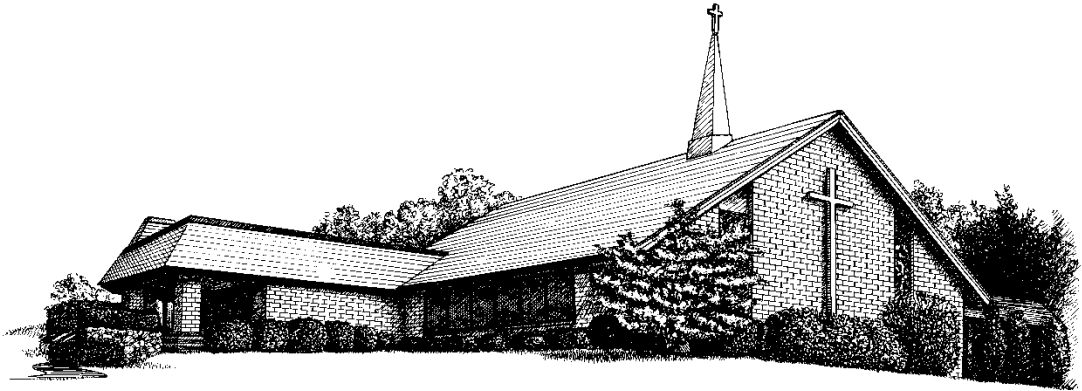


# Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



## 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.*

### Council and Societies:

*Parish Advisory Board: Quarterly – 7:00 pm*  
*Finance Board: Quarterly – 7:00 pm*

### 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



### MASS INTENTIONS

### MAŠNI NAMENI

Sat. June 24 4:30 pm + Andrew Feranec – Theresa and Marilyn Feranec  
Sun. June 25 9:30 am + Erwin Stalzer – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler  
11:00 am + Philip J. & Florence DeProfio – Linda DeProfio  
Mon. June 26 9:00 am + Karen Haro – James & Diane Caserta  
Tue. June 27 9:00 am + Mary Ann O'Donnell – Tony & Jackie Mitchell  
Wed. June 28 9:00 am + Justina Roudi - Maria Schadl & Family  
Thur. June 29 9:00 am + Anna Bukovoec – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler

Sat. July 01 4:30 pm + Rocco Pugliese – The Pugliese Family  
Sun. July 02 9:30 am + Stanley & Barbara Koprivec – Mary Ann Koprivec & Family  
11:00 am + Philip C. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Sat. June 24 4:30 pm M. Adams/ J. Adams  
Sun. June 25 9:30 am T. Mitchell/ P. Walsh  
11:00 am M.E. Vollemans/ S. Cassone

Sat. July 01 4:30 pm P. Stone/ P. Walsh  
Sun. July 02 9:30 am J. Piczko/ M. Colon  
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ S. Cassone

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. July 01 Volunteers Needed

Sat. July 08 A. Prokaly/ P. Stone

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

**SUMMER:** Please bear in mind that the Church is the House of GOD, and appropriate and modest dress is to be observed at ALL times: NO figure form tights, high shorts, tank tops, beach and recreational street dress are appropriate for Church Services. Everyone is asked to dress modestly and respectfully in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, and also to AVOID SCANDAL. Also, NOTE that the Church air conditioning will be on, hence dress appropriately: if you think you might be cold, please bring a sweater or light jacket.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION:** this weekend is the *Peter's Pence* Collection for Pope Francis.

**PARISH PICNIC:** our annual parish picnic commemorating our Patronal feast: the finding of the Holy Cross of Our Lord will be celebrated on September 10 of this year. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend, as this is the biggest fund raiser for the parish.

The first picnic meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. All picnic heads are asked to attend, and anyone wishing to help is invited.

The second picnic meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:** CONGRATULATIONS! We have slightly surpassed the ACA quota of \$18,000.00 with 56 gifts to the value of \$19,545.00, which represents 108.58% of the goal.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE HAS MADE A PLEDGE: GOD BLESS YOU!

**NEW CATHEDRATICUM TAX:** "*Cathedraticum*" is a Latin term derived from the Greek: "Κάθεδρα" referring to the Bishop's Chair in a Church-the Cathedral Church. It is also applied to the tax every parish pays to the Bishop's Office monthly to run the Diocese. Bishop Caggiano has issued a Decree, which will take effect on July 1, 2017. Accordingly, the existing Offertory Collection tax of 15% will be reduced to 12.5% AND EVERY revenue to the parish will be taxed 3%. This includes ALL rentals (including the monthly rental from St. Catherine Academy), fundraisers-the parish picnic; Pasta Dinners; Pancake Breakfasts; Raffles; restricted funds-the *Capitol Improvement Collection-which up to now has been tax free*; votive candles-the red and blue candles in the stands under Our Lady's ikon-and any other source of income to the parish. The only exclusions are bequests to the parish, *i.e.*, a benefice left to the parish in a deceased's person *Last Will and Testament*, and revenue generated from "youth group activities and missions."

