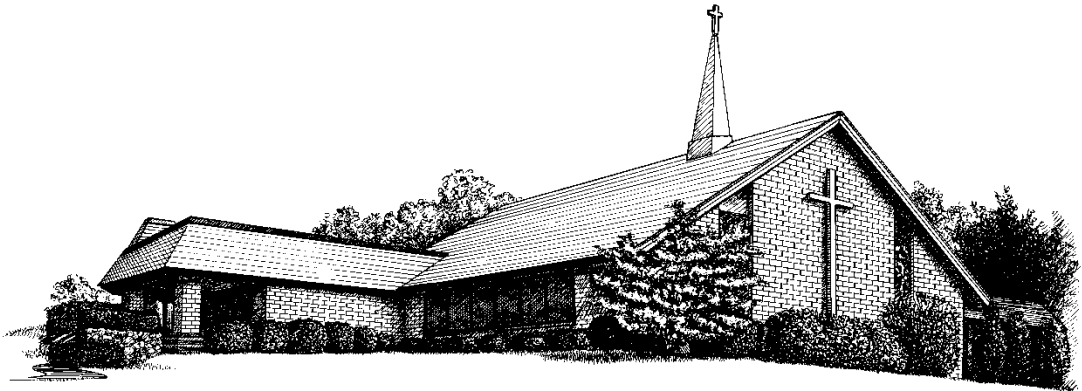


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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. 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

Mon. Sept. 11 9:00 am + Harry & Catherine Gormley – Mr. & Mrs. Daniel O'Connor
Tue. Sept. 12 9:00 am + Dr. James V., Joseph P., Rev. John T., and, William F. O'Connor – Daniel O'Connor
Wed. Sept. 13 9:00 am + Rev. Aloysius Hribšek – His Sister, Justina Pšeničnik
Thur. Sept. 14 9:00 am + Michael Alcaraz – Linda DeProfio

Sat. Sept. 16 4:30 pm + Meri Mazalin Kranyik – Her Daughter, Patricia Butzko
Sun. Sept. 17 9:30 am + Mr. & Mrs Ivan Sarvas – The Sarvas Family
11:00 am + Michael Alcaraz – Linda DeProfio

Sat. Sept. 09 4:30 pm M.E. Vollemans/ P. Walsh Sat. Sept. 16 4:30 pm T. Mitchell/ T. Mitchell
Sun. Sept. 10 9:30 am W. Sullivan/ M. Colon Sun. Sept. 17 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ J. Csom
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ L. Selilmović 11:00 am P. Sullivan/ D. Paronich

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Sept. 16 Nida & Catherine Conklin Sat. Sept. 23 Clare & Michael Coyne

FROM THE PASTOR:

HOLY CROSS ANNUAL PATRONAL FEAST: today, September 10th we commemorate the annual parish Patronal feast day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which is September 14th.

We invite everyone- all our parishioners, friends and guests to our parish picnic following the 11:00 Polka Mass, to enjoy our ethnic and national foods, music, and camaraderie.

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Monthly Collection.

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MONTHLY PARISH COFFEE HOUR: will resume next Sunday, September 17th in the parish hall following both Masses, hosted by the members of the Finance Board. All are welcome to come enjoy coffee and...

EMERGENCY RELIEF COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY: will be taken up the weekend of September 23rd/ 24th. As you are well aware, Hurricane Harvey has brought widespread flooding and damage to the Gulf Coast of the State of Texas. In order to assist the many families who are in dire need of food, water, clothing and shelter, especially in the cities of the greater metropolitan Houston area, Aransas Pass and Rockport, we are taking up this collection to assist the work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Corpus Christ, which are providing aid to those affected.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE PONTIFICAL MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT:

“Dear Parishioners of Holy Cross, I thank your Parish Community for your donation of \$1,108.00 for the 2017 Pontifical Mission Co-Op good works back in July. These funds assist the works of so many of our Faith family in both Latin and Eastern Churches in the Third World Countries. Your gift will be used to further the charitable outreach to countless hundreds of our brothers and sisters in these areas. This work of the Lord assists in providing basic human needs, e.g.: food, clothing, housing, etc., and helps train leadership personnel. Please know that your gift advances the fundamental ministry of making the Good News of Christ felt by many. I pray that Christ will continually bless your parish.”

One with You, in Christ, Jesus, Rev. Michael A. Boccaccio, Director

ST. EMERY CHURCH: at 838 Kings Highway East in Fairfield is sponsoring a 1950's RECORD HOP, this Saturday, September 16th. Doors open at 5:30 pm. The dance will proceed from 6:00 – 10:00 pm with 1950's – 1960's music provided by DJ Herb Ramirez. BYOB – BYO Refreshments. Soda, Coffee Tea and Dessert will be provided. Admission is ONLY \$10.00 per person. For tickets and information, please contact: Mary Ann Corcoran at 203. 336. 0618; Caroline Ramirez at 203. 374. 7903 or, Marie Kassay at 203. 333. 7534.

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-oboye.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: in a letter to the U.S. Senate, the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops (USCCB) urged them to respect life when changing the health care mandate. The USCCB says no health care reform plan should compel us or others to pay for the destruction of human life, whether through government funding or mandatory coverage of abortion. Long-standing “Hyde Amendment” protections must extend to any relevant health care plan in order to prevent federal funding of abortion and not as a temporary fix or future promise.

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



Marie Adams, Robert Balling, 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., Rev. Louis Pintye, OFM. 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, September 10

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

Thursday, September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, September 16

St. Cornelius, Pope & Martyr;

St. Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, September 17

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14**



Each year on the 14th of September, the Christian Church throughout the world celebrates the feast of the Holy Cross-upon which Our Lord Jesus Christ died, and, through which HE brought Salvation to the world. Each year, we are reminded that in the year 135 AD, typical of their custom, Roman soldiers sought to destroy all traces of sites relative to Christ's life, death, entombment, and Resurrection. Hence, they built a temple to the goddess Aphrodite over the site of the Christ's Tomb-the Holy Sepulchre.

In 326, Empress St. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, went on Pilgrimage from Constantinople to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. Hence, she had Aphrodite's pagan temple razed; what was uncovered underneath was not only the Tomb of Christ, but 3 crosses and the instruments of Christ's torture and Passion. The True Cross was identified after miraculous healings of blind & infirm people who touched the Cross. Since those events, the Cross immediately became an object of veneration. St. Helena hence determined to have a Church built on site to enshrine the Cross as a perpetual relic.

Nine years later, on September 13, in the year 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was consecrated and dedicated to the glory of God. On the following day, September 14th the relic of the True Cross was brought into the Church with a solemn procession of jubilation, prayers, singing, and the praises of God.

Since that day, the Orthodox Church has sung the *Troparion* of the Precious Cross in the Divine Liturgy:

“Save, O Lord, Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, grant unto the Faithful victory over adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross, do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.”

In 614, the Precious Relic was taken to Persia by invaders to the Holy City. Fifteen years later, in 629, the Emperor Heraclius recovered the Cross from the Persians.

Roman Catholic Christians exalt the Cross especially during Lent and on Good Friday with the prayer: “We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.” We sing the memorial acclamation during holy Mass: “Save us, O Savior of the world, for by Your Cross and Resurrection, You have set us free.”

September 02/ 03, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 1,706.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 813.00