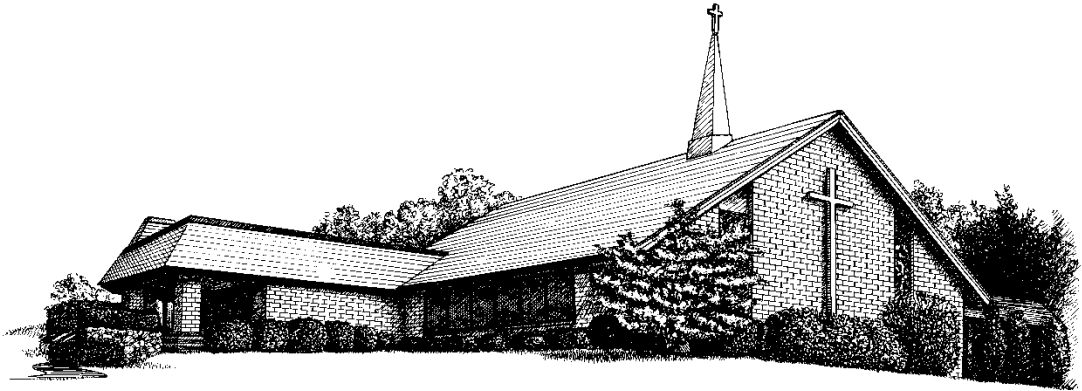


# Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



## 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. Jan. 21 4:30 pm + Donald P. Butzko (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – His Wife, Patricia Butzko  
Sun. Jan. 22 9:30 am + Rocco Pugliese – The Hutter Family  
11:00 am + Cecil Ficko & Ingrid Nagy – Maria Grašič  
Mon. Jan. 23 9:00 am + Helen Goyette – Her Daughters, Pat & Louise  
Tue. Jan. 24 9:00 am Intention of Prevention of War – Justina Pšeničnik  
Wed. Jan. 25 9:00 am + Andrew Kokorda – Walter & Patty Sullivan  
Thur. Jan. 26 9:00 am Intention of Rev. Alfred F. Pečarič

Sat. Jan. 28 4:30 pm + Štefan & Justina Roudi – The Roudi Family  
Sun. Jan. 29 9:30 am + Patricia Sullivan – Michael Coyne  
11:00 am + John F. Gurrieri, Sr. Anna Gurrieri & Family

Sat. Jan. 21 4:30 pm D. Fejes/ M. Colon  
Sun. Jan. 22 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ J. Csom  
11:00 am W. Sullivan/ S. Cassone

Sat. Jan. 28 4:30 pm M. Adams/ J. Adams  
Sun. Jan. 29 9:30 am P. Stone/ B. Sekelsky  
11:00 am J. Piczko/ D. Paronich

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Tretja Nedelja med Letom*  
ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Feb 04 A. Prokaly/ P. Stone

January 22, 2017  
Sat. Feb. 11 M. Colon/ R. Sekelsky

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

**DAY OF PRAYER:** tomorrow, Monday, January 23 is *National Pray Day* for both intentions: for the Protection of Unborn Children, and, to end legalized killing of the holy Innocent Unborn. Please pray to end this horrible offense against Almighty GOD, Who is the Author, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier of Life-born and unborn. As the society becomes increasingly secularized, Faith becomes lukewarm, resulting in the obfuscation or blurring of morals, values, and understanding. May the Holy Spirit inspire us with enlightenment and for the strength to defend the truths of Christ, Our GOD, Who said: "let the little children come to me, and do not harm them."

**CCD/REL ED:** as we follow the Fairfield Public School System, please stay tuned to the local channels for cancelations due to inclement weather.

**ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION:** the next classes will be conducted on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:45 – 10:40. Anyone and everyone wishing to enhance their understanding of our Holy Faith are welcome, and are invited to join us at the 11:00 am Mass following class.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION:** next weekend will be the Diocesan Collection to aid the Church in Latin America.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM:** this is the last week to enjoy the Christmas crèche exhibit 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](http://www.kofcmuseum.org). The last day of the exhibit is Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION:** next weekend, January 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> will be the Diocesan Collection to aid the Church in South America.

