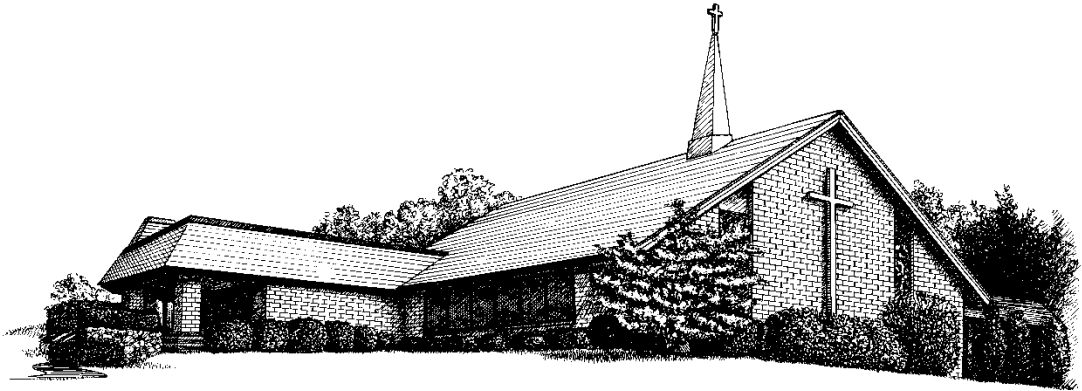


Feast of Pentecost/ Binkostna Nedelja

June 4, 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. June 3 4:30 pm + Philip & Helen Goyette – Their Daughters, Pat & Louise
Sun. June 4 9:30 am + Rocco Pugliese – Josephine Cambareri
11:00 am + John, Rita and Michael Haray – The Koprivec & Haray Families
Mon. June 5 9:00 am + Anna Bukovec – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Tue. June 6 9:00 am Intention of Rev. Alfred F. Pečarič (35th Anniversary of Priesthood)
Wed. June 7 9:00 am + Ethel Wuennemann – Mary Pintek & Family
Thur. June 8 9:00 am + Joseph Russo – Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pugliese

Sat. June 10 4:30 pm + Andrew Kokorda – Rosalie Pugliese
Sun. June 11 9:30 am + Anne Colon – Pia Laruen Oppedisano
11:00 am Intention of Rev. Alfred F. Pečarič

Sat. June 3 4:30 pm J. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. June 4 9:30 am J. Piczko/ B. Sekelsky
11:00 am W. Sullivan/ D. Paronich

Sat. June 10 4:30 pm D Fejes/ L. Selimović
Sun. June 11 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ J. Csom
11:00 am M.E. Vollemans/ P. Walsh

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. June 10 Volunteers Needed

Sat. June 17 C. & N. Conklin

FROM THE PASTOR:

FEAST OF PENTECOST: this weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the feast which is also known as the “birthday of the Church,” for according to the *Acts of the Apostles*, 3,000 people accepted Baptism on this day and professed their faith in the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Accordingly, this event was the fruit-the fulfillment of the promise of Our Lord to his Apostles: “wait, and pray for the fulfillment of my Father’s promise who will send you the Holy *Paraclete*, He will guide you to all truth.”

Pope John XXIII prayed for a second Pentecost- a spiritual renewal of all Baptized Christians, especially in the Western Church throughout the world, and for a return of all lapsed Catholics who had fallen from the Church and allied themselves to the growing tide of secular communism throughout Western Europe. His intention was that all the Baptized return to the practice of the Faith, to receive the Holy Sacraments of Christ with full understanding and full consent of the will, to the honor of Almighty GOD for the confession and forgiveness of sins, the salvation of souls, and, preparation for Eternal Life.

Let us all continue his prayer that the Holy Spirit may inspire all Catholic and Orthodox Christians to a closer union with Our Lord Jesus Christ in this life, and Eternal Union with Him in Heaven.

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

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH IN FAIRFIELD: invites you to enjoy their seasonal music series continuation of *Music For A Spring Afternoon*, featuring classical guitars and flute, next Sunday June 11, at 5:00 pm in St. Anthony Church. There is no charge for the concert. A cheese and wine reception will follow the concert with an opportunity to meet the musicians.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: to date, 49 gifts have been pledge to the value of \$17, 920.00, which represents 99.56% of the parish goal of \$18,000.00. Almost there, only \$80.00 more to reach goal!

