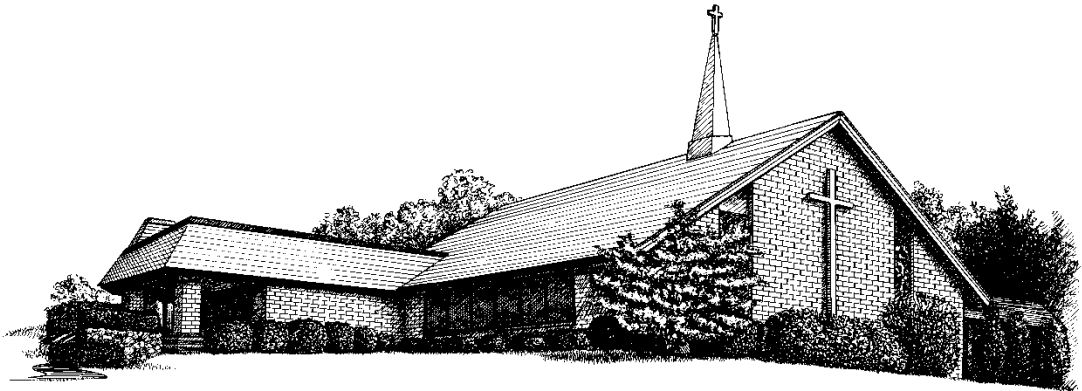


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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
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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. 28 4:30 pm + Mary Ann Russo – Mr. & Mrs. Jason Wlochowski
Sun. Oct. 29 9:30 am + Patrick Coyne – Michael & Clare Coyne
11:00 am + Stephen & Frances Virag – Frank & Fran Federico

Mon. Oct. 30 9:00 am Conversion of Terrorists – Justina Pšeničnik
Tue. Oct. 31 9:00 am + Rocco Pugliese – The Pugliese Family
4:30 pm Special Intention of Justina Pšeničnik

Wed. Nov. 01 9:00 am + John Sarno – the Sarno Family
5:30 pm + Igor Ignac Grašič – The Grašič Family

Thur. Nov. 02 9:00 am + Our Beloved Deceased and the Release of the Souls from Purgatory

Sat. Nov. 04 4:30 pm + Sylvia Cappetta – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
Sun. Nov. 05 9:30 am + Mark Mojcher – The Mojcher Family
11:00 am + Louis Tedesco – The Tedesco Family

Sat. Oct. 28 4:30 pm J. Piczko/ M. Colon
Sun. Oct. 29 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ B. Sekelsky
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ S. Cassone

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5:30 pm B. Sekelsky/ B. Sekelsky

Sat. Nov. 04 4:30 pm J. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. Nov. 05 9:30 am T. Mitchell/ P. Walsh
11:00 am B. Sekelsky/ B. Sekelsky

FROM THE PASTOR:

CONGRATULATIONS: to John and Marie Adams, who were the recipients of the St. Augustine Volunteer Service Medal award yesterday, October 28th at St. Augustine's Cathedral. THANK YOU John and Marie for all you do for our parish.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: draws to an end next Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 am. Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour before retiring for the evening. We gain one hour of blessed sleep-yeah!

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.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH: in Fairfield is hosting a *Mass of Anointing of the Sick*, today, Sunday, October 29, at 2 PM. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered to any baptized Catholic who is anticipating a serious illness or medical procedure or is experiencing any threat of death whatsoever. Through this Sacrament of the Sick, the healing strength of Our Lord Jesus Christ is brought directly and Sacramentally to the afflicted person. Come and join us for this special healing Mass.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: this Wednesday, November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Holy Mass. It commemorates all the holy men and woman who stand before the Holy Throne of GOD celebration the Celestial Divine Liturgy.

Masses are as follows: Tuesday, October 31st (Halloween) 4:30 pm Vigil Mass;
Wednesday, November 1st 9:00 am Mass and 5:30 pm Mass

MEMORIAM OF ALL OUR DECEASED: Thursday, November 2nd is the Feast of all Souls. The 9:00 am Mass will be a memorial of all friends and parishioners who deceased from November 2, 2016 – November 1 of this year.

If you have a friend or member of your family who entered Eternal Life during the past year, they will have a special mention and remembrance at this Holy Mass.

The month of November is dedicated to commemorating all our deceased. Please visit cemeteries and pray for the release of holy Souls in Purgatory.

Memorial envelopes may be found at the end of each of the pews. Please fill them out and return them next week, so they may be placed on the Altar for the 9:00 am Mass.

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: the next class of Adult Education will be conducted Sunday, November 12th 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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR SR. TERESA TREMBLAY: we are now collecting non-perishable food items for the families whom are served by Sr. Teresa Tremblay in Bridgeport. Please place all items in the collection boxes in the vestibule of the Church. Please note that ONLY the Sunday before Thanksgiving are we able to accept turkeys or hams.

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.

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. 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 29
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday, November 1
Feast of All Saints:
Holy Day of Obligation
- Thursday, November 2
Commemoration of All Soul's:
Memorial Mass
- Friday, November 3
St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- Saturday, November 4
St. Charles Borromeo
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, November 5
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of Ss Simon and Jude

October 28



Although these two Apostles are mentioned in the New Testament as being among the 12 men chosen by Our Lord Jesus Christ as his close companions, not much is known for certain about them, except that after the Resurrection, they left Jerusalem to preach, teach, baptize & evangelize.

St. Simon is known as "*Simon the Canaanite*" possibly because he may have been from the town of Canaan, but more probably because *Kananaïos* is the Aramaic word which translates as Zealous or "the Zealot." Zealots were members of a Jewish sect which represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. They understood the messianic promise that the Jewish nation were to be a free and independent nation with GOD alone was their king. Any payment of taxes to the Romans was blasphemy against GOD Himself. Historically, many were known to attack, raid, and even kill foreigners or Jewish dissenters. It is believed that they were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of the Temple and the City of Jerusalem in the year 70 AD.

Tradition holds that St. Simon was joined by St. Jude in evangelizing throughout Egypt, Persia, Armenia, and lastly Beirut, Lebanon-where they were both martyred in the year 65 AD for our Holy Christian Faith.

St. Jude was known as Judas Thaddaeus to distinguish him from Judah Iscariot, hence the name was abbreviated to Jude/ Jude Thaddaeus. He is depicted with a flame around his head, representing his presence at Pentecost when he received the Holy Spirit. He is also depicted holding an image of Our Lord, as he is considered to be the patron saint of desperate or lost causes, and appeals directly to Christ on our behalf.

Born of Jewish parents, Cleophas and Mary-a cousin of the Virgin Mary- he would have spoken both Aramaic and Greek. His father was martyred because of his forthright and outspoken devotion to the Risen Christ.

St. Jude along with St. Bartholomew brought Christianity to Armenia. The Armenian Apostolic Church claims to have been founded by him. Hence the Monastery of St. Thaddeus was founded there-which today lies in Northern Iran. In art, he is usually depicted with an axe, the instrument by which he died in Beirut.

October 21/22, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 1,593.00
Diocesan World Mission: \$ 467.00
Miscellaneous: \$ 615.00

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Tridesetnajsta Nedelja med Letom

October 29, 2017

Sometime after his death, his body was brought from Beirut to Rome, where it was placed in a crypt in St. Peter's Basilica.