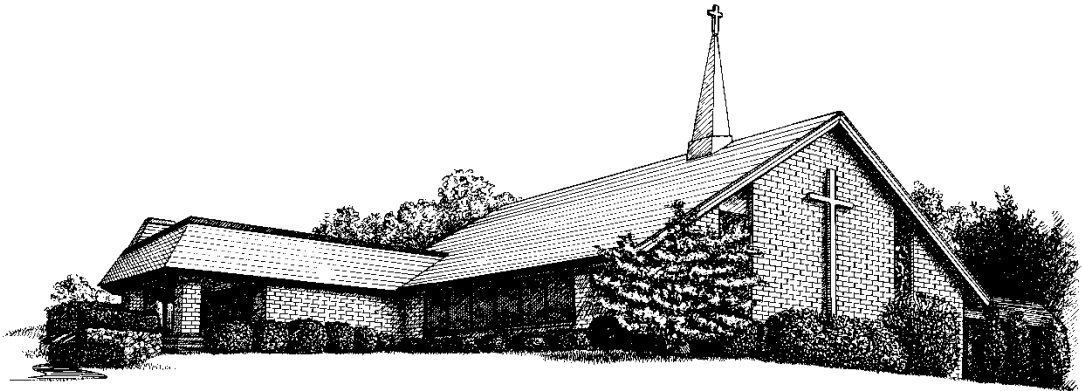


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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. 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

Mon. Oct. 02 9:00 am + Štefan Raj (Stephen Ray) – Holy Cross Seniors Bowling League
Tue. Oct. 03 9:00 am + John Joseph Killooy – Linda DeProfio & Anna Gurrieri
Wed. Oct. 04 9:00 am Conversion of Terrorists – Justina Pšeničnik
Thur. Oct. 05 9:00 am + Dr. James V., Joseph P., Rev. John T. William F. O'Connor – Daniel O'Connor

Sat. Oct. 07 4:30 pm + Anne Colon – Ruth A. Smey
Sun. Oct. 08 9:30 am + Marie DeCaro & Elizabeth Cerutti – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
11:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schindler

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

Sat. Oct. 07 4:30 pm P. Stone/ B. Sekelsky
Sun. Oct. 08 9:30 am J. Piczko/ P. Walsh
11:00 am P. Sullivan/ W. Sullivan

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Dvajset-šesta Nedelja med Letom *October 1, 2017*

ALTAR SOCIETY: *Sat. Oct. 07 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky*

Sat. Oct. 14 D. Caserta

FROM THE PASTOR:

EMERGENCY ORGAN FUND: as you are all aware, the blower and motor of the organ ceased to function and needed to be replaced at the cost of \$ 2,600-NOT including installation. Hence, I am starting an organ fund. If you are able and would like to contribute to it, please put cash in an envelope with ORGAIN REPAIR FUND on the front.

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.

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.

THE SECOND COLLECTION: next weekend will be the usual Monthly Collection.

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR: this month of October will be hosted by Task Force, on Sunday, October 15th in the parish hall following both Masses. Come join us for coffee and...

PINKALICIOUS PARTY: ladies of the parish are invited to come and join us for a little ‘girl-time’ fun at a “pinky” event, this 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.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY IN HAMDEN: welcome all girls and their families to their Open House on Sunday, October 15th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The Entrance Exam will be administered on Saturday, November 4, from 8:00 am until noon. For further info, contact Elaine Lamboley, Director of Admissions at 203. 288. 2309 or access: www.sacredhearthamden.org.

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 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 Lou Cahill, Dorothy Cassidy, Lori Cellini, Anthony Cilo, Terry D'Amico, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, 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, 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, October 01

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 02

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi, Priest & Mystic

Thursday, October 5

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Friday, October 6

St. Bruno, Priest;

Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Saturday, October 7

Feast of the Most Holy Rosary

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, October 08

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Feast of the Most Holy Rosary
October 7, 2013**



The Chaplet of the Rosary emerged from the practice of Lay Brothers who worked in the fields doing manual labor and did not have time to pray the entire 150 Psalms of the *Monastic Office*. They therefore substituted it by praying the *Hail Mary* 150 times distinguished in groups of 10 followed by the *Lord's Prayer* and a *Glory Be*.

In 1208 in an apparition to St. Dominic, Our Lady bestowed upon him a Chaplet of beads divided into groups of 5, wherein the *Our Father* was followed by a *Hail Mary* prayed 10 times, while meditation on the Mysteries of Our Lord's life. Our Lady taught him that each prayer represented a rose. This is how the chaplet came to be known by the name "Rosary," meaning a *crown of roses*. In some countries, esp., Italy, the chaplet is known as "*la Corona*-" the Crown.

In 1213, the praying of the Chaplet of the Rosary & the intercession of Our Lady were both attributed to the defeat of the *Albigensan (Cathar) Heresy*.

In 1529 the Rosary was prayed by soldiers before entering battle at the Siege of Vienna, resulting in a great victory against Muslims Turks invading the Balkans.

On October 7, 1571, Muslims were again threatening to invade Western Europe to destroy Christianity. A large procession & recitation of the Rosary, invoking the intercession of Our Lady, was prayed in Rome at St. Peter's Square. The Muslims were defeated at the decisive maritime battle fought at the Bay of Lepanto north of the Sea of Corinth. Before entering battle, the soldiers knelt down to pray the Rosary. After a five hour battle they were victorious in defeating the invaders.

After news of this victory reached the Holy Father, Pope Pius V attributed it to Our Lady's intercession, and in thanksgiving, established this feast as Our Lady of Victory on October 7th; the name was later changed to the *Feast of the Most Holy Rosary*.

In 1913, when Our Lady appeared to the 3 children of Fatima, she taught them to add: "Oh My Jesus! Forgive us our

September 23/ 24, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 1,449.00

Hurricane Relief: \$ 1,493.00

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sins, save us from the fire of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven,
especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.”

October 1, 2017