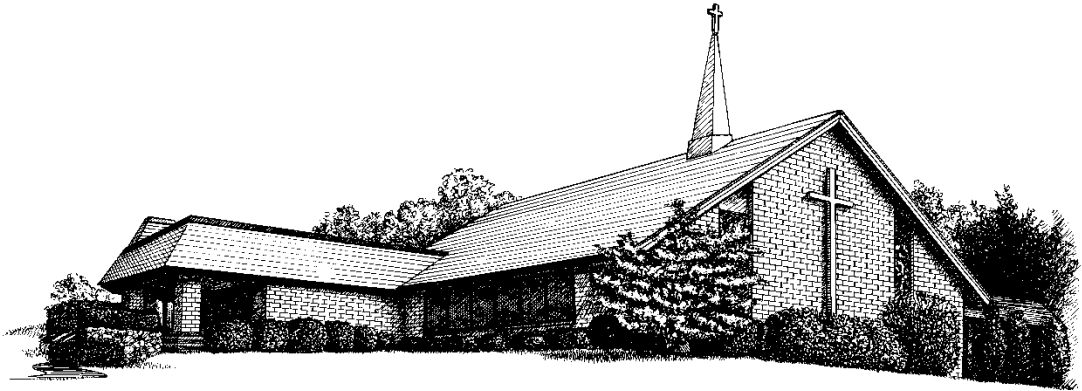


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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
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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. 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
Mon. July 03	9:00 am + Marcia Salko – Her Husband Clinton & Family
Tue. July 04	9:00 am + John Di John – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Wed. July 05	9:00 am + Henry Campolucci & Lester DeCaro – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
Thur. July 06	9:00 am + Deceased of the Pugliese Family – Trudy Eppich
Sat. July 08	4:30 pm + William & Martin Wrynn – Their Mother, Louise Wrynn
Sun. July 09	9:30 am + Deceased of the Pugliese Family – Trudy Eppich
	11:00 am + Alex & Mary Zlatar – Anna Gurrieri & Family

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

Sat. July 08	4:30 pm	J. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. July 09	9:30 am	T. Mitchell/ T. Mitchell
	11:00 am	B. Sekelsky/ B. Sekelsky

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. July 08 A. Prokaly/ P. Stone

Sat. July 15 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

FROM THE PASTOR:

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY: this Tuesday July 4th is our Independence Day, and a day of happy celebration of freedom, peace, and justice. However, we all know that freedom is NOT free-some paid with their lives. As you enjoy the festivities of fireworks, cookouts, parties, and picnics, please do NOT forget to pray for all the men who died in defense of this country in the American Revolution and subsequent wars, and, for all the soldiers who are now actively deployed in its continued defense. May ALMIGHTY GOD keep them safe from all evil and harm and return them safely to their families. AMEN!

Enjoy a beautiful and safe 4th of July

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Finance Board invites everyone to the pancake breakfast they will host on Sunday, July 23rd following both Sunday Masses. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, pastries, coffee, tea and juice. The cost is ONLY \$5.00 a person. Please plan to attend and support this fundraiser.

PARKING LOT REPAVING: Bishop Caggiano approved for plans to repave the parking lot. The work has been awarded to *Fairfield Asphalt Paving*. Work will be executed during the week of July 28 – August 6th, during which time the parking lot will be closed. Please be prepared to park on the street or at the Mohican Lake parking lot.

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.

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH: in Fairfield is holding their annual picnic next Sunday, July 9th from 12:30pm - 6:30pm. You invited to enjoy: live music, dancing, children's games and a Great White Elephant Booth; an assortment of Delicious Homemade Foods: Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Roast Beef Sandwiches, *Pierogies*, Stuffed Cabbage, Lobster Dinners, Strawberry Shortcake; also Ice Cream, Beer & Wine with 25% of the proceeds will be donated to Merton House. All are welcome. Admission is \$3 which includes a chance to win 5 door prizes. 149 South Pine Creek Road, Fairfield, CT. For information call 203-259-0358.

NEW CATHEDRATICUM TAX: “*Cathedraticum*” is a Latin term derived from the Greek: “*Κάθεδρα*” referring to the Bishop’s Chair in the main Church of a Diocese-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%. ADDITIONALLY, 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*; even 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.

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.

RELIGIOUS DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: Our freedom of religion can only be assured by active vigilance. As we come to the conclusion of Fortnight for Freedom on July 4th, let us take a few moments to pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty. For daily reflections, visit: uscgb.org.

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, Louise Kranyik, 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 Ray, Christine DiCecco, and Rose Savino. 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 JULY:

- Sunday, July 02
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, July 03
St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr
- Tuesday, July 04
USA Civil Independence Day
- Wednesday, July 05
St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
- Thursday, July 06
St. Maria Goretti, Virgin
- Saturday, July 08
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, July 09
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**July 4
USA Independence Day**



As we celebrate the 4th of July, we commemorate the Great War of Independence which was fought to free the Colonists from the tyranny of British Rule. We gratefully remember all the men who bravely fought against the invading armies of the Royal British Crown. The years leading up to the Revolutionary War were filled with hardships for the people living in the Colonies who depended on goods from England and who endured many trials: harsh winters; droughts; scarcity of food; sickness; invading indigenous peoples; and finally, unfair taxation from their mother country- England.

Many men, local to all areas in the eastern parts of the New World, left their farms, families, and lives to pick up arms-any instrument they could use-to defend courageously their livelihood; many never to return to their homes or families.

Freedom has come at a great price, for many soldiers died during combat while other wounded soldiers died as a result of their injuries. They fought bravely for freedom and gave their lives for the well being and common-good of their Colonies paving the way for the founding of a country we now call the United States of America.

Since then, many young men were conscripted to serve in Military Service to defend the freedoms and rights we enjoy to this very day. We pray therefore for all military personnel, men and now women who defend our country. May Almighty God preserve them from all evil and harm, and bring them safely home. May God bless our Military!

In their honor we proudly sing out the beautiful patriotic hymn, written by Irving Berlin, and popularized by Miss Kate Smith:

“God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night
from the light from Above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans,
white with foam,

June 24/ 25, 2017

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	1,663.00
<i>Diocesan Collection:</i>	\$	275.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	532.00

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Trinajsta Nedelja med Letom

July 2, 2017

God bless America, my home sweet home.

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!