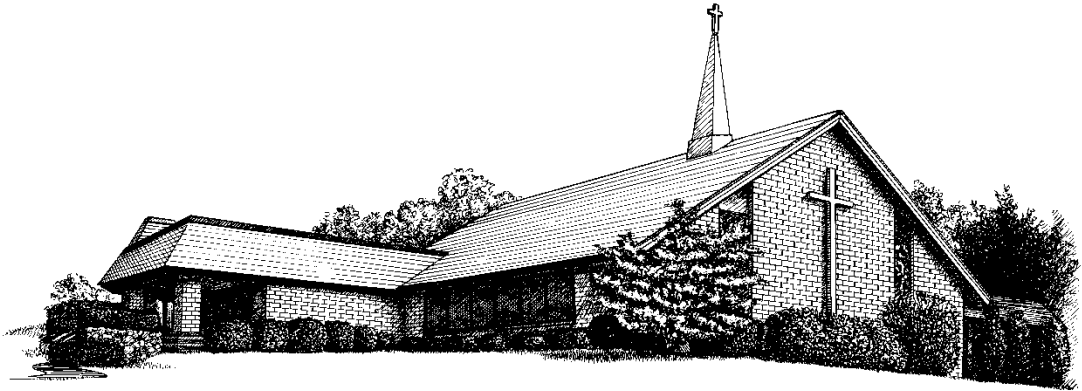


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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

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. 22 4:30 pm + Andrew Kokorda – Joe & Doty Fejes
Sun. Apr. 23 9:30 am + Anne Colon – Angela DiMaggio
11:00 am + Philip C. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio
Mon. Apr. 24 9:00 am + Phyllis Smith – Joe & Marie Csom
Tue. Apr. 25 9:00 am + Fanni Dermastja – Ana Hribar
Wed. Apr. 26 9:00 am + Cecilia Coleman – Arthur Coleman
Thur. Apr. 27 9:00 am + Cecilia Coleman – Edward Coleman

Sat. Apr. 29 4:30 pm + Grace Jacox – Her Nieces, Pat & Louise
Sun. Apr. 30 9:30 am + Anne Colon – The Fusaro Family
11:00 am + John Ray – The Grašič Family

Sat. Apr.22 4:30 pm D J. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. Apr. 23 9:30 am J. Piczko/ B. Sekelsky
11:00 am W. Sullivan/ S. Cassone

Sat. April 29 4:30 pm M.E. Vollemans/ M. Colon
Sun. April 30 9:30 am P. Stone/ M. Coyne
11:00 am P. Sullivan/ D. Paronich

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. May 6 A. Prokaly/ P. Stone

Sat. May 13 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

HAPPY EASTER/ VESELI VELIKONOČ
Our Redeemer is Risen From the Grave
Zveličar naš je ustal iz Groba
Alleluia, Alleluia



***“When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, and
When the soldiers were watching Thy Sacred Body,
Thou, O Saviour, didst arise on the third day, and
Granted Life to the World.***

***Wherefore the Powers of Heaven cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ;
Glory to Thy kingdom;
Glory to Thy dispensation,
O Thou, Who alone art Merciful.”***

H Θεία Λειτουργία -The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Accordingly, Our Lord appeared to Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, instructing her to work for a feast which would both, beseech & honor the Seat of His Mercy for all repentant sinners. This Feast of Mercy is not a “party for devotees” but rather a very special “refuge for sinners.” Sr. Faustina had 14 Revelations from Our Lord. He conveyed to her the image of His Sacred Heart from which 2 rays emanated: a red one representing His Sacred Blood, shed for our redemption, and a white one representing water. We are reminded that when the Centurian pierced the heart of the “dead” Christ on the Cross: “from his heart flowed blood and water.” Both of these are the elements of the Holy Eucharist. Our Lord warned Sr. Faustina of the deception of all who deny the existence of Hell, she writes: *“I am writing this at the command of God, so that no soul may find an excuse by saying there is no hell, or that nobody has ever been there, and so no one can say what it is like...how terribly souls suffer there! Consequently, I pray even more fervently for the conversion of sinners. I incessantly plead God's mercy upon them. O My Jesus, I would rather be in agony until the end of the world, amidst the greatest sufferings, than offend you by the least sin.”* (Diary 741)

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: When demanding that the federal health care mandate be revised, the Catholic Church is asking that the same consideration be extended to the faithful who are awaiting judicial reliefs so that they can live by their Religious beliefs without facing government penalties for doing so.