THANK YOU to everyone has made a pledge. If you have not yet made one, I ask if you would please consider making a pledge to help us meet the parish goal.

NEW CATHOLIC TELEVISION PROGRAM FOR YOU EVERY DAY: BE INSPIRED BY A NEW Catholic television program for everyday living that will motivate you to achieve your hope and dreams as you live a life of power, impact freedom and purpose. It provides practical ways of living lie to the fullest and helping you make faith a part of your daily life.

Bruce Downes *The Catholic Guy Television* program is seen by millions of people whose lives have been changed by his down-to-earth approach. There are daily broadcasts every day at 8:30 am EST on the following companies:

DIRECTV Ch371; DISH Ch 258; AT&T U-VERSE Ch565; VERIZON FIOS Ch 288.

For further information access: www.BruceDownesTheCatholicGuy.com where one can also watch the program daily.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM: recently opened a new exhibition entitled: *World War I: Beyond the Front Lines*, exploring America’s involvement in the “Great War,” including the K of C’s Catholic outreach to servicemen at home and abroad. A series of public lectures is planned throughout the show. The museum at 1 State Street in New Haven is open 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Admission and parking are free. The exhibit will be on display throughout December 30, 2017. For more information, please access www.kofcmuseum.org.

BIRTHRIGHT: an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, practical support, and clerical and clothing work, needs volunteers. It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright has served in CT since 1972 and has ten locations. We help any pregnant girl or woman who calls us. If you would like to help, please call 1.800. 550. 4900 for the nearest local Birthright center. Training is provided.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), says that he we will continue to advocate for permanent relief from Congress on issues of critical importance to people of faith. “Religious freedom is a fundamental right that should be upheld by all branches of government and not subject to political whims,” he says.

Cardinal DiNardo met with President Trump in early may to address First Amendment rights of the Church that have been ignored under Obamacare.

PROJECT RACHEL: are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion experience? There is help and hope. Project Rachel is offering an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, July 15th for women who are suffering from a past abortion. Please contact us at 203-416-1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org for more information or confidential registration.

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, 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, Ava Paronich, 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 Rose Savino, 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, Virginia Vitti. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, esp., 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, June 4
Fest of Pentecost
- Monday, June 5
St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
- Tuesday, June 6
St. Norbert, Bishop
- Friday, June 9
St. Ephraim, Deacon and Doctor
- Saturday, June 10
In Honor of Our Lady
- Sunday, June 11
Solemnity and Feast of the Most Holy Trinity



“Pentecost- Πεντηκοστή” is the Greek word for “50th referring to the Jewish *Feast of Weeks*. According to the *Book of Exodus XXXIV: 22* “You shall keep the Feast of Weeks with the first of the wheat harvest...” In the *Book of Leviticus*, it is written: “Beginning with the day after the Sabbath, the day on which you bring the wave-offering sheaf, you shall count seven full weeks, and then on the day after the seventh week, **THE FIFTIETH DAY**, you shall present the new cereal offering to the Lord...On this same day you shall by proclamation have a sacred assembly, and no sort of work may be done. This shall be a perpetual statute for you and your descendants.

In observance of this commandment and holy day, the Apostles were huddled together in a room...

“When the day of Pentecost came, it found them gathered in one place. Suddenly from up in the sky there came a noise like a strong driving wind which was heard all through the house where they were seated. Tongues as of fire appeared which parted and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamations as the Spirit prompted them.

Staying in Jerusalem at the time were devout Jews of every nation under Heaven. These heard the sound, and assembled in a large crowd. They were much confused because each one heard these men speaking in his own language. The whole occurrence astonished them. They asked in utter amazement: ‘Are not all of these men who are speaking Galileans? How is it that each of us hears them in his native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites. We live in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the regions of Libya around Cyrene. There are even visitors from Rome—all Jews, or those who have come over to Judaism; Cretans and Arabs too. Yet each of us hears them speaking in his own tongue about the marvels God has accomplished.’

They were dumbfounded, and could make nothing at all of what had happened.”

-Acts of the Apostles II: 1 - 12

<i>May 24/ 25, 2017</i>	
<i>Ascension Thursday:</i>	<i>\$ 381.00</i>
<i>May 27/ 28, 2017</i>	
<i>Regular Collection:</i>	<i>\$ 1,672.00</i>
<i>Catholic Communication:</i>	<i>\$ 306.00</i>
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	<i>\$ 271.00</i>