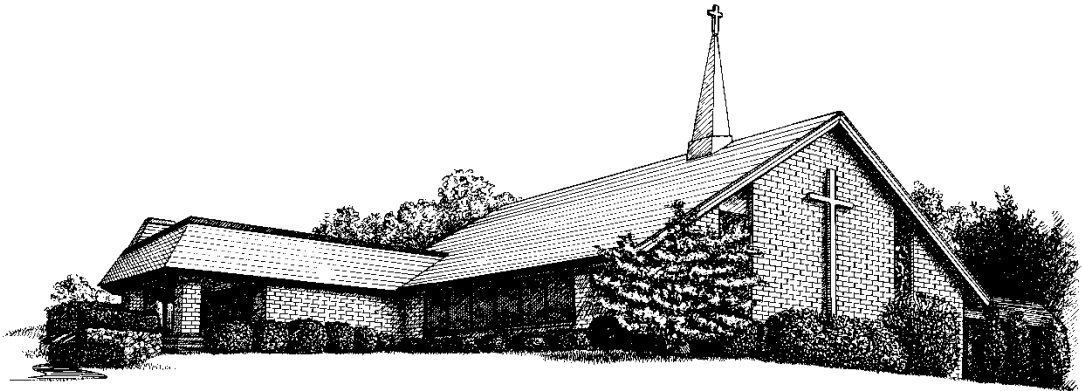


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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. 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

Mon. Nov. 06 9:00 am Special Intention of Justina Pšeničnik
Tue. Nov. 07 9:00 am + Christine Di Cecco – Joe & Marie Csom
Wed. Nov. 08 9:00 am + Louis & Alice Nilo – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
Thur. Nov. 09 9:00 am + Elsa Havanich – Her Estate

Sat. Nov. 11 4:30 pm + Mary Lou Dunleavy – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
Sun. Nov. 12 9:30 am + Joan Meszaros – Her Husband Steve and Family
11:00 am + Philip C. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

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

Sat. Nov. 11 4:30 pm D. Fejes/ W. Sullivan
Sun. Nov. 12 9:30 am J. Piczko/ J. Csom
11:00 am B. Sekelsky/ L. Selimović

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Nov. 11 C. & M. Coyne

Sat. Nov. 18 A. Prokaly/ P. Stone

FROM THE PASTOR:

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: is dedicated to remembering our Beloved Deceased in a two-fold fashion. We hail the Saints who are in Heaven, and, we pray for the release of Holy Souls in Purgatory. It is customary to visit cemeteries, to offer Masses, and to reflect on our own finitude and our call to Eternal Life in union with the Communion of Saints.

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

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.

ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENT: will take place this 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 meet next 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.

THE PARISH ADVISORY BOARD: will host the monthly coffee hour on Sunday, November 19th following both Masses in the parish hall, at which our parish nurses will conduct blood pressure screening. Come join us for fellowship, coffee and...

THE PARISH OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA: 220 Shelton Rd, in Trumbull, CT invites everyone to the dedication of their new organ with recital next Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 pm. The recital will be conducted by Michael Hey, Assistant Director of Music and Organist at St. Patrick Cathedral in NYC. Michael will present a concert of solo organ works on St. Catherine's new four-manual organ built by the Walker Technical Company. This is a FREE event/no charge. Everyone is welcome. A festive reception will follow the program in the parish hall center.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH: invites you to join them for *Music for an Autumn Afternoon* next Sunday, November 12 at 5:00 pm in their Church. The program will feature *The Lumina String Quartet*, who will perform an hour of music from class Masters as Hayden, Monassypov and Tchaikovsky. There is no charge for the concert.

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.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE: It's Not Too Early! Help support Notre Dame High School's Drama Program. Everyone needs a wreath or garland for their door at Christmas! All proceeds will go towards Notre Dame's spring musical, *Footloose!* Order a 22" mixed evergreen wreath for \$25, western cedar garland for \$25 or a 28" mixed evergreen wreath for \$35. Please contact Debbie Vayda at incharge@optonline.net to order or for more information. Orders must be placed by November 1 for an expected delivery before December 5.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL: in Trumbull will be holding their Maroon & Gold Gala on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 6:30pm at the *Waterview* in Monroe. All proceeds from this event will benefit their Scholarship Endowment. For more details and to purchase tickets, sponsorships, program ads or to donate, please visit sjcadets.org/gala. St Joseph High School is selling tickets for the \$15,000 Tuition Raffle. Winnings can be used at any K-12 school/College or University, or to pay back student loans. Only 500 tickets will be sold and the winner will be drawn at the Maroon & Gold Gala on Saturday, November 18th; need not be present to win. To purchase tickets, contact Dawn Handwerker 203. 378. 9378 x444.

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: 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, Susan Duh, 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 NOVEMBER:

- Sunday, Nov. 05
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Thursday, Nov. 09
Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran
- Friday, Nov. 10
St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor
- Saturday, Nov. 11
St. Martin of Tours
Martinovanje
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, Nov. 12
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St. Martin of Tours
November 11**



Martin was born in 316 in Savaria- Szombathely, in Hungary. His father was a Tribune in the Imperial Horse Guard of the Roman Army. He was later assigned to Pavia in Italy, where his son, the young Martin grew up. At the age of 10, Martin began attending the Christian Church-which was newly liberated by Constantine.

Much against his parents' will, he enrolled for Religious Instructions, but was not baptized. As the son of an Army Officer, he was required to join the Cavalry. Around 334, at age 18, he was stationed at Amiens, now in France. While there, he experienced a vision: as he was approaching the city gate of Amiens, he met a barely clad beggar. He impulsively cut his military cloak in half to share with the man. That night, he had a dream of Our Lord Jesus Christ, wearing half the cloak he had given to the beggar. He heard Our Lord say to an Angel: 'Here is Martin, the Roman Soldier who is not baptized; he has clad me.' When Martin awoke from the dream, he found the cloak restored to its full size. This event led him to be baptized. He was then convinced that his Christian conscience prohibited him from engaging in war stating: "I am a soldier of Christ. I cannot fight." Charged with cowardice, he was imprisoned. To fight this charge he volunteered to go to the front lines unarmed. Without warning, the invaders asked for terms of peace, avoiding battle. Martin was then released from Military Service. He made his way to Tours, where he became a monk, and, a strong defender of Trinitarian Christianity opposing the Arian heresy prevalent at the time.

From the late Middle Ages, it became custom to honor Martin's feast day as a lover of the poor and of children, by celebrating with a feast new wine & sumptuous meal, before beginning the 40 days fast before Christmas. This became known as *Martinovanje*. Today, we call this period of fasting: *Advent*, which has been abbreviated to the 4 weeks before Christmas, characterized by the 3 purple candles and 1 rose candle on the Advent Wreath.

October 28/29, 2017

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	1,470.00
<i>World Mission:</i>	\$	220.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	441.00