WEDDING JUBILEE MASS: next Sunday, April 30th at 2:30 pm, at St. Theresa Church in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will offer a Jubilee Mass for couples celebrating their 25, 30 35 40, 45, and 50 + years wedding anniversaries. Mass will be followed by a reception in the Parish

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Hall. Please contact the parish office to register access: <http://x.co/diopbt>; call Kim Quatela at 203. 416. 1334; or access: www.kquatela@di-obpt.org before April 24th. Tomorrow is the last day to register.

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, Mary Galich, Lee Gentile, Anna Grotti, Linda Grzegowski, Rhoda Harap, Frank Hering, Colleen Horan, Peter John, Kathleen Johnson, Maureen Kelly, Ron & Alma Knight, Mary Ann Koprivec, Margaret Kuharec, Pat Lenahan, Madalene Lennon, Gabriel Loeser, Anton Lukman, Paul Lytwyn, Lillian Makar, Patty Merola, Jackie Mitchell, Jim Motley, James Norris, Marc Pagnozzi, Gregory Parsley, Ilona Paul, 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, and Fay Ann Zak.

We commend to our prayers the souls of all the recently deceased, esp. Ethel Wuennemann. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

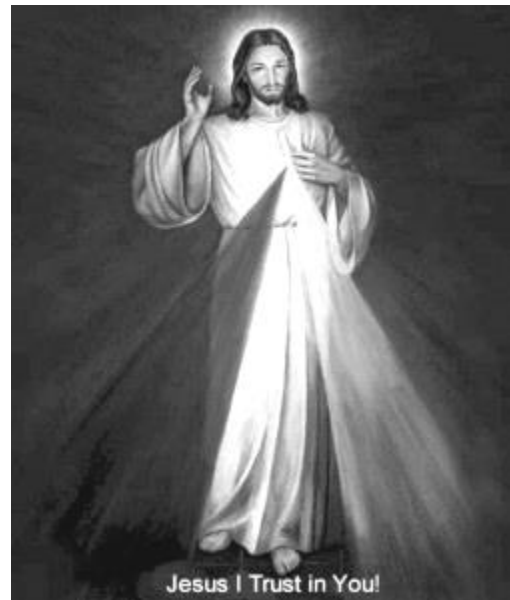
Please pray for World Peace, for an end to all unrest throughout the world-especially the Middle East, and for the protection of all our soldiers, troops, and Servicemen, may GOD BLESS & PROTECT THEM, from all evil, harm, & injury, and, return them safely home. Amen.

FEAST DAYS IN APRIL:

- Sunday, April 23
Divine Mercy Sunday
- Monday, April 24
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
- Tuesday, April 25
St. Mark, Apostle and Evangelist
- Friday, April 28
St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
St. Louis Grignon de Monfort, Priest
- Saturday, April 29
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor;
In Honor of Our Lady
- Sunday, April 30
Third Sunday of Easter

<i>Easter Gifts:</i>	\$ 4,080.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$ 320.00

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The three main themes of the devotion are to ask for and obtain the mercy of God, to trust in Christ's abundant mercy, and, finally to show mercy to others and act as a conduit for God's mercy towards them. There are five main forms of this devotion: the Divine Mercy image with the specific inscription “Jesus, I trust in you;” the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy; the designation of the Hour of Mercy at 3:00 am or pm; and, the spreading of acts of mercy to the whole humanity, in preparation for the return of Jesus Christ to earth.

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The Divine Mercy devotion views mercy as the key element in the plan of God for salvation and emphasizes the belief that it was through mercy that God gave His only Son for the redemption of man, after the fall of Adam.^[15] The opening prayer for Divine Mercy Sunday Mass refers to this and begins: "Heavenly Father and God of Mercy, We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of Life.

Moreover, Our Lord warned Sr. Faustina of the deception of all who deny the existence of Hell, she writes: “no soul may

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<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$ 2,037.00
<i>Capitol Improvement:</i>	\$ 837.00
<i>Easter Flowers:</i>	\$ 1,287.00

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