PLEASE NOTE: that in compensation for NOT excluding the SCA lease rental from the *Cathedraticum* tax and to compensate for the reducing that rental from \$2,500 monthly to \$1,800 monthly-a loss to the parish of \$8,400.00 annually, Bishop Frank has dropped the ACA quota for next year from \$18,000.00 to \$9, 800.00. Once the parish meets that quota, I would appeal and ask everyone to address all contributions to the parish.

**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](http://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](http://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:** at the annual Conference of the Academy of Catholic Theologians, Archbishop William E. Lori, asserted that *religious* institutions such as parishes, schools, and charities can no longer pretend that these are ordinary times. They must be robust in their Catholic identity and missionary zeal. He says when parishes lose their evangelizing edge or schools and charities become too much like their secular counterparts, we run the risk of surrendering, bit by bit, our religious freedom. He advises us all to build bridges, reach out in friendship to those we disagree with, but in the process let us not forget or surrender who we are. That is why our parishes and all our institutions need to undergo what Pope Francis calls "a missionary conversion." Let us pray that the revised health care mandate reinstates religious freedom.

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



Alan Bedwell, Mary Alou 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, Dotty Fejes, 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, Darlene Raytar, Louis Rednak, Joel Rivera, 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, Štefan Raj (Stephen Ray). 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 JUNE AND JULY:**

Sunday, June 25

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, June 27

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor

Wednesday, June 28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

Thursday, June, 29

St. Peter, Apostle & Vicar of Christ;

St. Paul, Apostle

Friday, June 30

Proto-Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Saturday, July 01

St. Junipero Serra, Priest & Missionary

Sunday, July 02

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*June 17/ 18, 2017*

*Regular Collection: \$ 1,233.00*

*Capitol Improvement: \$ 1030.00*

*Miscellaneous: \$ 371.00*

**BLESSED JUNIPER SERRA, PRIEST**

July 1



Miquel Josep Serra I Ferrer was born on November 24, 1713, to a family of humble means in Petra, Majorca, Spain. On November 14, 1730, he entered the Alcantarine Franciscans taking the name “*Junipero*” in honor of St. Juniper-a Franciscan and companion of St. Francis of Assisi. For his proficiency in studies, he was considered intellectually brilliant and was assigned to teach Philosophy at the Franciscan seminary. He received a Doctorate in Theology. Fr. Junipero occupied the Chair of Philosophy until he left for the Americas at age 27.

Fr. Junipero came to Mexico City in 1749, where he taught in the Seminary of San Fernando; he also preached at parish Churches. While traveling on foot from Vera Cruz to the Capital, he injured his leg in such a way that he suffered from it the rest of his life. He was assigned to an Indian Mission some 90 miles north, where he spent the next 9 years of his life. Returning to Mexico City, he was recognized as a zealous, fervent, and convincing Preacher.

On February 3, 1768, King Carlos III of Mexico forcibly expelled the Jesuits from the Missions in Baja California and appointed Father Serra the Superior of a band of 15 Franciscans to oversee those Missions. Early in 1769, the Spanish Governor sent Fr. Junipero and his band both to Christianize the extensive Indian populations of Alta California, and, to have the area serve as Spain’s strategic interest, so as to prevent the Russian explorations and possible claims to North America’s Pacific Coast.

Fr. Serra founded the first and only Mission in Baja California, after which, on July 1, 1769, he journeyed north to found the Mission of San Diego de Alcalá. The following year he moved to Monterey, where founded the Mission of San Carlos Borromeo de Carmel, which he later relocated to Mission Carmel. Altogether, Fr. Junipero Serra founded 9 Missions in California, from San Diego to San Francisco.

During the American Revolutionary War (1775 – 83) Father Serra took up a collection from his Mission parishes throughout California. The total monies collected amounted to roughly \$137 which was sent to General George Washington. For this effort, Father Serra received the title of *Founder of Spanish California*.

During the remaining 3 years of his life he visited the Missions from San Diego to San Francisco, traveling more than 600 miles. He confirmed 5, 309 people-mostly Indian neophytes converted during his 14 years of Missionary

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Dvanajsta Nedelja med Letom*  
**Ministry. Fr. Junipero Serra died on August 28, 1784, at  
age 70 at Mission San Carlos Borromeo.**

*June 25, 2017*