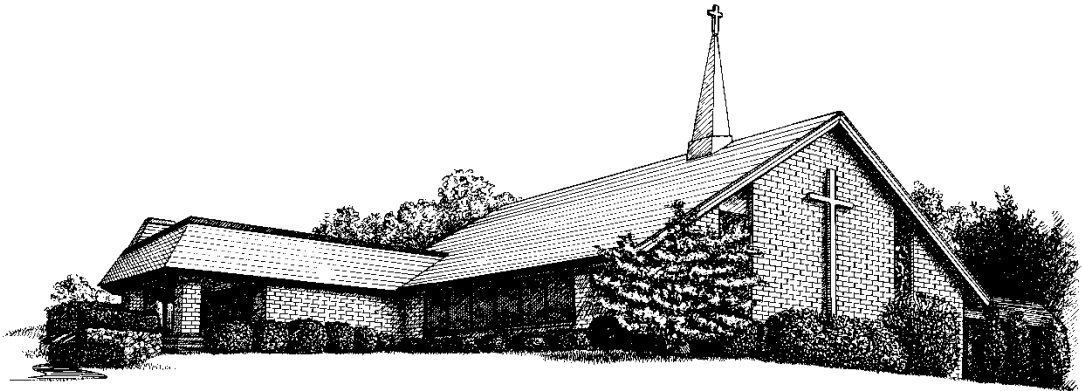


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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. 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

Mon. Oct. 09 9:00 am + Štefan Raj (Stephen Ray) – Margaret Kuharec
Tue. Oct. 10 9:00 am Conversion of Terrorists – Justina Pšeničnik
Wed. Oct. 11 9:00 am Special Intention of Justina Pšeničnik
Thur. Oct. 12 9:00 am Conversion of Terrorists – Justina Pšeničnik

Sat. Oct. 14 4:30 pm + Louis Koprivec – His wife, Mary Ann Koprivec
Sun. Oct. 15 9:30 am + Mary Ann Russo – Rosalie Pugliese
11:00 am + Mary Zlatar – Anna Gurrieri & Family

Sat. Oct. 07 4:30 pm	P. Stone/ B. Sekelsky	Sat. Oct. 14 4:30 pm	T. Mitchell/ T. Mitchell
Sun. Oct. 08 9:30 am	J. Piczko/ P. Walsh	Sun. Oct. 15 9:30 am	P. Stone/ M. Colon
	11:00 am P. Sullivan/ W. Sullivan	11:00 am	B. Sekelsky/ D. Paronich

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Oct. 14 D. Caserta

Sat. Oct. 21 M. Csom

FROM THE PASTOR:

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: a study of our holy Catholic Faith resumes today 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. You are all invited to come and learn the rudiments of our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

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

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MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR: the parish Task Force invites everyone to the monthly coffee hour next Sunday, October 15th in the parish hall following both Masses. Our parish nurses will be conducting blood pressure screening. Come join us for coffee, tea, sweets, and...

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.

THERE WILL BE NO MASSES 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.

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.

IONA PREPARATORY UPPER SCHOOL: invites prospective students (grades 9 – 12) and their families to attend 1 of 2 on campus Open Houses: Sunday October 22 from 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm; and/or; Wednesday, October 25th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. For further information and/or to register, please access www.ionaprep.org or contact Barbara Robertson, Director of Admissions at 914. 600. 6154 or at brobertson@ionaprep.org.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY IN HAMDEN: welcome all girls and their families to their Open House next 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: The HHS mandate tries to force faith-based employers — including religious charities, schools and pro-life advocacy organizations such as the March for Life — to facilitate the coverage of drugs and devices that go against our moral mandate to respect the dignity of every human person, born and unborn. If a solution is not reached, these nonprofit organizations could face millions of dollars in fines from the federal government for non-compliance with the HHS mandate.

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, Reverend Ralph Seraphim Rohlman. 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 08

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 09

St. Denis, Bishop & Companion Martyrs;
St. John Leonard, Priest

Wednesday, October 11

St. John XXIII, Pope

Saturday, October 14

St. Calixtus I, Pope & Martyr

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, October 15

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30/ October 1, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 2,706.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 512.00

St. Francis of Assisi
October 4



St. Francis of Assisi was born late in the year 1181, 1 of 7 children, to a wealthy cloth and silk merchant-Pietro & di Bernardone & his wife Pica-a French noblewoman. While Pietro was in France on a business trip, Pica gave birth to a son, and had him baptized with the name of Giovanni (John) after the St. John the Baptist. As he grew, Giovanni developed a love of all things French, hence, his father nicknamed him "Francesco-" the *Frenchman*, the name by which he is universally known.

As a youth, he developed love of all temporal pleasures, esp., all things *Transalpine*, dressing in fine bright colored clothing, surrounding himself with friends of his upper class, enjoying a frivolous life. Yet, he slowly became disillusioned with all the trappings of his lifestyle. One day, while his father left him in charge to sell fine cloths in the marketplace, a beggar approached him for alms. Francesco finished the deal in which he was involved, ran after the beggar & gave the beggar all the money in his pockets. Having witnessed the event, his friends related the account to his father who excoriated him.

In 1201, Francesco was captured as a military prisoner & taken to *Collestrada*, where he spent a year in captivity. He returned to Assisi in 1203 but began to reject his former life, preferring to spend time alone beseeching GOD for enlightening. He began to nurse lepers & the most pitiable of beggars. After he returned from a pilgrimage to Rome, he had the 1st of his spiritual conversions-a mystical vision of Our Lord: the Icon of Christ Crucified spoke & said to him: "Francesco, go and repair My House, which, as you can see is falling into ruins." He sold some cloth from his father's store to assist the Priests there to rebuild the ruins. After his father threatened to beat him, he went before the Bishop of Assisi, stripped himself bare, renounced his father, and his entire patrimony to pursue the dictates of the Gospel of St. Matthew: 10:9. He began to preach. In 1295 Pope Innocent III approved his followers as: "Order of Friars Minor."

On September 14, 1224, he received a vision of Our Lord, who gave him the Stigmata-the 5 wounds of Christ. He performed many miracles and died October 3, 1226.