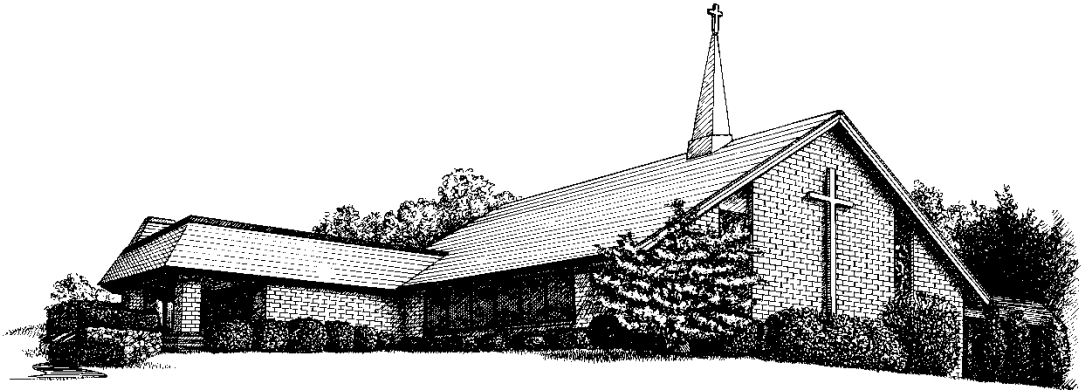


Sixth Sunday of Easter/ Šesta Velikonočna Nedelja

May 21, 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*
Rectorry: 203. 372. 4595
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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 20	4:30 pm + Kaitlin Fain – Her Grandmother, Sheila Lawther
Sun.	May 21	9:30 am + Anne Colon – Angela DiMaggio
		11:00 am + Henri Cowic – Jim & Diane Caserta
Mon.	May 22	9:00 am + Ethel Wuennemann – Mary Pintek & Family
Tue.	May 23	9:00 am + Fern Couture – Joe & Dotty Fejes
Wed.	May 24	9:00 am + Joseph Russo – Susan Pugliese
		4:30 pm + Cecilia Coleman – Mary Cecilia Kelly
Thur.	May 25	9:00 am + Jack McPadden – James & Diane Caserta
Sat.	May 27	4:30 pm + Joseph Russo – Mr. & Mrs. Jason Wlochowski
Sun.	May 28	9:30 am + Anne Colon – The Fusaro Family
		11:00 am + Joseph Duh – The Duh Family
Sat.	May 20	4:30 pm J. Piczko/ M. Coyne
Sun.	May 21	9:30 am T. Mitchell/ P. Walsh
		11:00 am D. Fejes/ L. Selimović

Sat.	May 27	4:30 pm	P. Stone/ T. Mitchell
Sun.	May 28	9:30 am	J. Piczko/ J. Csom
		11:00 am	M.E. Vollemans/ S. Cassone

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



THE PARISH ADVISORY BOARD: invites everyone to the parish hall this morning for the monthly Coffee hour following both Sunday morning Masses. Our parish nurses will be conducting blood pressure screening. This is the last coffee hour of the season. The coffee hour will take place in September. Please come and join us in the parish hall for coffee and...

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Capitol Improvement Collection. **THE SECOND COLLECTION:** next weekend, May 27/ 28th will be the Catholic Communication Campaign Collection.

OUR SLOVENIJAN MADONNA: this Tuesday, May 23rd marks the Feast of Marija Pomočnica: *Mary Auxiliatrix* more commonly known as Marija Pomagaj: *Mary Help (of Christians)*.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: this Thursday, May 25th marks the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven on the 40th day after the Resurrection. It is a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass. Mass times will be as follows: on Wednesday, May 24th, the Vigil Mass will be at 4:30 pm; on Ascension Thursday, Mass will be the usual 9:00 am Mass.

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 meal includes meatballs, pasta, garlic bread, salad, desert, coffee and tea ALL for ONLY \$10.00 adults; \$5.00 children from 12 – 5; under 5 eat free. Tickets at the door will be \$12.00 adults. You are invited to BYOB. Advanced tickets will be sold before and after all Masses on weekends.

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.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: In early May, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued a response to President Donald J. Trump's executive order about religious liberty. It stated in part: "Today's Executive Order begins the process of alleviating the serious burden of the HHS mandate. We will engage with the Administration to ensure that adequate relief is provided to those with deeply held religious beliefs about some of the drugs, devices, and surgical procedures that HHS has sought to require people of faith to facilitate over the last several years. We welcome a decision to provide a broad religious exemption to the HHS mandate, but will have to review the details of any regulatory proposals."

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Let us pray that the revised HHS mandate protects the religious rights of the Catholic Church.

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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, Mary Lou Cahill, Dorothy Cassidy, Lori Cellini, Anthony Cilo, John Coletti, Terry D'Amico, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, Don Donaldson, Melissa Doran, Jon Duguid, 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, 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., Franz Hering. 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 21
Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Monday, May 22
St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Wednesday, May 23
Feast of Our Lady, Marija Pomoćnica
- Thursday, May 24
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:
Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
- Friday, May 25
St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Saturday, May 27
St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
In Honor of Our Lady
- Sunday, May 28
Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
Thursday, May 25**



The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord commemorates the event of His being taken up into Heaven in the sight of the Apostles after having commissioned them: “Go to all nations, and Baptize them: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and, of the Holy Spirit,” having instructed them to wait for the coming of the *Paraclete* (the Advocate) Whom He would send from the Father-*Acts of the Apostles I: 1 - 11:*

“In my first account, Theophilus, I dealt with all that the Lord did and taught until the day He was taken up to Heaven, having first instructed the Apostles He had chosen through the Holy Spirit. In the time after His suffering He showed them in many convincing ways that He was alive, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking to them about the Reign of God. On one occasion when He met with them, He told them not to leave Jerusalem: ‘Wait, rather for the fulfillment of My Father’s promise, of which you have heard me speak. John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit...You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be my Witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes even to the ends of the earth’. No sooner had He said this than He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight.

They were still gazing up into the Heavens when two men dressed in white stood beside them. ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said: ‘why do you stand here looking up at the skies? This Jesus who has been taken from you will return, just as you saw Him go up into the Heavens.’”

In the Holy Gospel of St. Luke XXIV: 46 – 53: “The Lord said to the Apostles: ‘Thus it is written that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the Dead on the third day. In His Name, penance for the remission of sins is to be preached to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of this. See, I send down upon you the promise of my Father. Remain here in the City until you are clothed with power from on High.’”

Then He led them out near Bethany, and with hands upraised, blessed them. As He blessed, He left them, and was taken up to Heaven. They fell down to do Him reverence then

May 13/14, 2017

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$ 1,413.00
<i>Monthly Collection:</i>	\$ 1,037.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$ 517.00
<i>National Shrine:</i>	\$ 267.00

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returned to Jerusalem filled with joy. There they were to be
found in the Temple constantly speaking the praises of GOD.”

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