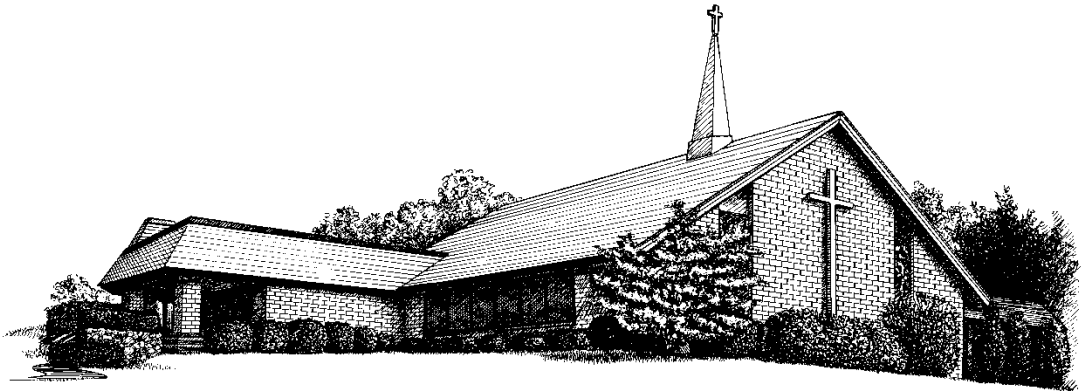


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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*
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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 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



MASS INTENTIONS

MAŠNI NAMENI

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*

Mon. Oct. 16 9:00 am NO WEEKDAY MASS
Tue. Oct. 17 9:00 am NO WEEKDAY MASS
Wed. Oct. 18 9:00 am NO WEEKDAY MASS
Thur. Oct. 19 9:00 am NO WEEKDAY MASS

Sat. Oct. 21 4:30 pm + *Luisa E. Levai – A Friend*
Sun. Oct. 22 9:30 am + *Mary Ann Russo – Susan Pugliese*
11:00 am + *Philip C. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio*

Sat. Oct. 14 4:30 pm *T. Mitchell/ T. Mitchell*
Sun. Oct. 15 9:30 am *P. Stone/ M. Colon*
11:00 am *B. Sekelsky/ D. Paronich*

Sat. Oct. 21 4:30 pm *J. Adams/ J. Adams*
Sun. Oct. 22 9:30 am *T Mitchell/ J. Csom*
11:00 am *W. Sullivan/ L. Selimović*

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Oct. 21 M. Csom

Sat. Oct. 28 Volunteers Needed

FROM THE PASTOR:

DIOCESAN ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS: a count of weekend Mass attendance will be taken up this weekend, October 14/15 and, next weekend, October 21/ 22. In order to assure the survival of the parish, please attend Mass here at Holy Cross during these days, and encourage others to do as well.

COFFEE HOUR: the parish Task Force invites everyone to join us in the parish hall this morning for the monthly Coffee hour, featuring hot coffee, tea, juice doughnuts and sweets. Our parish nurses will conduct blood pressure screening. Please join us after Mass this morning for coffee and...

**AS ALL PRIESTS WILL BE AWAY AT THE BISHOP'S CONVOCATION THIS WEEK:
THERE WILL BE
NO MASSES 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.

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.

CELEBRATION OF ST. JOHN PAUL II: George Weigel, *New York Times* bestselling author and official biographer of St. John Paul II, will speak on the personal side of the Saint he knew personally, and sign copies of his new book, *LESSIONS IN HOPE: MY UNEXPECTED LIFE WITH ST. JOHN PAUL II*. A first-class relic of St. John Paul II, a vial of his blood, will be present at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Trumbull next weekend, October 21 & 22. Blessing with the relic and veneration after the 10:30 Mass on October 22nd. All are invited to attend.

ST. AUGUSTINE VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL AWARD: congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. John and Marie Adams who will receive the Diocese St. Augustine service medal this year for their invaluable service to the parish, on Saturday, October 28, at 2:00 at St. Augustine Cathedral. THANK YOU John and Marie for all you do for our parish.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: the next class of Adult Education will be conducted next Sunday, October 22nd 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: 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.

ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENT: will take place on Friday, November 10, 2017, from 6:00 – 10:00 pm in the parish hall. Tickets are ONLY \$25.00 per person; they will be on sale before and after all weekend Masses in the vestibule of the Church from next weekend, October 22nd up through November 4/5th. Please plan to support this parish fund raiser.

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

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IONA PREPARATORY UPPER SCHOOL: invites prospective students (grades 9 – 12) and their families to attend 1of 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: welcomes all girls and their families to their Open House today, 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.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: Religious freedom is a fundamental right, not a political football. Freedom belongs to us by human nature, not by government dictate. A government that serves its citizens is one that respects the right to religious freedom.

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, 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, esp. Reverend Ralph Seraphim Rohlman, and Deacon William Owen Murphy. 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 15

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 16

St. Mary Margaret Alacoque

St. Hedwig, Religious

Tuesday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Wednesday, October 18

St. Luke Evangelist

Thursday, October 19

Ss. John deBrebeuf and Isaac Jogues,

Priests and Martyrs

Friday, October 20

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Saturday, October 21

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, October 22

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7/8, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 1,778.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 298.00

Monthly Collection: \$ 1,016.00

**Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
October 16**



Marguerite-Marie Alacoque was born in the year 1647 in Burgundy France-the only child to Claude Alacoque and his wife Philiberte -who had several sons from a previous marriage. From early childhood, Margaret was described as showing intense love for the Blessed Sacrament preferring silence and prayer to childhood play. After her 1st Holy Communion at age 9, she began to practice secret mortification until *Rheumatic Fever* confined her to bed for 4 year, at the end of which she made a vow to the Blessed Virgin to consecrate herself to Religious Life. Suddenly, she was restored to good health. In gratitude, she added "Marie/Mary" to her baptismal name. She would later write that she had visions of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, which she thought were a normal part of human experience; she continued to practice austerity.

Her father died when she was very young. Her deceased father's assets were controlled by a relative who refused to hand them over, resulting in family poverty. After a legal battle restored their fortune, her mother encouraged her to go out into society in hopes of finding a suitable husband. In obedience, she accompanied her brothers to social events. One night, returning home from *Carnivale*, she experienced a vision of Our Lord who showed her His scourged body; He reproached her for forgetting Him as she had promised. As a result, at age 24, she determined to fulfill her vows. She entered the *Visitandine Convent* at Paray-le-Monial on May 25, 1671.

In the Convent, Sr. Marguerite was subject to many trials to prove the genuineness of her vocation. She was not allowed to make her Religious Profession on the same date a year after entering. One fellow novice described her as "humble, simple & frank, but above all kind an patient."

In the Convent, she received several private revelations of the Sacred Heart, the 1st of which occurred on 27th of December 1672. The visions revealed the form of the devotion: worthy reception of Holy Communion on 1st Friday of each month; Eucharistic Adoration in a Holy Hour on Thursdays meditating on Our Lord's Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane; and, the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which was established in 1686 after much opposition from one Mother Superior. Sr. Marguerite-Marie died on October 17, 1690 at the Convent of Paray-le-Monial at the age of 43.