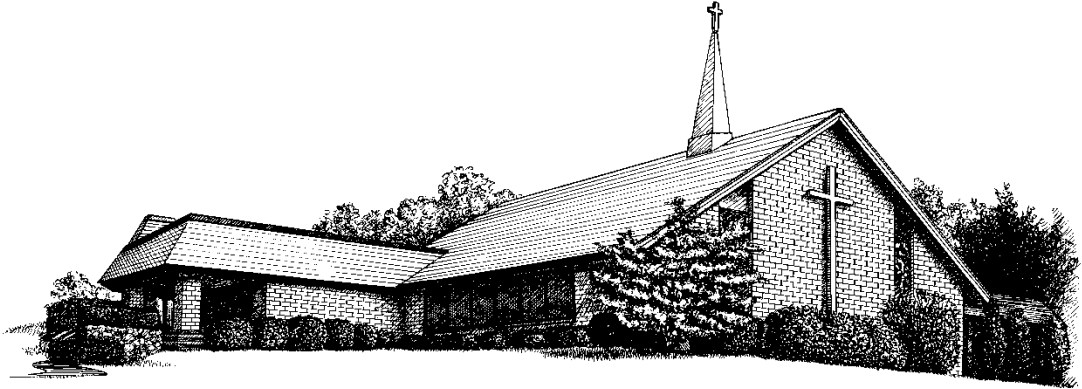


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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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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.

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

Council and Societies:

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



MASS INTENTIONS

MAŠNI NAMENI

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

Mon. July 31 9:00 am + Zdravko Hribar – The Hribar Family
Tue. Aug. 01 9:00 am + Frank Hering – Anna Gurrieri & Family
Wed. Aug. 02 9:00 am + Mary Ann Russo – Mr. & Mrs. Jim Pugliese
Thur. Aug. 03 9:00 am + Michael Nilo – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro

Sat. Aug. 05 4:30 pm + Philip J. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio
Sun. Aug. 06 9:30 am + Joe Zacharias – A Friend
11:00 am + John F. Gurrieri, Sr. - Anna Gurreri & Family

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

Sat. Aug. 05 4:30 pm J. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. Aug. 06 9:30 am J. Piczko/ M. Colon
11:00 am B. Sekelsky/ S. Cassone

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. August 5 C. & N. Conklin

Sat. August 12 A. Prokaly/ P. Stone

FROM THE PASTOR:

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD: next Sunday, August 6th we celebrate the Solemnity of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. According to the Holy Gospel: “(Our Lord) took Peter, James and John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. He was transfigured before their eyes. His face became dazzling as the sun, His clothes as radiant as light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them conversing with Him. Then Peter said to (the Lord), ‘Lord, how good that we are here! With Your permission I will erect three booths here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Out of the cloud came a voice which said, ‘This is MY Beloved Son on whom MY favor rests. Listen to Him.’ When they heard this, the disciples fell forward on the ground, overcome with fear. (The Lord) came toward them and laying His hand on them, said, ‘Get up! Do not be afraid.’ When they looked up, they did not see anyone but the Lord.” MT XVII: 1 - 8

This event of the Transfiguration anticipates our own transfiguration after our Resurrection into Divine Life.

SARMA-STUFFED CABBAGE PRESALE: the Parish Task Force will again be sponsoring a pre-picnic stuffed cabbage sale on Saturday, August 26th, between the hours of 10:00 am– 2:00 pm. To place an order for the stuffed cabbage, 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.

THANK YOU: to all the members of the Finance Board who hosted the All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast last Sunday ☺

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.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND POLAND: come and experience Fatima for the 100th anniversary year and receive a plenary indulgence, then onto Poland in the footsteps of St. John Paul II and St. Faustina with EWTN TV Hosts Donna-Marie Cooper O’Boyle and Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR on a grace-filled and life-changing pilgrimage from September 17 to 27, 2017. Spaces are limited. For details, please access: <http://www.donnacooperoboyle.com/blog/pilgrimages-2/>.

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: those who say that the Catholic Church is discriminating against poor women by opposing the Health Care Mandate are misinformed. The Catholic Church is against requirements contained in the Mandate that would force them to pay for surgical procedures such as: sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that go against its moral convictions, and therefore, impede religious freedom.

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.

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



Alan Bedwell, Mary Lou 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, esp., 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 AND AUGUST:

Sunday, July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Tuesday, August 01

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

Wednesday, August 02

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Friday, August 04

St. John Vianney, Priest

Saturday, August 05

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 06

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

July 22/23, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 1,520.00

Diocesan Missionary: \$ 1.103.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 413.00

St. Alphonsus Liguori
August 1



Alphonsus Maria de' Liguori was born in Marianella, near Naples-then part of the Kingdom of Naples. He was the 1st of 7 children born to parents of Neapolitan nobility. Two days after he was born he was baptized at the Church of Our Lady the Virgin as Alphonsus Maria Antonio Giovanni Cosma Damiano Michele Gaspard de' Liguori.

As a young boy he showed such intellectual prowess that his parents secured his education by various masters of the arts; in Music, Art, Poetry, and Literature.

At age 16 Alphonsus studied Law and Jurisprudence excelling in both and becoming a successfully renowned Barrister. However, he soon grew disenchanted with the Law profession. He once wrote to a friend: "My friend, our profession is too full of difficulties and dangers; we lead an unhappy life and run risk of dying an unhappy death. For myself, I will quit this career, which does not suit me; for I wish to secure the salvation of my soul." At the age of twenty-seven, he left his practice of Law.

In 1723 he offered himself as a novice to the Oratory of St. Philip Neri with the intention of becoming a Priest. Despite his father's opposition, he was ordained on the 21st of December in 1726, at the age of 30. He lived his first years as a Priest with the homeless and marginalized youth of Naples. He founded the Evening Chapels which were managed by the young people which became centers of prayer and piety, preaching, community, social activities, and education. At the time of his death, there were 72 of these chapels with over 10,000 active participants. His sermons were very effective at converting those who were alienated from the Faith.

On 9 November 1732, Alphonsus founded the *Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer- Redemptorists*. He wrote the current version of the *Stations of the Cross*; his writings on spirituality have inspired many throughout the ages. St. Alphonsus was consecrated Bishop of Sant'Agata dei Goti in 1762. He died on August 1, 1787, at the age of 90.