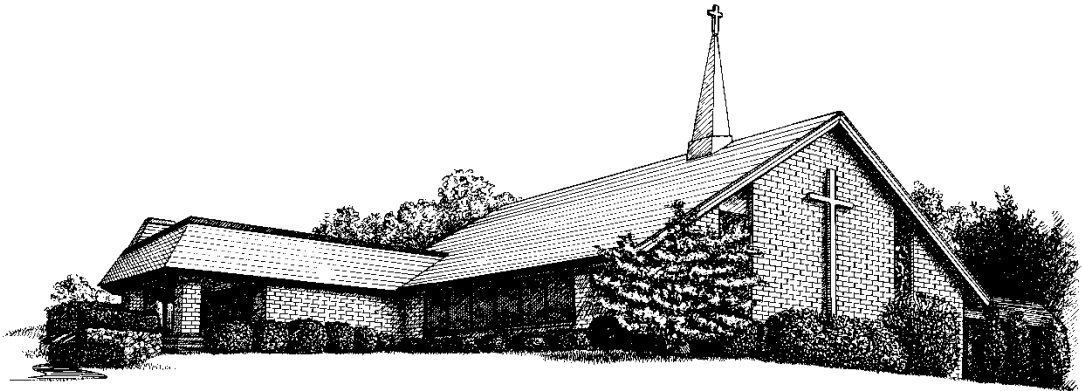


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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

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

Mon. Sept. 04 9:00 am Conversion of Terrorists - Justina Pšeničnik
Tue. Sept. 05 9:00 am + John Joseph Killoy - Linda DeProfio & Anna Gurrieri
Wed. Sept. 06 9:00 am + John & Jane O'Connor - Mr. & Mrs. Daniel O'Connor
Thur. Sept. 07 9:00 am + Anthony Koprivec - Frank Koprivec

Sat. Sept. 09 4:30 pm + Deceased Members of the Pugliese Family - Trudy Eppich
Sun. Sept. 10 9:30 am + Anna Waller - The Waller Family
11:00 am + John Gurrieri, Sr. - Anna Gurrieri & Family

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

Sat. Sept. 09 4:30 pm M.E. Vollemans/ P. Walsh
Sun. Sept. 10 9:30 am W. Sullivan/M. Colon
11:00 am L Selimović

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Sept. 09 Volunteers Needed

Sat. Sept. 16 C. & N. Conklin

FROM THE PASTOR:

HAPPY LABORDAY!

LABOR DAY: this Monday, September 4th is the national feast of Labor Day, commemorating the victory for just pay, for just work, for the formation in unions protecting legitimate rights of workers, and, for the opportunity to thank GOD for: employment; our comfortable lifestyles; and, the freedoms we enjoy as a result of the courage and fortitude of the many men who fought for these rights. Please pray that all unemployed people who are looking for work may find it.

OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: is next week:

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, September 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 this 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 tomorrow, 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.

THE MENDELSSOHN CHOIR OF CONNECTICUT: is pleased to announce it is holding auditions for our 33rd season this Tuesday, Sept. 5th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Luke Church, Long Lots Road, Westport, CT 06880.

This year's repertory features Bach's *Christmas Oratorio Part 1*, the *Faure Requiem* and Mozart's *Missa brevis in D*. Please visit our website at: www.mendelssohnchoirofct.org for more information. All are welcome.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: In a letter to the U.S. Senate, the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops (USCCB) stated that it stands ready to work with Congress to address problems with the Affordable Care Act in ways that protect the most vulnerable among us. They said, "The Catholic Church remains committed to ensuring the fundamental right to medical care, a right which is in keeping with the God-given dignity of every person, and the corresponding obligation as a country to provide for this right. Health care debates must not be reduced to only those elements which appear most politically expedient; those without a strong voice in the process must not bear the brunt of attempts to cut costs."

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, Ava Paronich, Gregory Parsley, Ilona Paul, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, 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., Father Louis M. Pintye, O.F.M. 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 SEPTEMBER:

- Sunday, September 03
Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, September 05
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Religious
- Friday, September 08
Onomastico of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday, September 09
St. Peter Claver, Priest
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, September 10
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebration of our Parish Patronal Feast

August 26/27, 2017

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	<i>\$ 1,401.00</i>
<i>Picnic Collection:</i>	<i>\$ 1,086.00</i>
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	<i>\$ 486.00</i>

Monday, September 4, 2017



As we celebrate the *Labor Day* next weekend we are mindful of the events which produced this civil holiday.

Labor Day was first observed on September 5, 1882, in Boston, MA, by the CENTRAL LABOR UNION of NY. It became a federal holiday in 1894, following the deaths of a number of laborers at the hands of the US MILITARY & US MARSHALS during the PULLMAN STRIKE. President Grover Cleveland brought an end to the strike through reconciliation by recognizing the issues & their legitimacy raised by the labor movements in major cities across the land.

The celebration of *Labor Day* took the form of a parade comprised of all labor unions, representing Policemen, Firemen, Rescue, and all other Labor & Trade Unions, all exhibiting the strength and the spirit of their organizations.

A festival followed the parade, a celebration for all the laborers and their families. It came to be a day free of work; a day marking the end of the summer and the last weekend to vacation prior to the beginning of school.

Socially, *Labor Day* also marked the last day to wear white, as well as the beginning of the NFL and College Football seasons.

Labor Day has become the traditional last Hurray weekend of our American society to enjoy excursions to the beach; picnics; parades; travel; and enjoyment. Furthermore, it is the hallmark for the before the beginning of the full time academic year when schools open and classes convene. Please pray for all our Catechists and teachers, and that our students may enjoy a productive year of learning and discernment.