**THANK YOU:** to everyone who has been contributing to the Capitol Improvement Fund Collection. As a result of your generosity to the parish, we have been able to make significant single time much needed improvements to the Church edifice and to the parish hall. The next major repair project we are facing, and for which we are saving up, is the repaving of the Church parking lot, of which it is already in dire need. Hopefully, we will be able to complete this project by the end of the summer. The work will entail ripping up the existing asphalt, milling the ground and eliminating major uneven surfaces, and repaving and restriping the new surface.

**HOLY DAY:** February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary also known as Candlemass Day. Candles will be blessed and available for a donation of \$3.00 per box.

**BIRTHRIGHT:** is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principle: it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright has served in Connecticut since 1972 and has ten locations. We help any pregnant girl or woman who calls us with friendship counseling, and with clerical and clothing work. There are 10 locations in CT.

Birthright is currently in need of volunteers. If you would like to help, please call 1. 800. 550. 4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided.

**LAURALTON HALL:** at 200 High Street, in Milford is a high school for girls is sponsoring their annual *Take-a-Look Tuesday* welcome day on February 7, 2017 at 8:00 am. Girls and their parents are invited for coffee and a tour of the school. Please RSVP to 203. 877. 2786, x 144. For further please contact Kathleen O Shine, Directrix of Enrollment Management at 203. 877. 2787 or access [www.lauraltonhall.org](http://www.lauraltonhall.org) or [info@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:info@lauraltonhall.org).

**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.

With the swearing in of the new president this past week, comes the promise that the federal health care mandate will be revised to reinstate our right to religious freedom. Let us pray that our new leaders will honor our cherished First Amendment.

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, Rhoda Harap, 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, Verlene 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. 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 January:*

Sunday, January 22, 2017:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 23

National Prayer Day for Unborn

Tuesday, January 24

St. Frances deSales, Bishop & Doctor

Wednesday, January 25

Conversion of Saul of Tarsus

Thursday, January 26

Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Friday, January 27

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Saturday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Thomas Aquinas  
January 28<sup>th</sup>



Known as the "*Angelic Doctor*," Thomas of Aquinas was born at his father's Castle at *Roccasecca* in the region of Aquino, in Italy, on January 28, 1225 of a noble family of the Kingdom of Naples. His father was a Count in the Region of Aquila, which today is in the Region of Lazio, Italy. Despite his family's protest, he was ordained a Dominican Priest.

Because of his enormous size-being an obese child-and due to his silent disposition, his peers used to call him "*the dumb ox*." However, his teachers who recognized his great intellect encouraged and inspired him to engage in study. He later became known as one of the most brilliant minds of the scholastic era, known by the titles of: "*Doctor Communis*," "*Doctor Universalis*," or "*Angelic Doctor*."

Inspired by his Dominican teachers, he decided to join the Dominican Order of Preachers, which incurred the wrath of his family who wanted him to join the Benedictine Order at *Monte Cassino*, where they hoped he would become the Abbott. However, his Dominican teachers who had introduced him to the study of Aristotle, to the Arabian Mathematicians, and, to the classical Philosophers inspired his own love of these disciplines. Their influence further inspired his love of Arithmetic, Geometry, Astronomy, and Music. This exposure from the Dominicans monks during the time of his elementary education prompted his determination to seek academic study under the Order of Preachers.

Much against his family's protest, and even imprisonment at this father's castle, Thomas persisted in his desire and in his resolve to join the Dominican Order.

St. Thomas was greatly influenced by his University Dominican Professor, St. Albert the Great, who became the Bishop of Cologne. Inspired by the example of his teachers, and by his love of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Thomas wrote the *Summa Theologica*; he authored the Eucharistic Hymns to the Blessed Sacrament: *Adoro Te devote, O Salutaris, Tantum Ergo*, and *Pange Lingua*.

St. Thomas is considered to be the model teacher for those men studying for the Priesthood. He advocated the study of Philosophy (especially Aristotle) Logic, and both

*January 14/ 15, 2017*

*Regular Collection:*     \$   1,611.00

*Capitol Improvement:*   \$     705.00

*Miscellaneous:*           \$     694.00

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Natural Theology, Natural Law, and Speculative  
Theology.

*January 22, 2017*

St. Thomas is the patron saint of seminarians, students,  
and of learning.