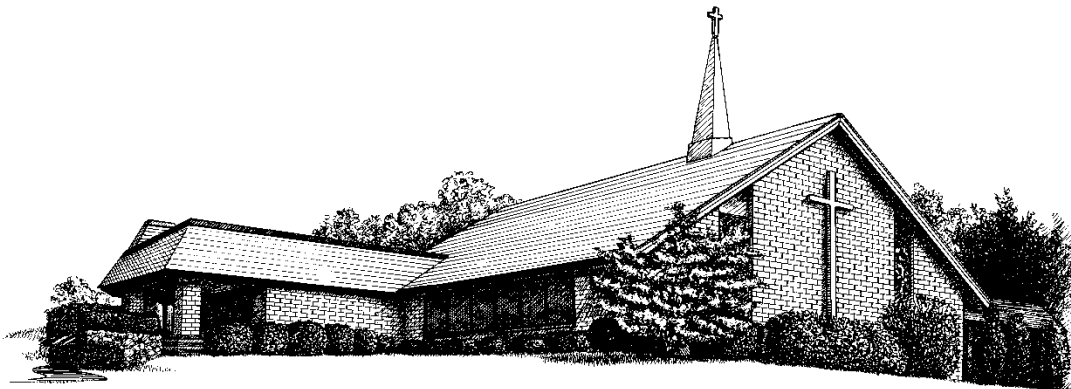


# Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



## 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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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. 25 4:30 pm + Anton Schadl – Marija Schadl & Family  
Sun. Nov. 26 9:30 am + Bernard Skopp – The Gross Family  
11:00 am + Philip J., Philip C., and Florence DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Mon. Nov. 27 9:00 am + Steve Tkalecz – Linda DeProfio  
Tue. Nov. 28 9:00 am + Stephen Ray – Anna Gurrieri & Family  
Wed. Nov. 29 9:00 am Conversion of Terrorists – Justina Pšeničnik  
Thur. Nov. 30 9:00 am + Angelina Lupariello – Lee Gentile

Sat. Dec. 02 4:30 pm + Štefka Arlič – Marija Schadl - & Family  
Sun. Dec. 03 9:30 am + Rocco Pugliese – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler  
11:00 am + Milan Sattler – Frank Ficko & Family

Sat. Nov. 25 4:30 pm M. Adams/ J. Adams  
Sun. Nov. 26 9:30 am J. Piczko/ P. Walsh  
11:00 am B. Sekelsky/ B. Sekelsky

Sat. Dec. 02 4:30 pm J. Piczko/ M. Coyne  
Sun. Dec. 03 9:30 am P. Stone. /J. Csom  
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ S. Cassone

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Dec. 02 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

Sat. Dec. 09 M. Csom

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

**ADVENT:** the holy season of Advent begins next weekend, Saturday, December 2/Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**HOLY CROSS PARISH MISSION:** Fr. Daniel Houde, a Priest of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity, will conduct our parish mission beginning next weekend, the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of Advent, 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.

The Mission will include Holy Hours concluding with Benediction, Conferences, Rosary, and opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession for Christmas.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION:** this weekend is the Diocesan Collection for the Campaign for Human Development.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** next Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception commemorating the event St. Ann conceiving Mary, in her womb. The Dogma of the Church proffers that as Mary was to give birth to the Son of GOD, she was exempted from Original Sin from the moment of her conception, so that she would be worthy to bring the Son of GOD into this world, for it is not right for the Son of GOD to be born through sin. The Holy Scripture recounts in the Gospel of St. Luke, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to the young maiden he greeted her:

*“Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women... You have found favor with GOD. You shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name “Yehushuah”-Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord GOD will give Him the throne of David His father. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever and His reign will be without end. Mary said to the Angel, how can this be?... The Angel answered her the Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; hence, the Holy Offspring to be born will be called Son of GOD.”- LK I: 26 – 35.*

In his Papal Encyclical, *“Ineffabile Deus-Ineffable GOD”* promulgated on December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the Dogma as an article of Faith: *“We declare, pronounce, and define that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception was preserved immaculate from all stain of Original Sin, by the singular grace and privilege of the Omnipotent GOD, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of Man, and that this Doctrine was revealed by GOD, and therefore, must be believed firmly and constantly by all the Faithful.”* This Dogma is inherent in the Definition of the *Holy Theotokos* –the GOD bearer pronounced by the Council of Ephesus in 431.

**MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:**

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 Vigil Mass;

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am Mass. There will be no evening Mass

**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:** the next class of Adult Education will meet next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall between the hours of 9:45 – 10:35 am. The topic of study continues to be the Sacraments. 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.

**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:** Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth,” says Pope Francis. This is why it is important that our lawmakers protect the rights of the Church and its ministries and organizations when considering the changes to the current healthcare mandate.

Let us pray that in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

**INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** that Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Holy Gospel in word and deed may promote dialogue, peace while defending the holy Christian Faith.

**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, 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. 26  
Feast of Christ the King of the Universe
- Thursday, Nov. 30  
St. Andrew, Apostle & Martyr
- Saturday, Dec. 02  
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, Dec. 03  
First Sunday in Advent

*November 18/ 19, 2017*

*Regular Collection:       \$   TBA*

*Capitol Improvement:   \$   TBA*

*Miscellaneous:           \$   TBA*

**Feast of Jesus Christ  
The Universal King**



“The Angel Gabriel said to Mary: ‘You have found favor with GOD. You shall conceive and bear a son and give Him the name *Yehushuah* (Jesus). Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord GOD will give Him the throne of David His father. He will rule over the House of Jacob forever, and His reign will be without end’.” – LK: 30 - 33

“Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief Priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” JN 18:33-37

Our Lord Himself speaks of His own kingly authority & of the rewards and punishments that will be the Eternal Lot of the just & the damned respectively. After His Resurrection, He solemnly proclaimed that all power was given to Him in Heaven and on Earth. cf., MT XVIII: 18.

“That in the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those that are in Heaven, and, on Earth, and under the Earth: and that every tongue should confess that the Lord, Jesus Christ, is in the glory of God the Father.” – PHIL II: 1- 11, which is why we genuflect before the Tabernacle, which contains the Real Presence of Our Lord.

Published in 1925, Pope Pius XI’s encyclical *QUAS PRIMAS*, addresses the Kingship of Christ, quoting Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Our Lord’s Kingship “is not obtained by violence, but by His essence and by His nature, “ as He is co-substantial with the Father.

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER:**

*May Christ the King be a welcomed Guest at our Thanksgiving table; bless it with abundance from the harvest of the fruits of the Earth, with family harmony, happiness, holiness, peace, prosperity, and holy protection. Amen.*