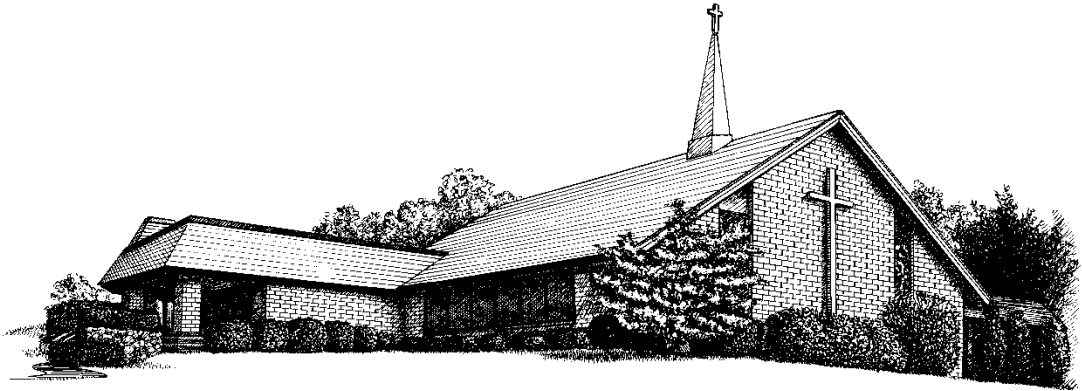


Fourth Sunday of Easter/ Četrta Velikonočna Nedelja

May 7, 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.	May 06	4:30 pm + Michael LoBue – Rosalie Pugliese
Sun.	May 08	9:30 am + Anne Colon – Clare & Michael Coyne
		11:00 am + Maria & Anton Koprivec – Mary Ann Koprivec and Family
Mon.	May 08	9:00 am + Bernard Skopp – Anna Gurrieri
Tue.	May 09	9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Wed.	May 10	9:00 am + Ethel Wuennemann – Rosalie Pugliese
Thur.	May 11	9:00 am + Mr. & Mrs. Richard Zwicharowski – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
Sat.	May 13	4:30 pm + Fran Nearn – Pat Goyette
Sun.	May 14	9:30 am + Anne Colon – Danny & Debbie Terenzio
		11:00 am + Florence DeProfio – Linda DeProfio
Sat.	May 06	4:30 pm P. Walsh
Sun.	May 07	9:30 am D. Fejes/ J. Csom
		11:00 am P. Stone/ T. Mitchell

Sat.	May 13	4:30 pm	M.E. Vollemans/ P. Walsh
Sun.	May 14	9:30 am	P. Stone/M. Colon
		11:00 am	P. Sullivan/ W. Sullivan

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. May 20 Diane Caserta Sat. May 27 Volunteers Needed

SANCTUARY LAMP: is offered in memory of Mary Ann L. O'Donnell

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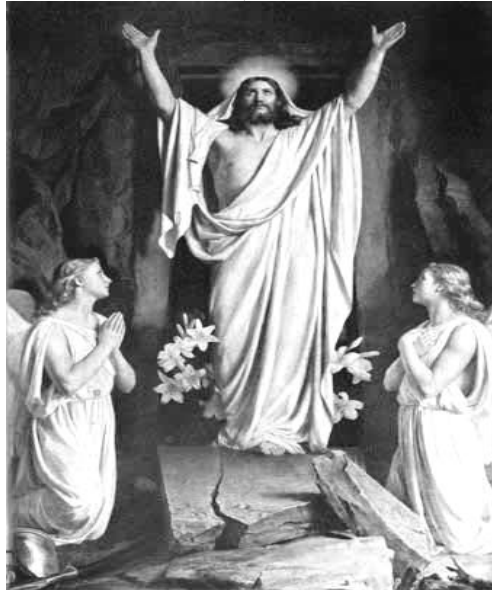
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HAPPY EASTER/ VESELI VELIKONOČ

Our Redeemer is Risen from the Grave

Zveličar naš je ustal iz Groba

Alleluia, Alleluia



MAY CROWNING: on this first Sunday in May, we hold the traditionally “Crowning” of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Hymns of praise to the Blessed and ever-glorious Lady, the Mother of GOD are sung, invoking her intercession, protection, and prayers.

