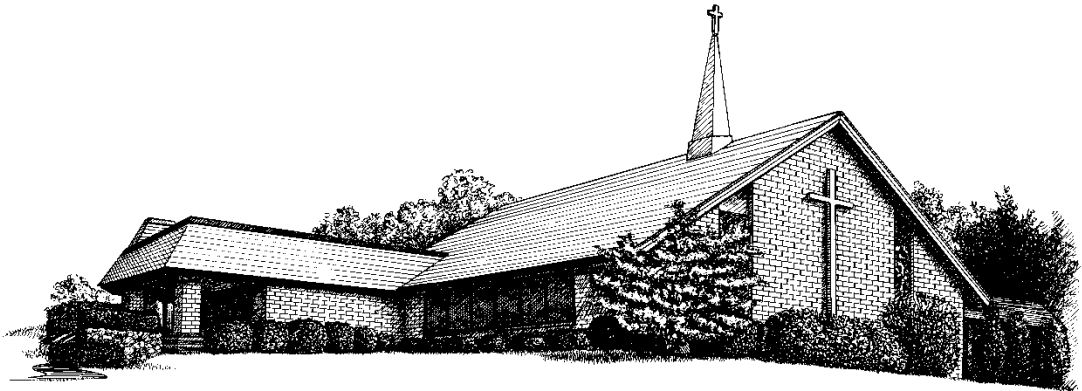


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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@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. Aug 19 4:30 pm + Narcisa Pecchiari – Her Nephew & Niece
Sun. Aug 20 9:30 am + Luisa E. Levai – A Friend
11:00 am + Philip C. DeProfio – Anna Gurriei & Family

Mon. Aug 21 9:00 am + Alphonso & Anthony Nilo – Mr. & Mrs. John De Caro
Tue. Aug 22 9:00 am Special Intention for the Conversion of Terrorists – Justina Pšeničnik
Wed. Aug 23 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schindler
Thur. Aug 24 9:00 am + Bernard Skopp – Patricia O'Brien

Sat. Aug. 26 4:30 pm + Jane Kranyik O'Connor – Her Mother, Louise and Sister, Mary Louise
Sun. Aug. 27 9:30 am + Rocco Pugliese – John, Linda & CJ Forcino
11:00 am + Philip C. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Sat. Aug. 19 4:30 pm J. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. Aug. 20 9:30 am P. Stone/ P. Walsh
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ L. Selimović

Sat. Aug. 26 4:30 pm T. Mitchell/ T. Mitchell
Sun. Aug.27 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ B. Sekelsky
11:00 am M. Adams/ J. Adams

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Desetnajsta Nedelja med Letom August 20, 2017
ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. August 26 M. Csom Sat. September 2 Volunteers Needed

FROM THE PASTOR:

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Capital Improvement Collection.

THE SECOND COLLECTION: next weekend will be the Parish Picnic Collection.

SARMA-STUFFED CABBAGE PRESALE: pick up is this coming Saturday, August 26th, between the hours of 10:00 am– 2:00 pm. For last minute orders, please call Mrs. Theresa Feranec at: 203. 259. 5366.

THE DATE OF OUR ANNUAL 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.

EMPLOYMENT: Good Counsel Malta House in CT began helping pregnant mothers and babies in 1998 and is a Norwalk-based transitional residence whose purpose is to promote the dignity of God-given life by providing a nurturing home environment, support services and independent living skills for pregnant and parenting mothers of all faiths and their children.

Malta House is looking for a House Manager. Interested parties are invited to forward their cover letter/resume to: John Hinshaw, email: John.Hinshaw@goodcounselhomes.org.

Malta House is located at: 5 Prowitt Street, Norwalk, CT. 06855, (203) 857-0088

PICNIC BREAKFAST: thank you again to the members of the Finance Board who hosted the pancake breakfast on July 23rd. The breakfast was a great success, enjoyed by all and netted \$635.00.

ST. JUDE CHURCH: at 707 Monroe Turnpike (RTE 111) in Monroe, CT is sponsoring their Italian Festival: Wednesday, August 23, Thursday August 24, Friday, August 25, 6-10pm, featuring JMG DJ. Saturday, August 26, 5-10pm, WICC's Tony Reno and his band. The festival features rides, games, raffle, food, and fun; free admission and free parking. For further information, please call 203-261-6404, or access: www.stjuderc.com.

