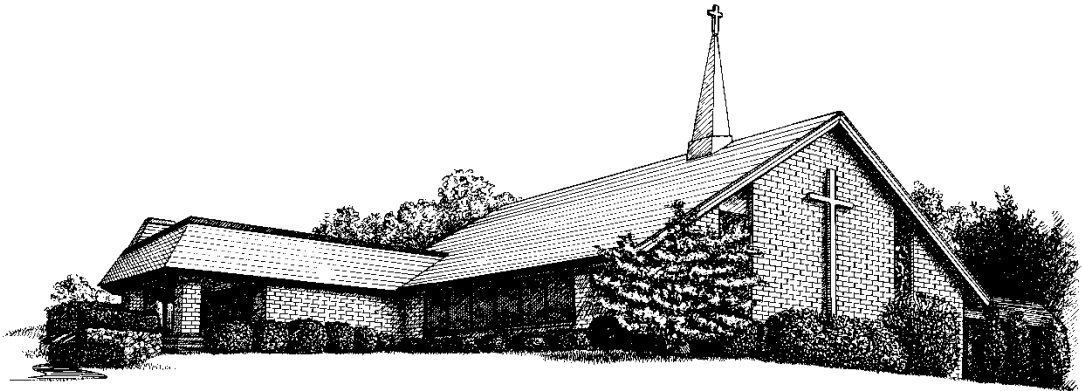


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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*
Rector: 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*
Mrs. Lori Golias – *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. Jan. 13 4:30 pm + Frank DiGiacomo – A Friend
Sun. Jan. 14 9:30 am + Stephen Ray – His Godson and Wife, Anthony and Patty Belovich
11:00 am + Philip C DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Mon. Jan. 15 9:00 am + Dr. James V., Joseph P., Rev. John T., and William F. O'Connor – Daniel A. O'Connor
Tues. Jan. 16 9:00 am + Susan Duh – A Friend
Wed. Jan. 17 9:00 am + Andrej Farkaš – Justina Pšeničnik
Thur. Jan. 18 9:00 am + Rev. Kevin Fitzpatrick – Greg Mikulka

Sat. Jan. 20 4:30 pm + Jakob & Frančiška Makovec – Marija Schadl & Family
Sun. Jan. 21 9:30 am + Stephen Ray – Otto and Kathleen Belovich
11:00 am + Ann Rednak – Her Children

Sat. Jan. 13 4:30 pm J. Adams/ J. Adams
Sun. Jan. 14 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ J. Csom
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ S. Cassone

Sat. Jan. 20 4:30 pm D. Fejes/ M. Colon
Sun. Jan. 21 9:30 am J. Piczko/ T. Mitchell
11:00 am B. Sekelsky/ L. Selimović

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Druga Nedelja med Letom

January 14, 2018

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Jan. 20 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

Sat. Jan. 27 Marie Csom

FROM THE PASTOR:

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD: typically falls on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany. However, as the calendar this year had fewer Sundays after Christmas, the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism-one of the three celebrations of the Epiphany of Our Lord-was commemorated last Monday, January 8th, the day after the Epiphany.

Next Sunday, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Miracle at the Wedding Feast at Canaan as the 3rd Epiphany of our Lord.

THANK YOU: to everyone who helped to decorate the interior of the Church, the parish hall, and the exterior of the Church Portico for the Christmas Holy Day and subsequent Liturgical Holy Day feast days. The Church looked beautiful and worthy of the Season's Liturgical celebrations. Your volunteering is greatly appreciated-GOD bless you.

THANK YOU: to our music Kapel Meister, Mr. Anthony Sagnella and to the Parish Choir for supplying beautiful and inspiring music and song to enhance the celebration of Our Lord's birth and subsequent holy days.

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

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MEMBERS OF THE PARISH ADVISORY BOARD: invite you to the January Parish Coffee Hour next Sunday, January 21st in the parish hall following both Masses. Our parish Nurses will be conducting blood pressure screening. Come to the hall and enjoy pastries, sweets, coffee, tea, juice, and each other.

