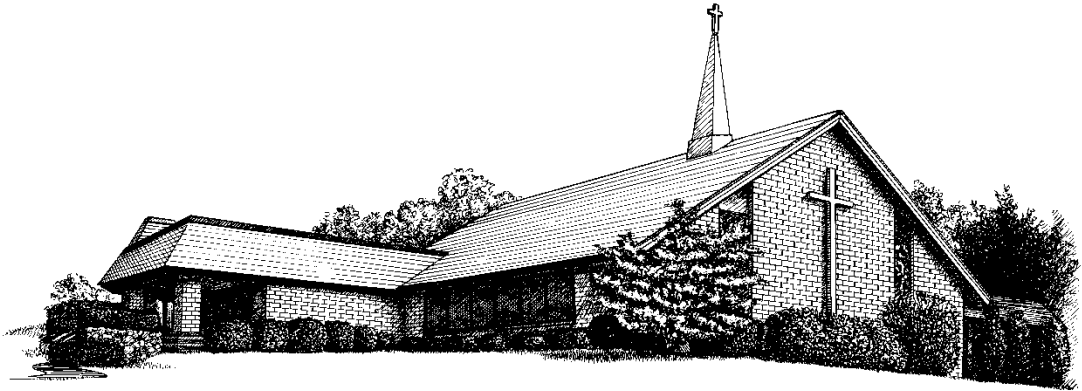


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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*
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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.

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

Council and Societies:

Parish Advisory Board: *Quarterly – 7:00 pm*
Finance Board: *Quarterly – 7:00 pm*



MASS INTENTIONS

MAŠNI NAMENI

Sat. Apr. 01 4:30 pm + Philip Goyette- His Daughters, Pat & Louise
Sun. Apr. 02 9:30 am + Anne Colon – The Sekelsky Family
11:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Ed Nosal
Mon. Apr. 03 9:00 am Healing of Family Members – Justina Pšeničnik
Tue. Apr. 04 9:00 am Healing of Family Members – Justina Pšeničnik
Wed. Apr. 05 9:00 am Healing of Family Members – Justina Pšeničnik
Thur. Apr. 06 9:00 am Štefka Arlič – The Grašič Family

Sat. Apr. 08 4:30 pm + Andrew Kokorda – Pete & Carol Jacob
Sun. Apr. 09 9:30 am + Ludwig Schmidt – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
11:00 am + Milan Sattler – His Daughters, Hermina & Ingrid Sattler

Sat. Apr. 01 4:30 pm M.E. Vollemans/ M. Coyne Sat. Apr. 08 4:30 pm J. & M. Adams/ J. Adams & B. Sekelsky
Sun. Apr. 02 9:30 am P. Sullivan/ M. Colon Sun. Apr. 09 9:30 am J. Piczko & P. Stone/ J. Csom & P. Walsh
11:00 am D. Fejes/ S. Cassone 11:00 am P. & W. Sullivan/ D. Paronich & L. Selimović

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. April 15 Volunteers Needed Sat. April 22 Catherine & Nida Conklin

FROM THE PASTOR:

PALM SUNDAY: next week we will commemorate and celebrate Our Lord's entrance into the Holy City of Jerusalem. Palm and other branches are blessed as a means of joining the spirit of the crowd who welcomed Our Lord into Jerusalem; we welcome Him into our lives as we inaugurate Holy Week.

ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION: the next class will be conducted on Sunday, April 23rd 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/RELIGIOUS ED: invites everyone to the hall next Sunday morning following the close of both Masses for the monthly coffee hour, and, the CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM MASS ONLY. Our parish nurses will conduct blood pressure screening. Please join us in the parish hall for coffee and...

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Easter Flower Collection.

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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14th IS A DAY OF SOLEMN FAST & ABSTINENCE

ABSTINENCE: all Catholics are bound & required to abstain from ALL meat & poultry products.

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.