ST. LEO CHURCH: at 24 Roxbury Rd in Stamford, CT is sponsoring their 37th annual Parish Fair from Tuesday, August 29 – Friday, September 1st from 6:00 pm – 11: pm, and, Saturday, August 2 from 2:00 pm to 6:00. Sample international foods, live entertainment and Bingo Parlor, Raffle tickets at \$10.00 to win 1st Prize: 2017 BMW 320i x Drive Sedan. For more information please access: www.stleostamford.org or call Denise Esposito at 203. 322. 1669 x 227.

A VOCATIONAL RETREAT FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: will be held at Saint Ann Church in BPT on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 from 5:30-8pm. We are inviting all Confirmation Candidates and Youth Group members within Deanery A to attend. Please RSVP to reled@stannblackrock.com by August 28, 2017. If you would like more information, please contact Diane Scott at the above email or at (203) 368-1607.

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/>.

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: according to USCCB President Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, "The Catholic Church teaches that religious freedom has to do with immunity from coercion. Immunity from government coercion is a right that all citizens in this country should enjoy. So, in asking for an exemption to the HHS mandate to fully accommodate deeply held moral and religious beliefs, the USCCB is asking that the government give us the space to fully participate in American life."

Let us pray that efforts to change the health care bill protect our First Amendment rights.

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



Marie Adams, Alan Bedwell, Mary Alou Cahill, Dorothy Cassidy, Lori Cellini, Anthony Cilo, 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, Will Lowney, 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.

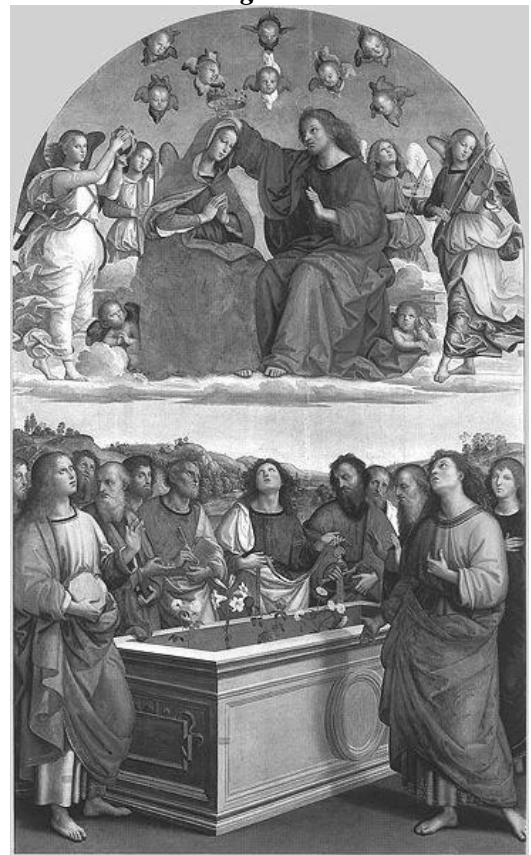
We commend to our prayers the souls of all the recently deceased. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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 20
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, August 21
St. Pius X, Pope
- Tuesday, August 22
Coronation and Queenship of the BVM
- Wednesday, August 23
St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Thursday, August 24
St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Friday, August 25
St. Louis, St. Joseph, Calasanz, Priest
- Saturday, August 26
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, August 27
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Feast of the Coronation:
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 22**



Seven days after the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Christian Church of both East and West celebrates the Feast of the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary- also known as the *Queenship of Our Lady*.

The Coronation of the BVM is reflected in the 5th Glorious Mystery of the Rosary, which celebrates Our Lady's having been crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.

According to one Apostolic Tradition, St. Thomas was the only Apostle unable to be present for Our Lady's *Dormition*-falling asleep in Death. He arrived 3 days after her body was entombed, but, desired to see her body after corruption set in. At his request, the tomb & sarcophagus were opened and to their astonishment, it was filled with flowers. In a Heavenly Vision, they beheld her crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The Tradition of the Malabar Rite of India, where St. Thomas preached, holds that St. Thomas was the only Apostle who beheld her body rising through the stone of the sepulcher & witnessed her Assumption into Heaven. When he asked her where she was going, she bestowed on him her girdle/ belt.

That Our Lord is King is based on the words of the Angel Gabriel to Our Lady: "You shall conceive in Your womb a Son, He shall be called "Son of the Most HIGH, for the Lord God shall given unto Him the throne of David His father, and HE shall reign in the house of Jacob forever, and of HIS kingdom there will be no end."

It follows logically that if Our Lord receives the throne of King David-His father-then HE is a King. A King is naturally

August 12/13, 2017

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	1,609.00
<i>Monthly Collection:</i>	\$	720.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	82.00

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Desetnajsta Nedelja med Letom
born of a Queen, hence, Our Lady has been deemed by the
title Queen of Heaven and Earth.

August 20, 2017