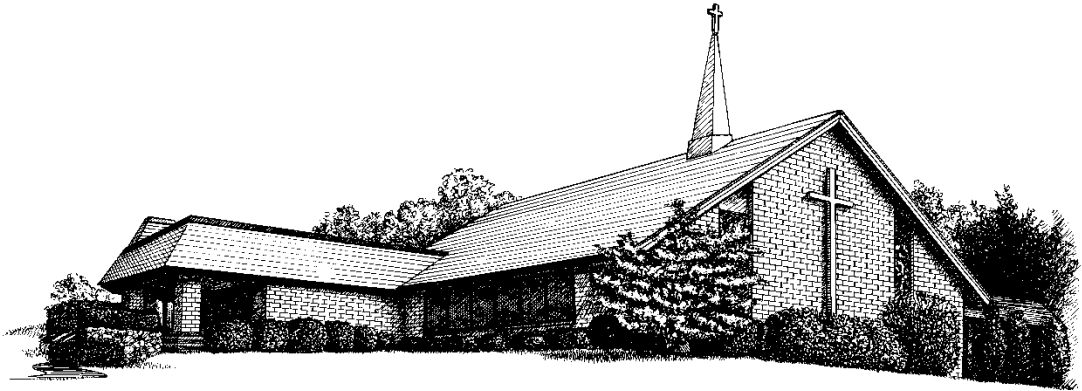


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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 17	4:30 pm + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Sun. June 18	9:30 am + Erwin Stalzer – Rosalie Pugliese
	11:00 am + Philip J. DeProfio & John F. Gurrieri, Sr., - Linda DeProfio
Mon. June 19	9:00 am + Bernard Skopp – Linda DeProfio
Tue. June 20	9:00 am + Rose Marie Markoya – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Wed. June 21	9:00 am + Ethel Wuennemann – Linda DeProfio
Thur. June 22	9:00 am + David & Lula Martin and Emily O’Kelly – Mary Ann Gurrieri
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

Sat. June 17	4:30 pm P. Stone/ M. Colon
Sun. June 18	9:30 am J. Piczko/ B. Sekelsky
	11:00 am P. Sullivan/ W. Sullivan

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

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. June 24 C. & M. Coyne

Sat. July 1 Volunteers Needed

FROM THE PASTOR:

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI: this weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Let us love our Lord and thank HIM for HIS love us.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

HAPPY FATHERS DAY: to all the fathers in the parish. We Pray that Almighty GOD grant you good health, prosperity, peace, the love and respect of your children, spouses and family, and, a beautiful day to enjoy them.

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 Capitol Improvement Collection. **THE SECOND COLLECTION:** next weekend will be the *Peter's Pence* Collection for Pope Francis.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: CONGRATULATIONS! We have slightly surpassed the ACA quota of \$18,000.00 with 51 gifts to the value of \$18,445.00, which represents 102.47% 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 cx 15% will be reduced to 12.5% AND that 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 u p 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, 600.00. 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 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: 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, 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, 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, Štefen 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:

- Sunday, June 18
Solemnity Corpus Christi
- Monday, June 19
St. Romauld, Abbott
- Wednesday, June 21
St. Aloysius Gonzaga
- Thursday, June, 22
St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;
Ss. John Bishop, Bishop & Martyr;
St. Thomas More, Martyrs
- Friday, June 23
Feast of the Most Sacred Heart
- Saturday, June 24
Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Sunday, June 25
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Miscellaneous: \$ 388.00

Feast of Corpus Christi



*Ave Verum, Corpus Natum
Hail, True Body born of the Virgin*

Instituted on Holy Thursday during the Last Supper, the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist is eclipsed by the celebration of the *Sacred Triduum* & Passion of Our Lord. Hence, it was felt that a separate Feast was necessary.

The Feast of *Corpus Christi* has its origins in the 13th century apparitions of Our Lord Jesus Christ to an Augustinian Nun, Sr. Juliana of Liège, in Belgium. Juliana was born in 1193 at Retines. Orphaned at an early age, she was brought to the Convent of Mont Cornillon, where she grew up and was educated by Augustinian Nuns. From the time of her youth, Sr. Juliana had a deep devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. As an adult, she made her Religious Profession at the Convent where she would later serve as the Abbess. In 1208, Sr. Juliana reported having seen a vision of Our Lord showing her the Church in the form of a full moon with a very dark spot. Our Lord explained that this dark spot indicated the lack of a Solemnity honoring His Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Sr. Juliana conveyed her vision to Most Rev. Robert de Thorete, Bishop of Liège, and to her Confessor, Fr. Jacques Pantaléon, who later became Pope Urban IV. In 1246 a Synod was convoked at which a feast celebrating *Corpus Domini*-the Body of Christ was ordered. Pope Urban IV in 1264 instituted the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on the 1st Thursday following Pentecost honoring the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

June 10/ 11, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 1,911.00

Monthly Collection: \$ 857.00

Feast of Corpus Christi/ Praznik Rešnjega Telesa in Rešnje Kri

June 18, 2017

We revere the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy
Eucharist as a result of His Words: *“Take this, for this is My
Body which will be given up for you.”*