:00 am + Dr. Michael J. Packevicz – Joseph & Marie Csom

Thur. Dec. 29 9:00 am + Gwen Bonatti – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro

Sat. Dec. 31 4:30 pm + Hedwig Schindllr – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler

Sun. Jan. 01 9:30 am + Franc & Marija Koprivec – Frank Rivek

11:00 am + Alex & Mary Zlatar & John Gurrieri, Sr. – Anna Gurrieri & Family

Sat. Dec. 24 4:30 pm D. Fejes & J. Piczko/ T. Mitchell
00:00 Midnight J. Adams/ J. Adams

Sun. Dec. 25 9:30 am P. & W. Sullivan/ J. Csom
11:00 am T. Mitchell & Volunteer Needed /P. Walsh

Sat. Dec. 31 4:30 pm P. Stone/ M. Colon

Sun. Jan. 01 9:30 am P. Sullivan/ W. Sullivan
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ S. Cassone

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Dec. 31 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

Sat. Jan 07 M. Csom/ M. Walsh

MERRY CHRISTMAS



VESELI BOŽIČ



The Parish Staff wishes all of you a beautiful and holy feast celebrating Our Lord's birth at Christmas. May the Son of God, born to us as the Messiah at Whose birth we rejoice, bless you & your families with good health, prosperity, joy, peace, and, an increase of the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity throughout the new year of 2017.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER: *"Help us rightly to remember the birth of Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus-the Messiah-so we may share in the song of the Angels, the gladness of the Shepherds and the worship of the Wise Men.*

May we close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

May kindness come with every gift and good desire and with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing that the Messiah brings and teach us to be joyful with clean hearts.

May Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children and may Christmas evening, bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for the sake of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and from the ages unto the ages. Amen."

MASS TIMES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY:

**New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31st – 4:30 Vigil
New Year's Day, Sunday January 1, 2017– 9:30 and 11:00 am**

ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION: in the month of January will be conducted on Sunday, January 8th and on January 22nd between 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, and are invited to join us at the 11:00 am Mass.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM: at 1 State Street in New Haven, is featuring 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.kofcmuseum.org.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: the Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the Federal Healthcare Mandate, She is simply asking that every American's right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans.

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 representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

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, John Coletti, Terry D'Amico, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, Don Donaldson, Melissa Doran, 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, Jackie Mitchell, 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, 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 Carol Ennis, Jean Benton, Alan Chomartany, and Cecilia 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 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 December:

- Sunday, December 25:
Nativity of the Messiah: Christmas
- Monday, December 26
St. Stephen, Protomartyr
- Tuesday, December 27
St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
- Wednesday, December 28
The Holy Innocents, Martyr Boys
- Thursday, December 29
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday, December 30
Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth
- Saturday, December 31
St. Sylvester I, Pope;
Vigil of New Year: Maternity of the BVM
- Sunday, January 1, 2017
Feast of the Holy Theotokos

CHRISTMAS

**NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY SAVIOR:
JESUS THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD**



The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke: I: 26 – 3:8

“In the sixth month (of the Hebrew Calendar), the Angel Gabriel was sent from GOD to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary (Mariam.) Upon arriving, the Angel said to her: “Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women.”

She was deeply troubled by his words, and wondered what his greeting meant. The Angel went on to say to her: “Do not fear Mary. You have found favor with GOD. You shall conceive and bear a son and give HIM the name Jehushuah (Jesus). Great will be HIS dignity and HE will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord GOD will give HIM the throne of David HIS father. HE will rule over the house of Jacob forever and HIS reign will be without end.”

Mary said to the Angel, “How can this be, since I do not know man?” The Angel answered her: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; hence, the Holy Offspring to be born will be called Son of GOD. Know that Elizabeth your kinswoman has conceived a son in her old age; she who was thought to be sterile is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible with GOD.”

Mary said: “I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done unto me according to your word.”

Often one may question what the inspiration of some prayers familiar to us has been. The first part of the Prayer the *Hail Mary* emerges from the encounter between the Angel Gabriel and the Virgin Mary. The second part of that prayer: “Holy Mary, Mother of GOD, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death,” is a reflection of her role as the mother of Jesus-Our GOD-as the Angel said of HIM, and, her in role of our Eternal Salvation. At Christmas we focus on her role as the loving mother of her baby boy born in a stable, and laid to rest in a manger.

December 17/ 18, 2016

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Miscellaneous: \$ TBA.00