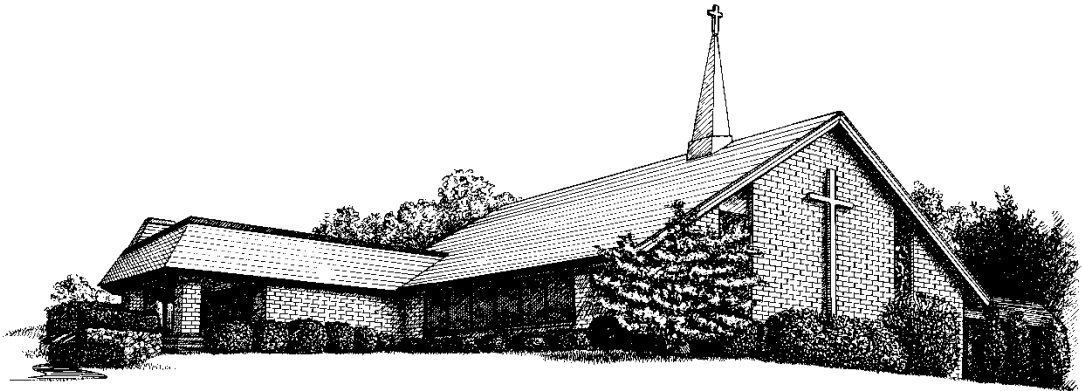


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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

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. 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

Mon. Sept. 18 9:00 am + Štefan Raj (Stephen Ray) – Joe & Dotty Fejes
Tue. Sept. 19 9:00 am + John Joseph Killoy – Linda DeProfio & Anna Gurrieri
Wed. Sept. 20 9:00 am + Frank Hering – Frank Koprivec
Thur. Sept. 21 9:00 am + Maria Nilo – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro

Sat. Sept. 23 4:30 pm + Donald P. Butzko – His Wife, Patricia Butzko
Sun. Sept. 24 9:30 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schindler
11:00 am + Florence DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Sat. Sept. 16 4:30 pm T. Mitchell/ T. Mitchell
Sun. Sept. 17 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ J. Csom
11:00 am Sullivan/ D. Paronich

Sat. Sept. 23 4:30 pm P. Stone/ B. Sekelsky
Sun. Sept. 24 9:30 am J. Piczko/ P. Walsh
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ T. Mitchell

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Sept. 23 Clare & Michael Coyne Sat. Sept. 30 A. Prokaly/ P. Stone

FROM THE PASTOR:

THANK YOU: to everyone-all our workers who participated in the annual parish picnic by setting up, cooking, and/ or taking down. The picnic was a great success as always, but could not have been so without your invaluable help. **THANK YOU:** to the ladies who spent hours in the kitchen preparing all the delicious foods; to all who baked for the Bake Sale; to all the men who came to clean up the property the week before-you did a fantastic job-the grounds looked beautiful; to all the people who worked at the picnic; and finally to all those who helped take it down and clean up the grounds. Finally, a word of thanks to Mr. Anthony Sagnella and the Choir, who with the Polka Quads supplied music and song which enhanced the Mass commemorating the Exaltation of Our Lord's Holy Cross-you did a beautiful job. Thanks to all of you.

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Capitol Improvement Fund Collection.

THE SECOND NEXT WEEKEND WILL BE THE EMERGENCY RELIEF COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY: as you are all well aware, Hurricane Harvey has brought widespread flooding, damage and destruction to the Gulf Coast of the State of Texas and west Louisiana.

In order to assist the MANY families who are in dire need of food, water, clothing and shelter, and now the rebuilding of their domiciles-especially in the cities of: the greater metropolitan Houston area; Aransas Pass; Corpus Christi; 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. Please continue to pray for clement weather and a milder winter. Certainly there will be another special collection October for the Florida victims.

MONTHLY PARISH COFFEE HOUR: resumes this 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...

CCD/ RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES: resume tomorrow, Monday, September 18th from 5:30 – 6:30. Please register your children on line, by accessing the parish website: www.holycrosschurchfairfield.com, or call our CRE, Mrs. Dotty Fejes: 203. 259. 4905.

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

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: Pope Francis has warned, “When a sick person is not placed at the center and considered in their dignity, attitudes arise which can even lead to profiteering on other people's misfortunes. The growing health poverty among the poorest segments of the population is due precisely to the difficulty of access to care . . .” Let us pray that in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

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 17
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, September 19
St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
- Wednesday, September 20
St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest;
St. Paul Chong Hasang & Companion Martyrs
- Thursday, September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
- Saturday, September 23
St. Pio of Pietrelcina
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, September 24
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of St. Januarius
(San Gennaro)
September 19th



Although little is actually known of his life, the Tradition of the early Christian Church maintains that San Gennaro (Januarius), Bishop of Naples in Region of Benevento, lived during the persecution of the Christian Church under the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

According to the Latin Biblical Hagiography, Gennaro was born to Christian parents of a Patrician family in the latter part of the 3rd century. At the young age of 15 he was ordained to the Priesthood, and was assigned to serve at his local native Church. At age 20, he was consecrated Bishop of Naples.

San Gennaro was known to have hidden fellow Christians, preventing them from being thrown to wild beasts in the Flavian Ampitheater at Pozzuoli.

On one occasion, while visiting friends-fellow Christians in prison, he was arrested. He and his friends were condemned to be thrown to wild bears, however fearing the crowds the Governor of Naples had him beheaded with his companions.

A holy woman named Eusebia collected his blood in two glass ampoules which have survived through the ages.

In 1382, the first "Miracle of the Blood" was witnessed by many. Accordingly, the Neopolitan townspeople prayed to GOD invoking his intercession to be saved from the eruptions of Mt Vesuvius. The blood in the ampoules liquefied and the eruptions ceased. The natives credited this miracle to his intercession and the "liquefaction" of his blood as the sign. Since then, he has been honored as patron saint of Naples; his blood liquefies on his feast day.

Southern Italian immigrants brought this Tradition to the USA, and celebrated this feast where they settled especially in Manhattan, where the San Gennaro feast is a weeklong celebration of food, wine, music, and song.

VIVA SAN GENNARO!

September 09/ 10, 2017

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	<i>\$ 2,082.00</i>
<i>Monthly Collection:</i>	<i>\$ 1,086.00</i>
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	<i>\$ 1,002.00</i>