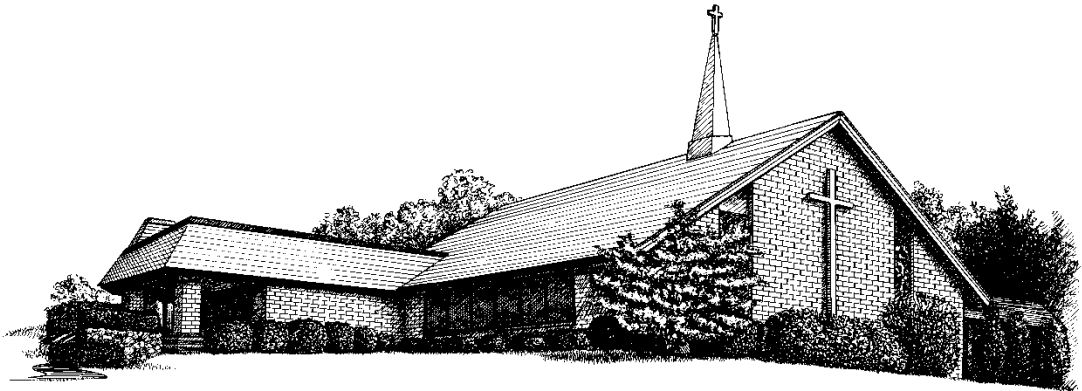


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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. 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

Mon. Sept. 25 9:00 am + Florence DeProfio – Linda DeProfio
Tue. Sept. 26 9:00 am + Katrina Schwester – Frank Koprivec
Wed. Sept. 27 9:00 am + Sabina Mackno – Glenn & Carol Mackno
Thur. Sept. 28 9:00 am Conversion of Terrorists – Justina Pšeničnik

Sat. Sept. 30 4:30 pm + Stephen & Julia Barna – Their Granddaughters, Pat & Louise
Sun. Oct. 01 9:30 am + Neil Casey – Pat Koprivec
11:00 am + Igor Grašič – His Sister, Marija Grašič

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

Sat. Sept. 30 4:30 pm J. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. Oct. 01 9:30 am T. Mitchell/ J. Csom
11:00 am B Sekelsky/ S. Cassone

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Dvajset-peta Nedelja med Letom September 24, 2017

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Sept. 30 A. Prokaly/ P. Stone Sat. Oct. 07 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

FROM THE PASTOR:

THANK YOU AGAIN: to everyone who participated in the annual parish picnic by setting up, cooking, and taking down. The picnic was a great success as always, but could not have been so without your invaluable help.

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS 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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: two major feast days are commemorated in the month of October: October 7th-the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary-commemorates the victory over the invading Turkish Muslims of the Ottoman Empire at the Battle of Lepanto, wherein Pope Pius V marshaled the naval forces of Naples, Spain and Venice to thwart the invaders threatening Western Christianity. October 13th this year is the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady to 3 shepherd children outside of Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady requested that everyone reverently pray the Holy Rosary in reparation for the many blasphemies, the offenses, and sins committed against Almighty GOD. Please join us in praying the most Holy Rosary 20 minutes before every weekend Mass.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: a study of our holy Catholic Faith will resume on Sunday October 8th, in the parish hall between the hours of 9:45 – 10:35 am. The topic of study will be the Sacraments, beginning with Baptism. Classes will be held bi-monthly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the months on following dates: October-the 8th and 22nd; November 12th and 26th; and December 10th.

CCD/RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES: meet Monday afternoons from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, following the Fairfield Public School Calendar. In the event of inclement weather, please stay tuned to the local news for cancellations.

PINKALICIOUS PARTY: ladies of the parish are invited to come and join us for a little ‘girl-time’ fun at a “pinky” event next Sunday, October 1, 2017, in our parish hall. Registration is at 1:00 pm, “party time” is from 1:30 – 3:30 PM. Enjoy a little pampering, yummy refreshments and raffles. Earn a raffle ticket for each pink item you wear-anything. Earn a raffle ticket for every friend (over 18) you bring-be sure to tell her to wear pink! Earn a raffle ticket for being on time; room for 25 ladies. Please RSVP Vilma Mally at 203. 685. 2138

CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS: Bishop Caggiano is asking for prayers as he and all the Priests throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport prepare to gather at the Fifth Convocation of Priests from Sunday, October 15, through Wednesday, October 18. The Convocation, which takes place every three years, will be held this year in Newport, Rhode Island.

Please be aware that Holy Mass will not be celebrated in Parishes throughout the diocese from Monday, October 16th through Thursday, October 19th; however, Priests of the Jesuit Community at Fairfield University and Religious Order Priests will be available for Sacramental emergencies.

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 diverse society like ours, people will disagree on moral issues. A majority should not be able to impose its way of life on others by using the government to coerce people into violating their consciences. 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, we are simply asking that the government give us the space to fully participate in American life.” -- Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston & president of the USCCB.

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 Lou Cahill, Dorothy Cassidy, Lori Cellini, Anthony Cilo, Terry D'Amico, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, Melissa Doran, Jon Duguid, Linda 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, Joseph Piliero, 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, September 24

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, September 26

Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Wednesday, September 27

St. Vincent DePaul, Priest

Thursday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companion Martyrs

Friday, September 29

Feast of the Three Holy Archangels:

Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Saturday, September 30

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, October 01

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29

Feast of the Holy Archangels



“Angel” is the Anglicized version of the Greek: “ἄγγελος” meaning: messenger; “Archangel” is from the Greek: “Ἀρχαγγέλος” meaning high messenger. Angels are incorporeal, *i.e.*, spiritual beings-beings without bodies-who perform specific functions or who relay a specific message from GOD to a selected person or people for our Eternal Salvation, *e.g.*: to Tobias, in Exodus; the Incarnation, revelation to Zechariah.

Sacred Scripture proffers that there are 7 Archangels; only 4 of whose names are revealed in the Sacred Scriptures. Rabbis rejected the names of the other 3 Archangels because they were revealed by a demon. Hence, their names are not contained in the Holy Bible, which the Word of GOD and not the word of a demon.

St. Augustine proffered that “angel” refers to the identity of their office or duty and not to their nature.

Archangel *Michael* (Hebrew for: *Like Unto GOD*) is revealed as the Archangel of Battle, and the Defender of Heaven and Earth. He is the patron of Policemen and Law Enforcement. The *Book of Revelation* proffers that St. Michael will lead GOD’s troops against the ancient serpent & his angels in the final Battle of Armageddon.

Archangel *Gabriel* (Hebrew for: *Strength of God*) is mentioned in the *Book of Daniel* VIII: 16, and also in the *Gospel of St. Luke* LK I: 26, wherein he announced to the Priest Zachariah the birth of his son-John the Baptist, and, to the Virgin Mary, that she was to be the Mother of the Son of GOD-Most High, and name HIM: “Jesus.”

Archangel *Raphael* (Hebrew for: *Healing of God*) is mentioned in the *Book of Tobit* III: 16; XII: 15, wherein he accompanies Tobias on a journey. Therefore he is the patron of, and invoked by, all travelers for safety.

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Regular Collection: \$ 1,661.00

Capitol Improvement \$ 1,021.00

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Archangel *Uriel* (Hebrew for: *Brilliance of God*) is mentioned in *III Ezra V: 20*.