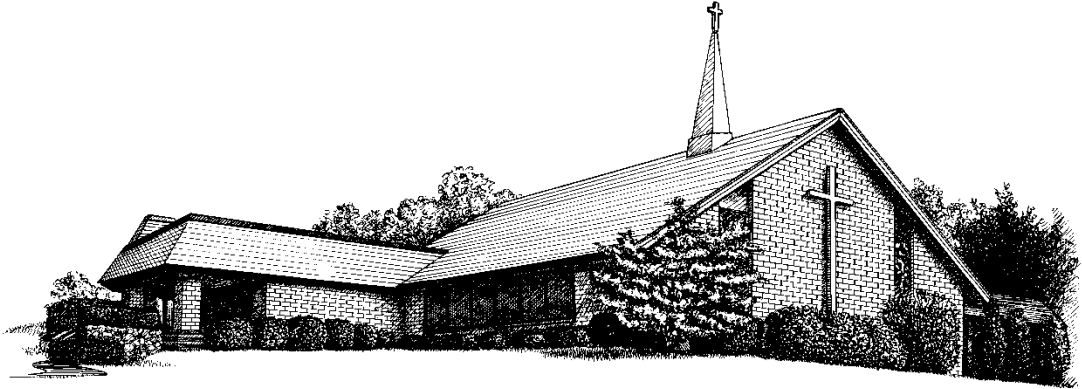


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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. Feb. 04 4:30 pm + Andrew Kokorda – Joe & Dotty Fejes
Sun. Feb. 05 9:30 am + John Ray – Lea Belovich
11:00 am + Philip C. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio
Mon. Feb. 06 9:00 am + Ann Colon – T. & J. Mitchell
Tue. Feb. 07 9:00 am + Andrew Kokorda – Theresa & Marilyn Feranec
Wed. Feb. 08 9:00 am + Martin Hribšek – Justina Pšeničnik
Thur. Feb. 09 9:00 am + Luisa Miklavžina – Justina Pšeničnik

Sat. Feb. 11 4:30 pm + John Ray – His Wife, Monika Ray
Sun. Feb. 12 9:30 am + Zdravko Hribar – Max Us
11:00 am + Ignac Igor Grašič- Lea Belovich

Sat. Feb. 04 4:30 pm M.E. Vollemans/ P. Walsh
Sun. Feb. 05 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ M. Coyne
11:00 am J. Adams/ J. Adams

Sat. Feb. 11 4:30 pm D. Fejes/ W. Sullivan
Sun. Feb. 12 9:30 am J. Piczko/ J. Csom
11:00 am M.E. Vollemans/ L Selimović

FROM THE PASTOR:

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 class after today will be conducted on Sunday, February 26th 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 usual Monthly Collection.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS: to commemorate the feast of St. Blaise, whose feast day fell this past Friday, February 3rd, the blessing of throats will be transferred to this weekend's Masses: a general blessing will be imparted at the end of Holy Mass; individual blessings will be imparted immediately following the close of Mass for those who wish.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: this Saturday, February 11th is the commemoration of the apparition of Our Lady to the young French maiden, Bernadette Soubirous in 1858, and identified herself as "*The Immaculate Conception*," a doctrine which had been disputed among theologians for many years, but which was defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854 as a Dogma of the Church. Our Lady has requested the praying of the Most Holy Rosary in atonement for the forgiveness of the sins, *viz.*, the blasphemies committed against GOD Himself, and our course, against Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

MASS FOR THE INFIRM: the Knights of the Order Malta invite everyone to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes next Sunday, February 12, at Blessed Sacrament Church, Union Avenue, in Bridgeport; welcome begins at 2:30 pm; Holy Mass begins at 3:00 pm. All who are ill, the frail and the handicapped are invited for prayers and for the imparting of the *Sacrament of the Sick*, followed by refreshments.

THANK YOU: to everyone who has been contributing to the *CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION*. As a result of your past 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 which is in dire need. Patched jobs and filling in the gaps are no longer an option. 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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM: at 1 State Street in New Haven, continues its "Fleeing Famine" exhibition on the perils Irish immigrants faced on "coffin ships" as they crossed the Atlantic Ocean to North America during the 19th-century potato blight. A public lecture will be presented on the topic Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. Free admission & parking. More information: 203-865-0400 or kofcmuseum.org.

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.

BULLETIN SPONSORS: please know that the parish bulletin is printed without cost to the parish, as it is financed by the advertising of our sponsors. If you are considering a home project or are in need of professional services, please consult the back page of the parish bulletin and support the vendors who pay for our bulletin, and let them know you saw their ad in the parish bulletin and that you appreciate their support of the parish.

LAURALTON HALL: at 200 High Street, in Milford is a high school for girls is sponsoring their annual *Take-a-Look Tuesday* welcome day this Tuesday, 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 or info@lauraltonhall.org.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: Let us pray that as the new administration repeals the health care mandate that it not only restore the Church's First Amendment right to religious freedom, but also makes coverage accessible to 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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Peta Nedelja med Letom

February 5, 2017

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS: Universal Intention: Comfort for the Afflicted. That all those people who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find Communities who will welcome and comfort them.

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, James Norris, Gregory Parsley, Ilona Paul, Bernard Peloquin, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, 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 -Verlene Pickstone. 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 FEBRUARY:

- Sunday, February 5, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, February 06
St. Paul Miki & Companion Martyrs
- Wednesday, February 08
St. Jerome Emiliani,
- Friday, February 10
St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Saturday, February 11
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
- Sunday, February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Our Lady of Lourdes
February 11*



On the 11th of February in 1858, a 14 year old poor peasant girl by name of Bernadette Soubirous, witnessed the first of 18 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Accordingly, she and her sister Antoinette and friend Jeanne went to look for and collect firewood about a mile from town for the family hearth. As she was a sickly child, her sister warned her not to cross the river so as not to get her feet wet for fear it would result in a recurring fever. Remaining on one side of the river, she told of hearing a rustling sound and a slight gust of wind although the bushes and tree branches did not move. Looking up into a nearby grotto at *Massabielle*, she saw the vision of a beautiful Lady wrapped in light. Bernadette described the Lady as young, dressed in all white with a blue sash around her waist with a golden yellow rose-the color of her Rosary-resting on each of her bare feet.

Three days later, Bernadette returned to the grotto with holy water to test if the apparition were of Evil provenience. If so, it should depart. She reported that when she cast the holy water the Lady gratefully bowed her head and spoke to her. At this, Bernadette went into ecstasy which frightened her sister and friend.

On February 18th Bernadette reported being told by the Lady to return to the grotto over a period of 2 weeks, and that the Lady promised to make her happy, "not in this world, but in the next."

On February 24th, the Lady instructed Bernadette to dig in the ground and drink from the spring she found there. Although at first, the water was muddy, it became clear. As news of this spread, many came for miraculous cures-7 certified cures were pronounced as miraculous. On

January 28/29, 2017

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	2033.00
<i>Diocesan Collection:</i>	\$	226.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	299.00

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March 25th, the Lady revealed to Bernadette who She was
with the words: “*Je Sois l’Immaculée Conception-I am the*
Immaculate Conception,” confirming the Dogma of Pope
Pius IX of December 8, 1854.

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