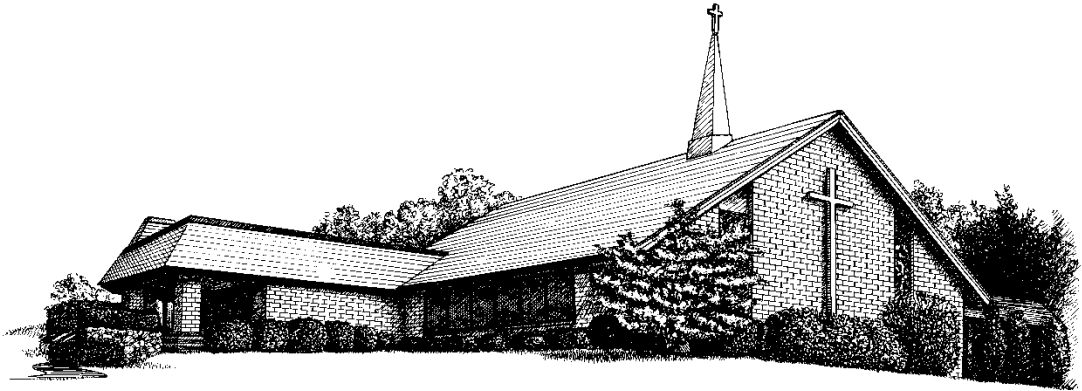


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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.	Dec. 31	4:30 pm + Hedwig Schindler – 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	
Mon.	Jan. 02	9:00 am Intention of Prevention of War – Justina Pšeničnik	
Tue.	Jan. 03	9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mary Ann Koprivec & Family	
Wed.	Jan. 04	9:00 am + Marie DeCaro – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro	
Thur.	Jan. 05	9:00 am + Hans Bukovec – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler	
Sat.	Jan. 07	4:30 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the Koprivec & Haray Families – The Koprivec & Haray Families	
Sun.	Jan. 08	9:30 am + Eugenia Pečarič – Her Children	
		11:00 am + Anthony Belovich – His Son Anthony Belovich & Family	
Sat. Dec. 31	4:30 pm	P. Stone/ M. Colon	Sat. Jan. 07 4:30 pm J. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. Jan. 01	9:30 am	P. Sullivan/ W. Sullivan	Sun. Jan. 08 9:30 am J. Piczko/ J. Csom
	11:00 am	T. Mitchell/ S. Cassone	11:00 am B. Sekelsky/ L. Selimović

Feast of the Maternity of Our Lady / Marija, Sveta Božja Mati

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Jan 14 Christina Santos

Sat/ Jan. 21 Nida Conklin

January 1, 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR



SREČNO NOVO LETO



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

“Grant, we pray O Lord Our God, Your favour upon us in the New Year of 2017. Send Your Holy Spirit to bless us and our families with good health, prosperity and peace. May Our Blessed and Ever Glorious Lady, Mary, the Holy Mother of God, be our inspiration of holiness, and dedication to You, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.”

The Staff here at Holy Cross Church wishes all of you a very happy new year filled with the Graces of Almighty GOD. May the holy Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of GOD, enfold you, and preserve you from all evil, harm, and turmoil.

CCD REL/ED CLASSES: there are NO classes on Monday, January 2nd. Classes resume on Monday, January 9th at the usual times between 5:30- and 6:30 pm barring inclement weather. Please stay tuned to your local news channels for school closings and delays. The CCD class schedule follows the Fairfield Public School Schedule.

ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION: in the month of January will be conducted next Sunday, January 8th and on January 22nd 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 topic of study will be the 10 Commandments.

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. The exhibit closes on Saturday, January 28th.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: Religious freedom is a cornerstone of our democracy. The federal health care mandate fundamentally alters the fragile balance between government and religious groups created by the framers of our Constitution. The same First Amendment that protects religious freedom protects freedom of the press. We wouldn’t stand for the government telling news programs whom to interview or what articles to write.

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.

POPE FRANCIS’ INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

For the Evangelization of Christian Unity: that all Christians may be faithful to the Lord’s teaching by striving and with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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, 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 1, 2017:
Feast of the Holy Maternity of Our Lady
- Monday, January 2
St. Basil the Great, Bishop and Doctor
St. Gregory of Nazianzen, Bishop & Doctor
- Tuesday, January 3
St. Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Wednesday, January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Thursday, January 5
St. John, Neumann, Bishop
- Friday, January 6
Feast of the Epiphany-Traditional Calendar
St. André Bessette, Religious
- Saturday, January 7
St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, January 8, 2017
Feast of the Epiphany-New Calendar

December 17/ 18

Regular Collection: \$ 1,284.00
Capitol Improvement \$ 995.00
Miscellaneous: \$ 449.00

December 24/ 25, 2016

Regular Collection: \$ 3,666.00
Christmas Collection: \$ 6,511.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 2,035.00

Solemnity of the Holy Theotokos



This feast known as the Solemnity of the Holy Theotokos celebrates the maternity of the Lord Jesus- *Jehushuah*. The English title "*Mother of God*" is a translation of the Latin title *Dei Genetricis*, which means "She Who Generated God", as the corresponding Greek title Θεοτόκος (*Theotokos*) means "*She Who Gave Birth to God*." This title was dogmatically adopted at the First Council of Ephesus (431) asserting that Jesus is GOD, and therefore, His mother may be called by the title "*Mother of God*." A title which is Christological, as per the Angel Gabriel's words to the Virgin Mary: "*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*." Today, we commemorate the role of Our Lady in the Mystery of Eternal Salvation. The title exalts the singular dignity which this Mystery brings to the "Holy Mother through whom we were found worthy to receive the Author of Life."

It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the Angels (LK II:14) and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of both interior and world peace.

This reality inspired the prayer we know as:

"The Angelus"

*"The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
 And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
 Behold, the Handmaid of the Lord,
 May it be done to me according to your word.
 And the Word was made flesh,
 And dwelt among us.*

*Pray for us O Holy Mother of GOD,
 That we may be worthy of the Promises of Christ.
 Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy
 Grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of*

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Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an
Angel may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the
Glory of His Resurrection. Amen.”*

January 1, 2017