CCD/REL ED: the last class of the year will be tomorrow, Monday, May 8th which will close with the *Ice Cream Social*.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: this coming Saturday, May 13th is the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to the three shepherd children outside the city of Fatima in Portugal. To the three children, Our Lady requested that the Most Holy Rosary be prayed for the forgiveness of the sins of Blasphemy committed against Almighty GOD, warning of a great war which would afflict the world unless man repented and changed his ways. Furthermore, Our Lady also warned that the growing tide of Communism would threaten the Faith of many people. Please pray the Holy Rosary for world peace and for the conversion of sinner and the forgiveness of sins.

MOTHER’S DAY: next Sunday, May 14th we celebrate Mother’s Day as both a secular and religious recognition of the many acts of love and the many sacrifices made by our mothers. To all ladies in the congregation who are mothers, we thank you and wish you a very beautiful, happy, and grace-filled Mother’s Day.

THE SECOND COLLECTION: next weekend will be the usual Monthly Collection.

PASTA DINNER: mark your calendars and plan to attend our all you can eat pasta dinner to be held on Saturday, June 3rd beginning at 6:00 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale at all Masses beginning next weekend.

NOTRE DAME WEST HAVEN: Spring Shadow days are available now through May 26, 2017. These days are designated for 7th graders, 8th graders, and transfers to BE A “KNIGHT FOR A DAY” and see why Notre Dame has been the choice for so many outstanding young men! Please contact the Admissions Office to schedule your visit 203. 937. 3225. SIGN UP TO SHADOW TODAY! 7th Graders, 8th Graders, Transfers Parents are welcome too! Take a tour at drop off or pickup. Create an Online Admissions Account at www.notredamehs.com/admissions or call 203.933.1673 x501

INTERNATIONAL TASTE OF FAIRFIELD GRACE: Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church on Fairfield Woods Road is holding its 3rd annual social, non-religious event on Sunday, May 21st, 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: Religious liberty is not an eccentric uncle of the human rights family. It is as real as our Constitution. It is very real to our Catholic ministries, to the people that the Catholic Church serves, and to all Americans. Catholic organizations will have to face exorbitant penalties amounting to tens of millions of dollars, or shut down, if the federal healthcare mandate is not revised. 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.

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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 MAY:

Sunday, May 07

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Wednesday, May 10

St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Friday, May 12

Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

St. Pancras, Martyr

Saturday, May 13

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

In Honor of Our Lady

Sunday, May 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29/30, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 1,644.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 381.00

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**Feast and 100th Anniversary of
The Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima
May 13**



This Friday, May 13th, Our Holy Mother the Church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, to three shepherd children (10 y/o Lúcia Santos & her 2 younger sibling cousins Jacinta & Francisco Marto) at Cova da Iria, near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon in Portugal.

Accordingly, in the year 1917, Lúcia, Francisco and Jacinta were keeping watch over their families' sheep outside the city of Fatima. Accustomed to praying the Rosary before beginning their lunch, the children laughed when they shouted the Hail Mary loudly to hear the reverberation of their own echo bouncing off the hill slopes. Suddenly, they heard a noise, turned around to see a great light and beheld an apparition which, Lucia would later describe as that of "a woman whose appearance was brighter than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal ball filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun."

Although the children did not know who she was, they stood in awe of this beautiful lady as she expressed her displeasure at how irreverently they prayed the Rosary. She taught them to reflect on the Mysteries of the Rosary as segments, events, or moments in the Life of Christ. She also taught them to pray the *Fatima Ejaculation* before each of the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary:

"O My Jesus! Forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven; help especially those in most need of Thy Mercy."

Our Lady appeared to them on 6 consecutive occasions from May to October, despite severe skepticism from their parents and Religious Authorities. During these apparitions, "the Lady" exhorted the 3 children to pray the Rosary for world peace; for the end of World War I; for the conversion of sinners; and, for the conversion of Russia. She exhorted them to do penance and make *Acts of Reparation*, along with personal sacrifices to save sinners. Most importantly, Lúcia said that "the Lady" had asked them to pray the Rosary every day, repeating many times that the Rosary was the key to both personal and world peace.