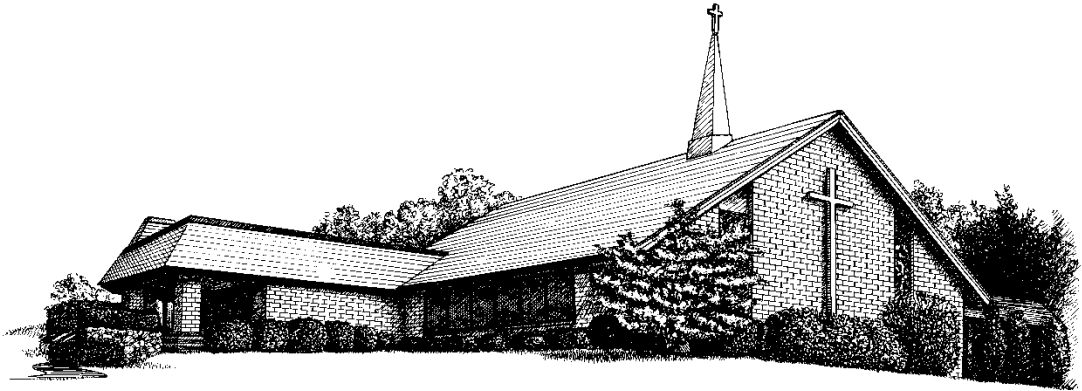


Second Sunday in Lent/ Druga Postna Nedelja

March 12, 2017

# 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. Mar. 11 4:30 pm + Andrew Kokorda – The Flasko Family  
Sun. Mar. 12 9:30 am + Ted Kitz – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler  
11:00 am + Darinka Lang – The Grašič Family  
Mon. Mar. 13 9:00 am + Prevention of Terrorism – Justina Pšeničnik  
Tue. Mar. 14 9:00 am + Prevention of Terrorism – Justina Pšeničnik  
Wed. Mar. 15 9:00 am + Wendell Lee Graybeal – A Friend  
Thur. Mar. 16 9:00 am + Prevention of Terrorism – Justina Pšeničnik

Sat. Mar. 18 4:30 pm + Eugenia Pečarič (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Her Children  
Sun. Mar. 19 9:30 am + Rocco Pugliese – The Pugliese Family  
11:00 am + Philip C DeProfio – in da DeProfio

Sat. Mar. 11 4:30 pm D. Fejes/ M. Coyne  
Sun. Mar. 12 9:30 am P. Stone/ B. Sekelsky  
11:00 am M. Adams/L Selimović

Sat. Mar. 18 4:30 pm J. Piczko/ P. Walsh  
Sun. Mar. 19 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ W. Sullivan  
11:00 am M.E. Vollemans/ D. Paronich

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Mar. 25 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

Sat. Apr. 01 M. Csom

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

**ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION:** the next classes will be conducted on March 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.

**CCD:** the Sacrament of Confession will be conferred tomorrow, Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> during the usual class time-5:30 – 6:30.

**THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT:** During this 40 day solemn Season of Lent, we are reminded of the Covenant GOD made with Abraham, who placed his trust in HIM, left his homeland of Chaldea, and ventured westward to the Land of Moriah, which is today Israel. The Psalmist exhorts Our Lord to allow HIS mercy be upon, as we place our trust in HIM. In his 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle to Timothy, Paul of Tarsus proclaims that Jesus Christ is our Saviour, who by His own dying destroyed Death, and restored to us Life and Immortality. The Holy Gospel recounts to us the manifestation of Our Lord as the “Beloved Son of GOD, in Whom HE is well pleased,” as the Apostles Peter, James, and John beheld the magnificence of the Transfigured Christ in the Glory of the Resurrected state.

The theme for Lent this year will be: *Lift up your hearts to the Lord.*

Loaves and Fishes envelopes to help feed the poor will be available in a basket throughout these 40 days of fast and abstinence.

\*\*\*\*\* FRIDAYS DURING LENT AND ESP., GOOD FRIDAY ARE SOLEMN DAYS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE\*\*\*\*\*

**ABSTINENCE:** ALL Catholics are bound & required to abstain from ALL meat & poultry products on Fridays during Lent, and of course on Good Friday.

**FASTING:** All Catholic 14 – 59 years of age are bound to fast barring the ill. Fasting refers to the consuming of only one normal full meal & 2 small meals which are MEATLESS. Together, these 2 meals should not equal one full meal. Water, liquid medicines, and pill form medicines are ALWAYS permitted; expectant & nursing mothers may be exempted.