CCD/REL ED: there are no classes tomorrow, Monday, January 15th due to the civil holiday. Classes will resume next Monday, January 22nd. Classes meet from 5:30 – 6:30. In the event of inclement weather, please stay tuned to the local weather channels for cancelations.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: the next class of Adult Education will convene on Sunday, January 28th in the parish hall between the hours of 9:45 – 10:35 am. The topic of study will be the Creed. You are all invited to come and learn the rudiments of our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

INFLUENZA SEASON: winter months are prime ones for the spread of the Flue due to air borne viruses and to contact bacteria, germs and microbes. In an effort to avoid spreading the flue, during the sign of Peace at Mass, please refrain from shaking hands, rather, if you wish to extend the sign of Peace, just turn to one another and bow and or smile as a good will gesture. Remember that the "Kiss of Peace" now known as the "Sign of Peace" is only a Liturgical option and NOT an integral part of the Mass. Peace should reign in our hearts and good will gestures should be extended every day of our lives, especially in public areas, not just during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Also remember to wash your hands often especially after making contact with door handles, and surfaces touched by multitudes of peoples, such as shopping carts, public wash room faucets, and steering wheels-which can transmit the bacteria.

SR. THERESA TREMBLAY: of the Daughters of Charity Rescue Mission, on 1490 North Avenue sincerely thanks everyone who donated toys and or food for the Rescue Mission, she writes: "please be assured that your donation was used to serve the needy of Bridgeport and its surrounding areas." Sr. Tremblay further states that the Rescue Mission is a tax-exempt organization under the section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM: at 1 State Street in New Haven, continues their Christmas exhibit, *Peace on Earth: Crèches of the World*. The show includes more than 70 Nativity scenes from artists across the globe, including a large set from Mexico, hand-carved in cedar, as well as the museum's popular 120-square-foot Baroque Neapolitan (Italian) diorama. The exhibition closes February 19th. The Museum is open 10-5 daily. Admission & parking are free. For more information, please call: 203-865-0400 or access: www.kofcmuseum.org

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: as *Dignitatis Humanae*, which was adopted by the Second Vatican Council in 1965 states, religious freedom means that not only individuals, but also families, communities, and institutions enjoy the space to live out religious convictions. As parents have a fundamental right to teach their children their faith, companies should also have the right to contribute to the common good by expressing their religious practices. Ultimately, religious freedom belongs to groups as well as individuals.

Let us pray that legislators who work to replace the federal health care mandate will read and be inspired by *Dignitatis Humanae*.

POPE'S JANUARY INTENTIONS FOR EVANGELIZATION: that the minority of the Holy Catholic Christian Church in Asian countries may be able to practice the Holy Faith in full freedom and without persecution.

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, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, Melissa Doran, Jon Duguid, 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, 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 JANUARY:

- Sunday, January 14
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday, January 17
St. Anthony of Egypt, Abbot
- Thursday, January 18
Prayer for Christian Unity
- Saturday, January 20
St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
St. Sebastian, Martyr
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, January 21
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord



“*Epiphany*”-*Ἡ Ἐπιφάνια τοῦ Χριστοῦ* is Greek for ‘manifestation’ or ‘revelation of Christ,’ and refers to Our Lord’s divine nature revealed through his form as man.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the *Epiphany* by the Adoration of the Magi. This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany as the Baptism of Our Lord, also known as “*Theophany*”(-Greek for the manifestation of God) which shows forth divinity of Our Lord, Jesus, as the Son of God, the Messiah-the Anointed of the Lord. This Epiphany also reveals the Holy Trinity as one God in 3 Divine Persons.

Accordingly, John the Baptist-who was baptizing in the Jordan River-was approached by Our Lord, asking John for Baptism. John objected stating that he needed to be baptized by Him, but Our Lord asked him to complete “the Mission.” Hence, after Our Lord was baptized and emerged out of the water, the skies opened (evidently it was a cloudy day) and the Voice of the Father was heard to say: “Behold, My Beloved Son, listen to what He tells you,” as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a Dove-the *Holy Paraklete*.

At this event the Holy Trinity was revealed for the first time as 3 Divine Persons in One God consubstantial-of one substance, united and yet distinct. Each of these Divine Persons is known to us by Their Activity: the Father is known as the Creator; the Son is known as the Redeemer; and, the Holy Spirit is known as the Sanctifier.

This revelation of the Holy Trinity occurred at the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry, and, is also reiterated as the last directive before His Ascension into Heaven, when He said to the Apostles: “Go, therefore and baptize all nations, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...”

It is for this reason that we who are Catholic and Orthodox Christians are baptized in the Name of the Three Person of the Holy Trinity-“the Trinitarian Formula.” Hence, Baptism is not only an event in one’s life it is the beginning of a new birth-a new life- and our participation in the Triune God. That is why we are to follow a pattern of holiness, which is separate from pagan lifestyles, refuting all that is contrary to union with GOD.

This new life opens for us the way to Eternal Union with God at the end of our lives. That is why we pray: “Lord, have mercy. I believe, help my unbelief.”

January 6/7, 2018

Regular Collection: \$ 1,419.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 347.00