ON GOOD FRIDAY: we abstain from all meat products and luxuriant indulgence to lament, and make atonement for the passion and death of our Holy Lord, Jesus Christ who died on the Cross. Early Christians decreed that since He is "The Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world," no further blood should be shed nor any meat consumed as a sign of our mourning, penance, and spiritual discipline. Recall also that on "Spy Wednesday" we commemorate & lament the arrangement of the betrayal of Our Lord and Saviour, Who was betrayed by one of His own Apostles– Judas Iscariot.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK, April 9 - 16:

Monday, April 10th; Tuesday; April 11th; and Spy Wednesday, April 12th Holy Mass at 9:00 am.

Tuesday, April 11th Lenten Confessions from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

Holy Thursday: April 13th there is NO 9:00 am Mass;
Mass of the Mystical/ Last Supper begins at 7:00 pm; followed by
Agony in the Garden Veneration to 10:00 pm.

Good Friday: April 14th, the Service the Passion of Our Lord begins at 3:00 pm.
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm–there is NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction.

Holy Saturday: April 15th the Blessing of the Easter Food begins at 2:00 pm;
Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of Our Lord begins at 8:00 pm.

Easter Sunday: April 16th Mass of the Resurrection will be at the usual Sunday times of 9:30 and 11:00 am.

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST: the 12th annual production of a devotional program for Palm Sunday will be presented this Palm Sunday evening April 9th at 7:00 pm in the Cathedral of St. Augustine in Bridgeport by the Bridgeport Diocesan Choir. This is a Sacred Cantata by Theodore Dubois, under the direction of David McCaffrey. The Chorus is composed of 25 voices. Each of the Seven Last Words will be presented in English by two Readers prior to the musical setting. Admission is free, although a good will offering will be accepted. Everyone is invited to this sacred concert.

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION: that young people may respond generously to vocations, and that young men may seriously consider giving themselves to Our Lord, Jesus Christ in the call to HIS Priesthood, and that young men and woman may consider a vocation to Consecrated Life.

THANK YOU: to all the ladies who serve on the Altar Society who weekly clean the Church, the candles, and straighten out the pews, especially to Christina Santos who is relocating to Greenwich. We thank you for your dedication to Holy Cross and wish you much happiness in your new home. Our prayers are with you for the blessing of GOD.

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, Mia McCaff, 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, Joel Rivera, 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., Bernard Skopp, and Ferdinand Coutoure. 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 April:

- Sunday, April 2
Fifth Sunday in Lent
- Tuesday, April 4
St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor
- Wednesday, April 5
St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
- Friday, April 7
St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
- Saturday, April 8
In Honor of Our Lady
- Sunday, April 9
Palm Sunday

March 25/26, 2017

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| <i>Regular Collection:</i> | \$ | 1,831.00 |
| <i>Diocesan Collection:</i> | \$ | 469.00 |
| <i>Miscellaneous:</i> | \$ | TBA |

**PALM SUNDAY: NEXT SUNDAY
APRIL 8/9th**

According to the Holy Gospel of St. John XII: 12 – 16, a great crowd that had come to Jerusalem-the Holy City, for the solemn feast of Passover, heard that the Lord was to enter Jerusalem, so they came out to meet and welcome Him waving branches as they shouted:

“Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!”

A donkey was brought to Our Lord which He mounted and rode into Jerusalem in accord with the prophecy of Holy Scripture:

“Fear not, O daughter of Zion! Your king approaches you on a donkey’s colt.”

In the spirit of Palm Sunday, let each one of us imitate the crowd of Jerusalem and personally welcome Our Lord in our hearts, our lives and our homes.

Today, we bless branches of palm, olive, or pussy willow which we take to our homes as a symbol that we open our homes to receive Our Lord.



REMINDER: prepare spiritually for the celebration of the holy events of Our Lord’s life by absolution, atonement, and penance through a Sacramental Confession. “The primary advantage of Confession is that it tells us the truth about ourselves. It is like a rehearsal for the Day of Judgment. Nowhere else can we get the actual truth, for friends flatter us and enemies malign us; they both seek to deceive us. We shall never see ourselves as we really are, until we look into the mirror of the eyes of GOD in the day of our particular judgment.” – *A Thought A Day For Lent* – Rev. James M. Gillis, CSP

LET US TRULY ATONE FOR OUR SINS BY A PERFECT AND SINCERE: ACT OF CONTRITION:

“Oh 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 sins. Amen.