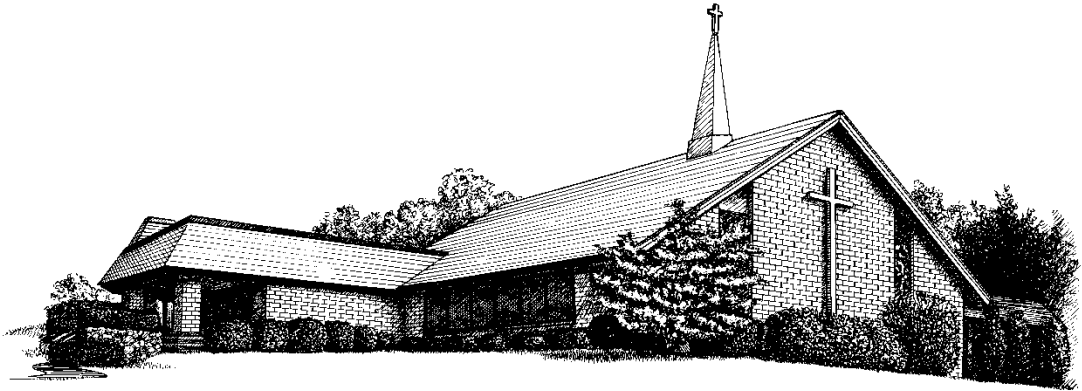


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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. July 15 4:30 pm + Rosemarie Markoja – Rosalie Pugliese
Sun. July 16 9:30 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
11:00 am + Alex & Mary Zlatar – Anna Gurrieri & Family

Mon. July 17 9:00 am + Ethel Wuennemann – Mary Pintek & Family
Tue. July 18 9:00 am + Charlotte Minanno – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
Wed. July 19 9:00 am + Mary Ann Russo – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Thur. July 20 9:00 am + Fanni Dermastja – Mr. & Mrs. Anton Lundar

Sat. July 22 4:30 pm + Liboire & Seraphine Goyette – Her Granddaughters, Pat & Louise Goyette
Sun. July 23 9:30 am + Albin & Ann Rednak – The Sikorsky
11:00 am + Ignac Igor Grašič – The Grašič Family

Sat. July 15 4:30 pm J. Piczko/ M. Coyne
Sun. July 16 9:30 am P. Stone/ P. Walsh
11:00 am P. Sullivan/ D. Paronich

Sat. July 22 4:30 pm M. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. July 23 9:30 am J. Piczko/ J. Csom
11:00 am B. Sekelsky/ L. Selimović

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.

WELCOME REV. SEAN. R. HARLOW, O. CARM: this weekend we warmly welcome Fr. Harlow of the Order of Carmelite Missions, who will address us on the needs of their mission. Please welcome Fr., hear his words, and be generous in assisting the Carmelite Mission in bringing the love of Christ to those in greatest need throughout the world.

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Capital Fund Collection. Next weekend will be the Missionary Cooperative Collection.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Finance Board invites everyone to the pancake breakfast they will host next 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: work will be executed during the week of July 28 – August 4th, during which time the parking lot will be closed. Please be prepared to park on the street or at the Mohican Lake parking lot.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: parishioners of Holy Cross Parish have pledged 71 gifts to the value of \$21,153.00 which represents 117.52% of the parish goal of \$18,000.00. THANK YOU to everyone who has made a pledge.

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 monthly to the Bishop’s Office to run the Diocese. Bishop Caggiano has issued a Decree, which became effective July 1, 2017. Accordingly, the existing Offertory Collection tax of 15% will be reduced to 12.5%-including every revenue to the parish: ALL rentals (including the monthly rental from St. Catherine Academy), all 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. Additionally, a 3% tax will be imposed on ALL GROSS fundraiser revenue-the annual Parish Picnic; Pasta Dinners; Pancake Breakfasts; Raffles; 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.”

ST. MARGARET SHRINE VETERAN MEMORIAL: In order to ensure installation by Veterans Day, the deadline for donating a Veteran’s Brick, to the ST Margaret Shrine Veterans Memorial, is September 22nd. The Memorial, which is listed on the National War Memorial Registry (www.nationalwarmemorialregistry.org), is located at the Diocesan Shrine of ST Margaret, 2523 Park Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06604.

The names of the Veterans, on the newly donated bricks, will be read at our 7th Annual Veterans Mass and Blessing, and included in our Mass Program Book. This year’s Mass will be held on Saturday, November 11th, 12:15PM, at the Shrine. For information about donating a brick for a Veteran, from the U.S. Military or any of our Allies; Regular or Reserves, living, deceased, wartime, peacetime, or currently serving, call Art Falco at 203-345-3244.

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: in June, the bishops from the United States voted to establish a permanent Committee for Religious Liberty. Currently, the USCCB’s Committee for Religious Liberty seeks to strengthen and sustain religious freedom by assisting the U.S. bishops, individually and collectively, to teach about religious freedom to the faithful and

the broader public, and to promote and defend religious freedom in law and policy. Let us pray that the committee can encourage lawmakers to protect this First Amendment right as they revamp the HHS mandate.

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, Walter Murasky, James Norris, Marc Pagnozzi, Ava Paronich, Gregory Parsley, Ilona Paul, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, Joe Piczko, 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, Christine DiCecco, Rose Savino, & John Murray. 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 16
 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 - Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Tuesday, July 18
 - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- Thursday, July 20
 - St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
- Friday, July 21
 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
- Saturday, July 22
 - St. Mary Magdalene;
 - In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, July 23
 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	2,019.00
<i>Monthly Collection:</i>	\$	842.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	190.00

July 16

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



In ancient Canaanite culture, high mountain places were considered to be sacred, where prayer and communication with GOD was undefiled, uninterrupted and pure. Hence, the high peak of Mount Carmel (קַרְמֵל - Hebrew for *Vineyard of God*) was considered Sacred.

According to the Book of Kings, the Mount of Carmel was the site where the holy Prophet Elijah built an Altar to the One True GOD in the 8c B.C. He had challenged & defeated the 450 priests of the pagan queen Jezebel who married Ahaz, King of Israel, and who introduced worship to the pagan god *Baal*, and thereby brought defilement and idolatry to Israel. Elijah's sacrifice manifested the power & glory of the GOD of Israel. After this event, Elijah escaped and lived in a cave on Mount Carmel with the Prophet Elisha, gathering around them a community of hermits who dedicated themselves to living the Covenant of Abraham away from the sin, corruption & the distraction of urban life.

Abandoned sometime in the 2nd century A.D. by later Jewish hermits for an unknown reason, Greek Orthodox monks built a Monastery there which was active from the 3rd - 11th centuries, when it was again abandoned. During the time of the Crusades, holy men who adopted a hermetical life established a community of life and prayer dedicated to the Holiness of GOD under the holy patronage and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This later developed into a Religious Order-the Carmelites.

July 1/2, 2017

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	2,133.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	750.00

July 8/9, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Petnajsta Nedelja med Letom

July 16, 2017

According to the Tradition of the Carmelite Order, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite Abbot, on July 16, 1251. In this vision, she bestowed upon him the Scapular, which came to be known as the *Brown Scapular*, as a means of attaining spiritual depth in prayer, and, protection from Evil and the temptation of the Evil One.