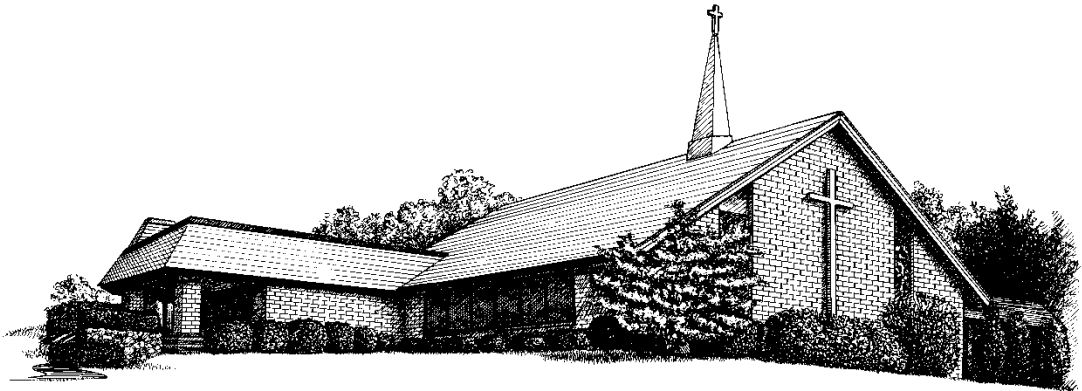


# Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



## 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. 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*

Mon. Nov. 13 9:00 am + *Deceased Members of the Bukovec Family – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler*  
Tue. Nov. 14 9:00 am + *Elsa Havanich – Her Estate*  
Wed. Nov. 15 9:00 am + *Joyce Kalleberg – Joe & Marie Csom*  
Thur. Nov. 16 9:00 am *Conversion of Terrorists – Justina Pšeničnik*

Sat. Nov. 18 4:30 pm + *Bernard Skopp – Audrey Prokaly – Pat Stone*  
Sun. Nov. 19 9:30 am + *Mark Mojcher – The Mojcher Family*  
11:00 am + *Alex Zlatar – Anna Gurrieri & Family*

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*

Sat. Nov. 18 4:30 pm *P. Stone – M. Colon*  
Sun. Nov. 19 9:30 am *T. Mitchell/ S. Sekelsky*  
11:00 am *W. Sullivan/ S. Cassone*

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Nov. 18 *A. Prokaly/ P. Stone*

Sat. Nov. 25 *Volunteers Needed*

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION:** this weekend is the usual Monthly Collection.

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**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.

**THANK YOU:** to everyone who spearheaded and worked at the **ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENT:** this past Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The event was a great success which was enjoyed by all. Thank you for all your work, time and effort.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** the next class of Adult Education will meet next Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall between the hours of 9:45 – 10:35 am. The topic of study will be the Sacraments, beginning with Baptism. The next classes will be on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 next Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 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 you to the dedication of their new organ with recital this afternoon 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.

**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.

**HOLY CROSS PARISH MISSION:** Fr. Daniel Houde, a Priest of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity, will conduct our parish mission the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of Advent, beginning with the Vigil Mass Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The theme of the Mission is: Christ Who heals us; Christ Who nourishes us, and Christ, Who cares for us. The Mission will conclude on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at noon. Details and the schedule will be forthcoming. Plan to attend and prepare for Christmas.

**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](mailto: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 this 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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup>; 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](http://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:** Pope Francis has said that: "It is the duty of everyone to defend Religious freedom and promote it for all people." As the healthcare mandate is retooled, let us pray that the religious freedom of the Church is safeguarded.

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., Susan Duh. May their souls & the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray 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. 12  
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, November 13  
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- Wednesday, November 15  
St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor
- Thursday, November 16  
St. Margaret of Scotland;  
St. Gertrude, Virgin
- Thursday, Nov. 09  
Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran
- Friday, Nov. 17  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
- Saturday, Nov. 18  
Dedication of the Basilica of St. Peter, Rome;  
Dedication of the Basilica of St. Paul, Rome  
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, Nov. 19  
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| <i>November 1, 2017</i>    |             |
| <i>All Saints:</i>         | \$ 680.00   |
| <i>November 4/ 5, 2017</i> |             |
| <i>Regular Collection:</i> | \$ 1,870.00 |
| <i>Miscellaneous:</i>      | \$ 370.00   |

St. Albert the Great  
November 15



St. Albert the Great is one of the most important intellectual figures pre-dating the early Middle Ages. He was a scholar whose intellect motivated him to study arts and sciences before he received Degrees in both Philosophy and Theology. He is credited to have conducted experiments in Alchemy during which he discovered Silver Nitrate. His study of Astrology impressed upon him the immense reign of the activity of the One True GOD.

It is believed that St. Albert, O.P., was born in the year 1200 in Lauingen, Bavaria, Germany of the noble family of Count Bollstädt. Educated at the University of Padua, he studied the writings of Aristotle. In the year of 1220, Albert had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who influenced his desire to enter Holy Order. In 1223 entered the Monastery of the Dominica Order; he went to study Theology at the University of Bologna. Following his Doctoral Thesis, he was appointed at Lecturer at the University of Cologne in Germany, where the Dominicans had a Monastery. He taught there for several years and eventually was awarded the Seat of the Chair of Theology at the University of Paris, when during this time one of his students, Thomas Aquinas became one of his protégés.

Professor Albert was one of the first Western Theologians to study and comment on the writing of Aristotle, which afforded him the opportunity for academic study and debate on the teaching of Avicenna and Averroes-Muslim academicians.

In 1254, Albert was made provincial of the Dominican Order. During his tenure, along with Thomas Aquinas, he defended the teachings of the Muslim academicians against the attacks by the secular and regular faculty of the University of Paris.

It was Albert who insisted that the study of Philosophy be a pre-requisite to the study of Theology for any man seeking Holy Orders, a mandate which ultimately gave rise to the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, now known as the *Angelicum*.

Three years after he was appointed Bishop of Regensburg, he ended a conflict between the citizens of Cologne and the Archbishop.

He is credited to having founded the oldest University in Cologne, Germany.