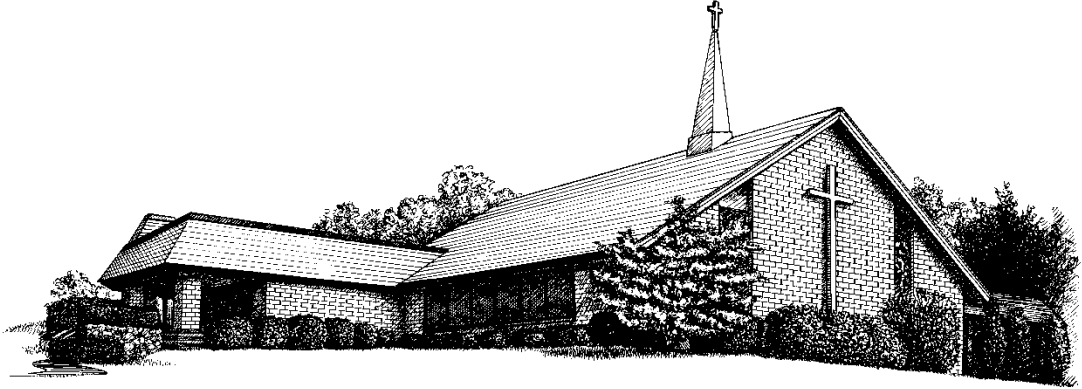


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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*
Rector: 203. 372. 4595
Parish Office: 203. 372. 4595; Fax 203. 372. 4668
Parish E-mail: holy_cross_church@sbeglobal.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. 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

Mon. Aug 07 9:00 am + Gene Casamassima – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro

Tue. Aug. 08 9:00 am + John F. Gurrieri – Linda DeProfio

Wed. Aug. 09 9:00 am + Deceased Members of the Pugliese Family – Trudy Eppich

Thur. Aug. 10 9:00 am + Julius Schindler – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler

Sat. Aug. 12 4:30 pm + Robert D. Kranyik – His Wife, Louise & Daughter, Mary Louise

Sun. Aug. 13 9:30 am + Frank DiGiacomo – A Friend

11:00 am + John F. Gurrieri, Sr. – Linda DeProfio

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

Sat. Aug. 12 4:30 pm J. Adams/ J. Adams

Sun. Aug. 13 9:30 am J. Piczko/ J. Csom

11:00 am P. Sullivan/ D. Paronich

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. August 12 A. Prokaly/ P. Stone

Sat. August 19 Diane Caserta

FROM THE PASTOR:

SOLEMNITY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST: this weekend Holy Mother the Church celebrates the great manifestation in which Our Lord Jesus Christ is transfigured in glory as the Son of Man who has received kingship and dominion, and will return to judge the living and the dead.

“Blessed be Jesus Christ, True GOD and True Man!”

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: NEXT TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS as it is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of GOD-Our Lady- into Heaven. Please note Mass times: 4:30 Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14th. On Tuesday, the Holy Day, Masses are at 9:00 am, and, at 5:30 pm. Mark your calendars and do not forget to honor the Mother of Our Holy Saviour-Almighty GOD the Father did, why would you not???

SECOND COLLECTION: next weekend will be the usual Monthly Collection.

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.

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 I,I 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.donnacooper-oboyale.com/blog/pilgrimages-2/>.

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.

ENTERING CANAAN: *Entering Canaan* is a weekend retreat, on September 22 – 24, 2017, sponsored by the Diocese of Bridgeport and *Lumina & Reclaiming our Children*, featuring Spiritual Director Fr. Fidelis Moscinski, CFR, who will direct a weekend of Witness, Conferences, Adoration, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and Reconciliation for family members of those who have suffered the tragedy of abortion. “I think that it would be good for people to know that we all suffer from abortion. It is not something that affects just the mother or father over time. I have not forgotten my siblings and I never will. I miss them although I never knew them. I cannot get it out of my mind and I pray for my mom, my dad, and my siblings every day.” Scholarships and transportation available. For further information, contact: www.enteringcanaan.com or call: 877.586. 4621.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: the Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the Affordable Health Care Act harshly penalizes those employers, such as the Church, who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees.