**FRIDAYS:** during the season of Lent are days of abstinence from all meat products and luxuriant indulgence. Remember that Our Lord Jesus Christ died on a Friday. Early Christians resonated the proclamation of St. John the Baptist who decreed that Jesus Christ is “*The Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,*” and therefore no further blood should be shed nor any meat consumed as a sign of our mourning, penance, and spiritual discipline. Recall also that every Wednesday during Lent recalls “*Spy Wednesday*” when Our Saviour was betrayed by one of His own Apostles– Judas Iscariot. Accordingly, on this day we commemorate & lament the arrangement of the betrayal of Our Lord.

\*\*\*\*\*LENTEN DEVOTIONS\*\*\*\*\*

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS:** will be heard every Tuesday evening during Lent from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

**STATION OF THE CROSS:** will be conducted every Friday evening at 7:00 pm, followed by Benediction.

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:** is hosting Frank Runyeon-a veteran of over 1,000 television shows-who will present 2 short productions on “*The Sermon on the Mount*” and “*Hollywood vs. Faith*” on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM. Free admission, but free will offering gratefully accepted.

**FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY:** is presenting the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Jewish-Christian Engagement event: *Annelies*-a choral setting of the Diary of Anne Frank, by James Whitbourn, featuring the Mendelssohn Choir of Connecticut Soprano solo, Arianna Zukerman, on Sunday, March 26, at 3:00 pm, at the Quick Center for the Arts, Kelly Theatre. Complimentary admission, but tickets are required and available at the box office, call: 203. 254. 4010.

**SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:** the theatre production of “*Jesus Christ, Superstar,*” during Palm Sunday weekend April 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm, and, on Palm Sunday at 3:00 pm, in the Edgerton Theatre on campus. Call the box office at 203. 371. 7908 for tickets, or go on line at edgertoncenter.org. \$5.00 off discount code general public: PALMBPT.

Having this opportunity the week before Holy Week can be another way to enhance one’s spiritual journey during this season of spiritual renewal.

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:** Religious Freedom in America has suffered years of unprecedented erosion. Let us pray that President Trump and his administration can restore the federal government’s respect for religious freedom of individuals, companies and organizations.

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.

**FEBRUARY INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS:** *Universal Intention:* Comfort for the Afflicted. That all those people who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and the 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, Paul Lytwyn, Lillian Makar, Patty Merola, Jackie Mitchell, Jim Motley, James Horris, Gregory Parsley, Iona 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, esp., Msgr. John Brown and Štefka Arlič. 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 MARCH:**

- Sunday, March 12,  
Second Sunday in Lent
- Friday, March 17  
St. Patrick, Bishop
- Saturday, March 18  
St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor  
In Honor of Our Lady
- Sunday, March 19  
Third Sunday in Lent;  
Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

<i>March 1, 2017</i>	
<i>Ash Wednesday:</i>	<i>\$ 473.00</i>
<i>March 4/5, 2017</i>	
<i>Regular Collection:</i>	<i>\$ 1,724.00</i>
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	<i>\$ 465.00</i>

**TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOD**

Although the Decalogue-the Ten Commandments-were given by Almighty GOD to Moses, Our Lord Jesus Christ tells to keep the Commandments to attain Eternal Life:

- 1) *I AM the Lord, your GOD, you shall have no other gods before me.*
- 2) *I AM the Lord, your GOD, you shall not take the Name of the Lord your GOD in vain-irreverently.*
- 3) *I AM the Lord, your GOD, you shall observe the Sabbath Day.*
- 4) *I AM the Lord, your GOD, you shall honor your father and your mother.*
- 5) *I AM the Lord, your GOD, you shall not kill.*
- 6) *I AM the Lord, your GOD, you shall not commit adultery.*
- 7) *I AM the Lord, your GOD, you shall not steal.*
- 8) *I AM the Lord, your GOD, you shall not lie.*
- 9) *I AM the Lord, your GOD, you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.*
- 10) *I AM the Lord, your GOD, you shall not cover your neighbor's goods.*

**ACT OF CONTRITION**

*O my GOD! I am heartily sorry, for having offended THEE. I detest all my sins, because of Thy just punishment, but most of all, because I offend THEE, my GOD, Who art all Good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy Grace, to sin no more, and, to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.*

**TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LIFE**

- 1) *Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.*
- 2) *So, why is a car's Windshield so large & the Rear View Mirror so small? Because, our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE so, LOOK AHEAD and MOVE ON.*
- 3) *Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minute to burn, but it takes years to write.*
- 4) *All things in life are temporary. If going well-enjoy them, they will not last forever. If going wrong-don't worry, they can't last long either.*
- 5) *Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold, because to hold a diamond, you always need a band of gold.*
- 6) *Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from Above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"*
- 7) *When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.*
- 8) *A blind man asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing your eye sight?"He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"*
- 9) *When you pray for others, GOD listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.*
- 10) *Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles it takes away today's peace.*