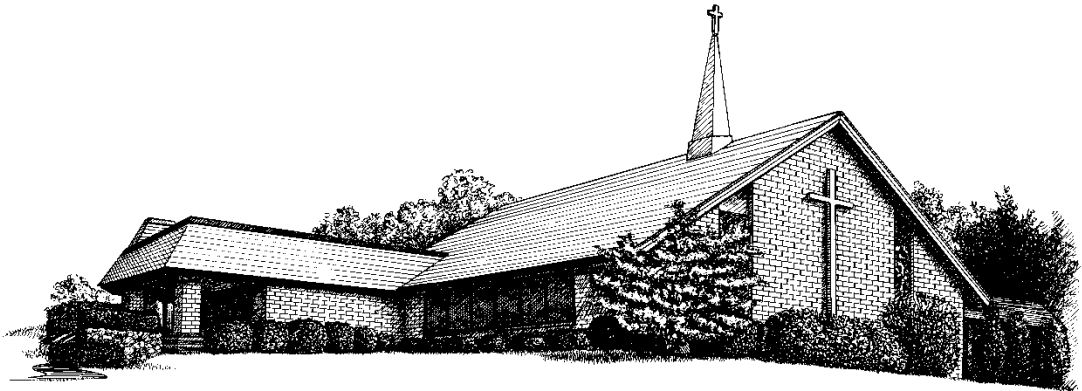


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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

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 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



MASS INTENTIONS

MAŠNI NAMENI

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

Mon. Aug 28 9:00 am + John Joseph Killoy – Linda DeProfio & Anna Gurrieri
Tue. Aug 29 9:00 am + Philip C. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio
Wed. Aug 30 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – The Pugliese Family
Thur. Aug 31 9:00 am + Mario Campolucci – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro

Sat. Sept. 02 4:30 pm + Deceased Members of the Barna & Goyette Families
Sun. Sept. 03 9:30 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schindler
11:00 am + John & Virginia Haray – Mary Ann Koprivec & Family

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

Sat. Sept. 02 4:30 pm J.Piczko/ J. Adams
Sun. Sept. 03 9:30 am P. Stone/ M. Colon
11:00 am B. Sekelsky/ S. Cassone

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Sept. 02 Volunteers Needed

Sat. Sept. 09 Volunteers Needed

FROM THE PASTOR:

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Parish Picnic Collection.

OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: is in only 2 weeks, on:

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

ST. LEO CHURCH: at 24 Roxbury Rd in Stamford, CT is sponsoring their 37th annual Parish Fair next week, 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.

THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME: of Wilton, CT invite you to their Champagne Brunch on Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 1PM – 3:30 PM, the at the Boathouse at Saugatuck, 521 Riverside Ave., Westport, CT 06880. Join us! Hear what the School Sisters of Notre Dame are doing today & enjoy a festive brunch, surrounded by New England's spectacular autumn palette. Tickets are \$125/per person, available online at www.amssnd.org. Support Education – Locally & Globally! For more information, please contact, Leslie Lopez, llopez@amssnd.org or 800-993-7763.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL OF FAIRFIELD: class of 1997 - 20 Year Reunion will take place on Saturday, September 16th, at the Riverview Bistro, 946 Ferry Blvd. in Stratford. For details and to purchase tickets contact ndhsclassof1997@gmail.com or call 203-650-6904. The cost per ticket is \$70 in advance and \$80 at the door. This includes dinner, open bar and music.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL FAIRFIELD: will be hosting their 17th Annual Lancer Open in Memory of Bob Shea Golf Tournament on Monday, September 11th at the Great River Golf Club in Milford. Please contact Theresa Marzik at tmazrik@notredame.org or 203-372-6521 ext. 242 for information on participating in the event, sponsorship opportunities and/or donating a raffle prize.

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: for four years, the Little Sisters of the Poor and many other faith-based nonprofit groups have patiently asked the government to do the right thing and let them serve the poor. In a pluralistic society like ours, people should be free to serve the common good without compromising their moral or religious convictions. The HHS mandate requiring employers to cover contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs and devices, has tested this country's commitment to a healthy pluralism.

Let us pray that change to the law safeguards religious liberty.

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, Patricia Land, Pat Lenahan, Madalene Lennon, Gabriel Loeser, Will Lowney, Anton Lukman, Paul Lytwyn, Lillian Makar, Patty Merola, Jackie Mitchell, Jim Motley, James Norris, Marc Pagnozzi, Gregory Parsley, Iona 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/SEPTEMBER:

- Sunday, August 27
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor
- Tuesday, August 29
Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Saturday, September 02
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, September 03
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor
August 28



Augustinus Aurelius was born on November 13, 354, in Thagaste, Numidia-now Souk Ahras, Algeria, in N. Africa) His father Patricius, a pagan, was born of a noble Roman family; his mother Monica, a Christian, was born of a Berber family. Augustine referred to himself as a Punic. At age 17 he studied Grammar and Rhetoric at Carthage, where he abandoned his Christian upbringing to follow the growing Manichean Religion. He began an affair with a Nubian concubine-who was of the lower class-to rebel against his mother’s wishes that he marry a woman of her choice. He sired a son whom he named Adeodatus (*Theodore-Gift of God*). In the summer of 386, he read the *Life of Saint Anthony of the Desert*, which resulted in his conversion to Christianity.

His conversion took place under a pear tree, in the courtyard of a house he rented in Milan, where a Bible had been placed on a table. He heard a soft voice chanting: " *tolle et lege*" (*take up and read*), which he took as a divine command to open the Bible. His eyes fell on the passage of Paul’s Epistle to the Romans XIII: 13 – 14: “*Not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying, but put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof.*” He began to weep, and sought out St. Ambrose with whom he had become friends. Bishop Ambrose baptized both Augustine and his son on Easter Vigil in 387 in Milan with his mother present. A year later, in 388, Augustine completed his *Apology* “ *On the Holiness of the Catholic Church.*” En route back to Africa, Monica died at Ostia. Augustine & his son began a life of aristocratic leisure at Augustine's family's property. Soon thereafter his son passed away. Augustine sold his patrimony and gave the money to the poor. The only thing he kept was the family house which he converted into a monastery. In 391 he was ordained a Priest in Hippo and was known as a brilliant preacher. In 395 he was made Coadjutor, and by popular acclaim was elected Bishop of Hippo. He died in 430 having heavily influenced the development of Theology and Spirituality in the Western Church. In his Confessions, he regrets his sinful past which leads to his embracing “the One, True, Catholic Faith.”

August 14/15, 2017

Solemnity of the Assumption

Regular Collection: \$ 412.00

August 19/20, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 1,330.00

Capitol Improvement: \$ 1,007.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 462.00