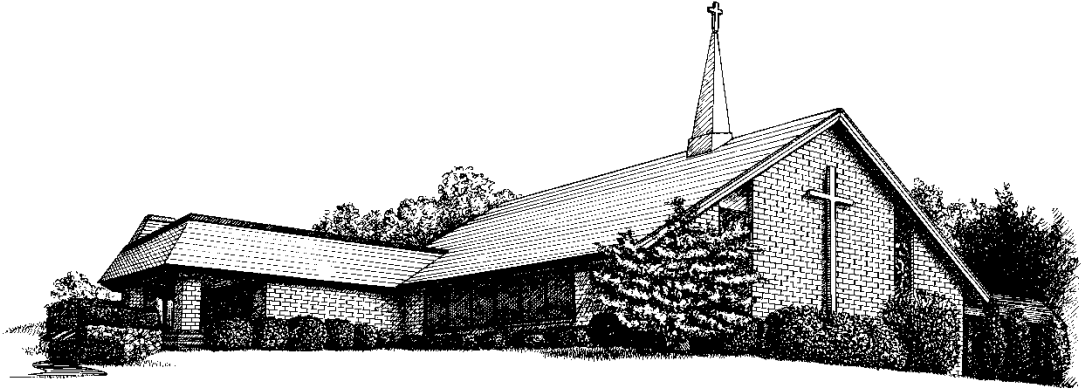


Third Sunday of Easter/ Tretja Velikonočna Nedelja

April 30, 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. 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

Mon. May 01 9:00 am + Josef Bukovec – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler  
Tue. May 02 9:00 am + Bernard Skopp – Joe & Dotty Fejes  
Wed. May 03 9:00 am + Philip J. & Philip C. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio  
Thur. May 04 9:00 am + Fanni Dermastja – Anthony Sagnella

Sat. May 06 4:30 pm + Michael LoBue – Rosalie Pugliese  
Sun. May 07 9:30 am + Anne Colon – Clare & Michael Coyne  
11:00 am + Maria & Anton Koprivec – Mary Ann Koprivec and Family

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

Sat. May 06 4:30 pm M. Adams/ J. Adams  
Sun. May 07 9:30 am P. Stone/ J. Csom  
11:00 am D. Fejes/ T. Mitchell

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ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. May 13 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

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Sat. May 20 Diane Caserta

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



**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER:** is tomorrow, Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for all who seek employment may find work suitable to their needs, gifts, and talents. May all who are employed be grateful for their jobs.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to our CCD students who received 2 Sacraments of First Confession; First Holy Communion.

**CCD/REL ED:** the last class of the year will be tomorrow, Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> which will close with the *Ice Cream Social*.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:** will be suspended for the summer months, but will reconvene in September.

**ANNUAL MAY CORONATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** will take place next Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am. Hymns of praise to the Blessed and ever-glorious Lady, the Mother of GOD are sung, invoking her intercession, protection, and prayers. This event is an extension of, and inspires us to reflect on, the 5<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mystery: the Coronation of the BVM.

**LAURALTON HALL:** WILL BE OFFERING AN Entrance Exam for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls this Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Anyone interested is asked to pre-register for the exam on line at [www.lauraltonhall.org](http://www.lauraltonhall.org). Please call the Admissions Office for any questions or further information at 203. 877. 2786, ext. 144.

**NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL:** Fairfield Presents *Les Miserables: School Edition*: The Notre Dame Drama Club is proud to present *Les Miserables: School Edition* this Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm and 8pm at Sacred Heart University's Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$5 for students and are available online through links at [www.notredame.org](http://www.notredame.org). Come and join us for a story of redemption, romance, and revolution on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>! Please contact Joshua St. Onge at [jstonge@notredame.org](mailto:jstonge@notredame.org) with any questions.

**INTERNATIONAL TASTE OF FAIRFIELD GRACE:** Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church on Fairfield Woods Road is holding its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual social, non-religious event, on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 – 6:30 pm, inviting everyone to sample foods from around the world that are made by members of its congregation. Additionally, a “storyteller” recounts different stories from around the world.

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:** The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to exercise religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the Rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans. Let us pray that as lawmakers make changes to the current mandate that it return the safeguards that protect religious freedom in the Constitution of the United States.

**THE INFIRM:** We pray for the healing & restoration of good health to all our infirm family members, friends, & Parishioners in particular:



Alan Bedwell, 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. 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 30  
Third Sunday in Easter
- Monday, May 01  
St. Joseph the Worker
- Tuesday, May 02  
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor
- Wednesday, May 03  
Ss. Philip and James, Apostles
- Saturday, May 06  
In Honor of Our Lady
- Sunday, May 07  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker  
May 1**



*Prayer: Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over your Foster Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, help protect it and guide it as you did Our Lord. Amen.*

St. Joseph has 2 feast days: March 19<sup>th</sup> which celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph, the Husband of Our Lady; and, May 1<sup>st</sup> which celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

This latter feast was established by Pope Pius the XII in 1955, in response to *May Day*- May 1<sup>st</sup>, which was established by the Communists as the feast of the working class. The Holy Father established this feast to reiterate that EVERY man and EVERY woman has the right to work in compensation for just pay, and safe working conditions which by contrast, the Communists would only allow work to those who supported their political party, and deny work to those who resisted it.

What we know about this enigmatic Biblical figure of St. Joseph is mentioned in the Holy Scriptures: he was a holy and righteous man, who was descended from the royal line of King David according to St. Matthew.

According to the *ProtoEvangelion*-presumably written by St. James the Lesser-1<sup>st</sup> Bishop of Jerusalem, St. Joseph was an elderly 90 y/o widower who had 7 children from his first marriage to Salome, when he was chosen to take care of the young Virgin Mary. When she was found to be with child outside marriage, he intended to annul their marriage contract-*Katuba*, but was directed by the Angel Gabriel to continue as planned. By trade, he was known to be a “τέκνον- teknon-” i.e., a highly skilled man who worked with his hands-a trade he taught to Our Lord. According to living Tradition, he died peacefully at age 111 with Our Lord and Our Lady at his deathbed just before Our Lord began His public Ministry. The fact that

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<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$ 1,686.00
<i>Loaves &amp; Fishes:</i>	\$ 307.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$ 884.00

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he is not mentioned at the wedding feast at Cana, and was  
not at the foot of the Cross would seem to affirm this.

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