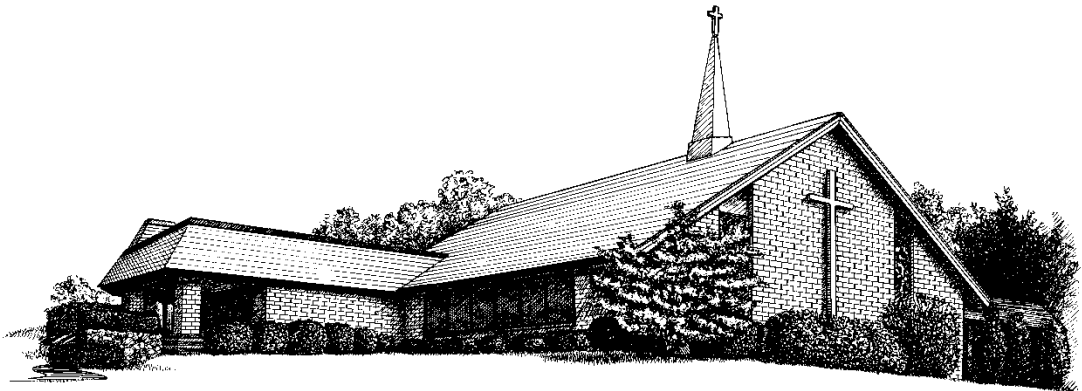


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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 22 4:30 pm + Liboire & Seraphine Goyette – Her Granddaughters, Pat & Louise
Sun. July 23 9:30 am + Albin & Ann Rednak – The Sikorsky
11:00 am + Ignac Igor Grašič – The Grašič Family
Mon. July 24 9:00 am + Ethel Wuennemann – Anna Gurrieri
Tue. July 25 9:00 am + Frank Hering – Linda DeProfio
Wed. July 26 9:00 am + Deceased Members of the Sarvas Family – Mr. & Mrs. Anton Lunder
Thur. July 27 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Sat. July 29 4:30 pm + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schindler
Sun. July 30 9:30 am + Rose Osterman – Rosalie Pugliese
11:00 am + Manfred Juraschek – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler

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

Sat. July 29 4:30 pm P. Stone/ M. Colon
Sun. July 30 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ B. Sekelsky
11:00 am W. Sullivan/ W. Sullivan

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. July 29 M. Csom

Sat. August 5 C. & N. Conklin

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Collection.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Finance Board invites everyone to the pancake breakfast this morning following both Masses. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, pastries, coffee, tea and juice. The cost is ONLY \$5.00 a person-such a deal! Come and support our parish by enjoying this fundraiser with family and/or friends.

PARKING LOT REPAVING: work will be begin this coming Friday, July 28 and continue through 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.

SARMA-STUFFED CABBAGE PRESALE: the Parish Task Force will again be sponsoring a pre-picnic stuffed cabbage pre-sale on Saturday, August 26th, between the hours of 10:00 am– 2:00 pm. To place an order, please call the parish office, or, Mrs. Theresa Feranec at: 203. 259. 5366. The last day to place an order is Friday, August 18th.

The date of the parish picnic is Sunday, September 10th following the close of the 11:00 Polka Mass. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the picnic to enjoy ethnic and national foods, music and camaraderie.

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.

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: Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR EVANGELIZATION TO LAPSED CATHOLICS: That Catholics who have strayed from the Faith, through our prayer and witness to the Holy Gospel, may return to the merciful love of Our Lord and to the beauty of His Sacraments.

Miscellaneous:	\$ 183.00
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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, 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 Steve Tkalec, John Murray, and Darlene Raytar. 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 23
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, July 24
St. Sharbel Makhluif, priest
Tuesday, July 25
St. James, Apostle & Martyr
Wednesday, July 26
Ss. Joachim & Anna, Parents of the BVM
Saturday, July 29
St. Martha;
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, July 30
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SS. Joachim and Ann
July 26



Although nothing is mentioned of the parents of Our Lady, Mary-*'the Holy Theotokos'*-in the Sacred Scrolls and Epistles of the New Testament, according to *Apocryphal Literature*, viz., the "*Proto-Evangelion of St. James*," the names of Our Lady's parents are *Joachim* (Hebrew: "God has set up,") and *Hannah-Anna* (Hebrew: "Grace.")

Accordingly, Joachim was of the tribe of Judah and a descendant of King David; he was a wealthy & pious man who gave 1/3 of his wealth to the Temple at Sepphoris, 1/3 to the poor, and subsisted on 1/3. His wife Hanna was the daughter of Matthan the Priest of the tribe of Levi of the house of Aaron the High Priest-the brother of Moses. He had 3 daughters: Mary, Zoia, and Hanna. Mary was married in Bethlehem & bore Salome; Zoia was also married in Bethlehem & bore Elizabeth-the mother of St. John the Baptist; and, Hanna, who was married to Joachim in Nazareth-who bore the Holy Virgin Mary.

Joachim and Hanna had been married 50 years. They were pious Jews who practiced charity & alms-giving; they had longed for a child but remained childless until their old age. When they went up to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice, the High Priest Issachar reproached Joachim refusing to accept his sacrificial offering because he had no offspring and was considered unworthy. Upon consulting the genealogical records of the tribes of Israel, Joachim was shocked to find he was the only righteous man to be childless. When they returned to their home, Joachim took his flocks up a high mountain to escape his shame, while Hanna remained home in prayer. The Angel Gabriel was sent to both of them announcing that they would bear: "a daughter of Israel most blessed by whom all the nations of the Earth will be blessed, and through whom would come the Salvation of the world." Upon hearing this news, they both promised to have their child raised in the Temple as a holy vessel of God. At age 3, they took Mary to the Temple

July 15/ 16, 2017

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,558.00
Capitol Improvement:	\$ 1,189.00

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Šestnajsta Nedelja med Letom
to be dedicated to the Service of the Lord, and presented
her to the Priest Zechariah. After offering the sacrifice,
they returned home, leaving Mary to the Maidens of the
Temple, where she grew in grace and prayer.

July 23, 2017