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 Land, 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. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

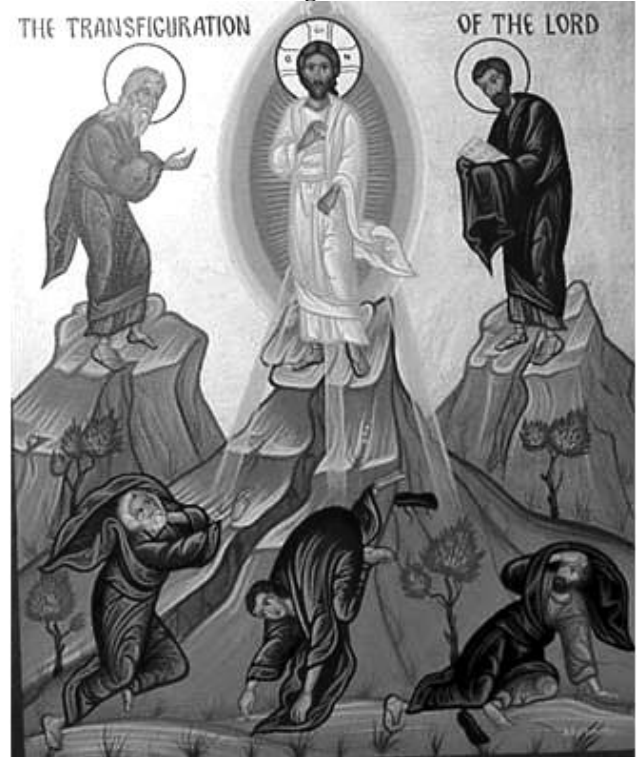
Please pray for World Peace, for an end to all unrest throughout the world-especially the Middle East, and for the protection of all our soldiers, troops, and Servicemen, may GOD BLESS & PROTECT THEM, from all evil, harm, & injury, and, return them safely home. Amen.

FEAST DAYS IN August:

- Sunday, August 06
Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
- Monday, August 07
St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companion Martyrs;
St. Cajetan, Priest
- Tuesday, August 08
St. Dominc, Priest
- Wednesday, August 09
St. Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
- Thursday, August 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
- Friday, August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
- Saturday, August 12
St. Frances de Chantal;
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, August 13
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Tim

<i>July 29/30, 2017</i>	
<i>Regular Collection:</i>	<i>\$ 1,343.00</i>
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	<i>\$ 300.00</i>

**Feast of the Holy Transfiguration
August 6**



This feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, celebrated in the Eastern Church since the 5th century, was raised to universal celebration in the Western Church by Pope Callixtus III in 1457, in gratitude to Almighty God for the defeat of the invading Muslims by the Papal Naval Forces at the Siege of Belgrade, on August 6, 1456, and for the saving of Christianity throughout Western Europe.

This event of the Transfiguration/ *Metamorphosis* celebrates the gloriously mystical meeting/*hypostasis* of human nature in the Person of Jesus-the temporal Messiah, with HIS Divine nature as Eternal God, bridging Heaven and Earth as testified to by two of the most important Old Testament figures who appeared conversing with Our Lord: Moses and Elijah. This event was witnessed by the holy Apostles Peter, James & John 40 days prior to Our Lord's passion & death.

The Synoptic Gospels depict this event of Our Lord's appearance in divine glory as taking place on a "high mountain." It pre-figures the Divine Life which awaits those sanctified in the Blood of the Lamb- the Son of God.

Cf: MT: XVII: 1 – 9; MK IX: 2 – 8; LK IX: 28 – 26.

This Feast of the Transfiguration may be seen also as a feast of the Holy Trinity, as the Three Divine Persons are interpreted as being present: the Voice of the Father; the transfigured Person of the Son; and, the presence of the Holy Spirit in the form of the overshadowing Cloud.

The Apostle Paul in his Epistle to II Corinthians: III: 18, reminds them: "transformation of believers (by) beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord" which became the theological base for contemplating the event of the Transfiguration as the ikon & spirituality which leads the faithful to the knowledge and the reflection of GOD.