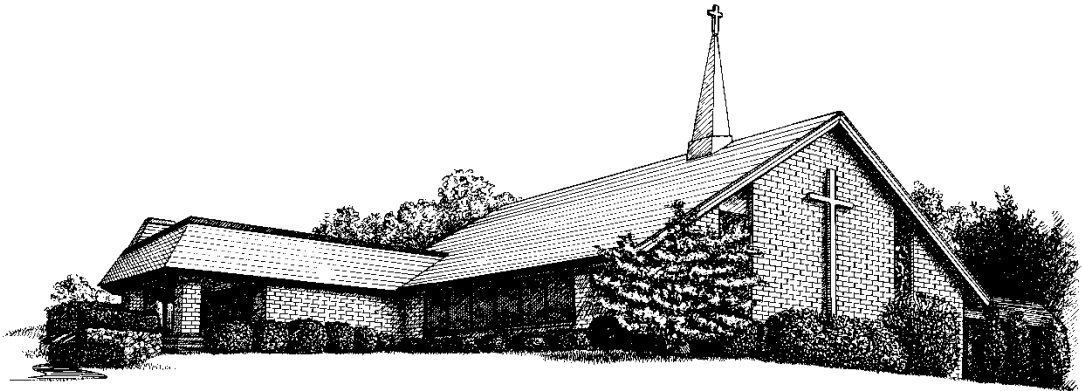


Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Tretja Nedelja med Letom

January 21, 2018

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

Mon. Jan. 22 9:00 am + Susan Duh – Anton and Elizabeth Lunder
Tues. Jan. 23 9:00 am + Josef Bukovec – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Wed. Jan. 24 9:00 am + Susan Duh – Rosalie Pugliese
Thur. Jan. 25 9:00 am + Elsa Havanich – Her Estate

Sat. Jan. 27 4:30 pm + Ethel Wuennemann – Mary Ann Koprivec
Sun. Jan. 28 9:30 am + Jean O’Leary – Frank Ficko and Family
11:00 am + John F. Gurrieri – Anna Gurrieri & Family

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

Sat. Jan. 27 4:30 pm J. Piczko/ P. Walsh
Sun. Jan. 28 9:30 am D. Fejes/ M. Colon
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ T. Mitchell

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Tretja Nedelja med Letom

January 21, 2018

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Jan. 27 Marie Csom

Sat. Feb. 03 Volunteers Needed

FROM THE PASTOR:

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Capitol Improvement Collection.

THE SECOND COLLECTION: next weekend will be the Diocesan Collection for the Church in Latin America

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

CCD/REL ED: Classes resume tomorrow, 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 cancellations.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: the next class of Adult Education will convene next 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. In February classes will meet on the 11th and the 25th.

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL: during this week, we celebrate various events in our Church, which have changed the course of our Faith and our Church. One of these is celebrated on January 25th. It is the event of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, who was a Jew, a Pharisee, and a Roman citizen—a rare combination. As recounted in the Acts of the Apostles IX: 1 - 19:

“Saul, still breathing murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples, went to the High Priest and asked him for letters to the Synagogues in Damascus which would empower him to arrest and bring to Jerusalem anyone he might find, man or woman, living according to the new way. As he traveled along and was approaching Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed about him. He fell to the ground and at the same time heard a voice saying, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ ‘Who are you, sir?’ he asked. The voice answered, ‘I AM Jesus, the One you are persecuting. Get up and go into the city, where you will be told what to do.’ The men who were traveling with him stood there speechless. They had heard the voice but could see no one. Saul got up from the ground unable to see, even though his eyes were open. They had to take him by the hand and lead him into Damascus. For three days he continued blind, during which time he neither ate nor drank.”

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias to whom the Lord had appeared in a vision. ‘Ananias!’ he said ‘Here I am, Lord,’ came the answer. The Lord said to him, ‘Go at once to Straight Street and at the house of Judas ask for a certain Saul of Tarsus. He is there praying.’ (Saul saw in a vision a man named Ananias coming to him and placing his hands on him so that he might recover his sight.) But Ananias protested: ‘Lord, I have heard from many sources about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. He is here now with authorization from the Chief Priests to arrest any who invoke Your Name.’ The Lord said to him: “you must go! The man is the instrument I have chosen to bring My Name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the People of Israel. I myself shall indicate to him how much he will have to suffer for My Name. ‘With that Ananias left. When he entered the house he laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Saul, my brother, I have been sent by the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the way here, to help you recover your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized, and his strength returned to him after he had taken food.”

Saul stayed some time with the disciples in Damascus, and soon began to proclaim in the Synagogues that Jesus was the Son of GOD. Any who heard it were greatly taken aback. They kept saying: ‘Isn’t this the man who worked such havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoke this Name? Did he not come here purposely to apprehend such people and bring them before the Chief Priests?’

Saul for his part grew steadily more powerful, and reduced the Jewish community of Damascus to silence with his proofs that this Jesus was the Messiah.”

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: Fifty years ago, the Second Vatican Council adopted a declaration on religious freedom called, *Dignitatis Humanae*. In it, it says that religious freedom includes the freedom to practice our faith in public. In our culture, some tend to think that religious liberty means only that individuals can worship without interference from the government. This understanding is inadequate. Religious schools, hospitals, and charities should be able to operate in accordance with their faith. Indeed, the work of these organizations is part and parcel of their faith. They are expressions of religious mission, and religions must have the space to live out their missions.

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Tretja Nedelja med Letom

January 21, 2018

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH: at 149 S. Pine Creek Road in Fairfield invites you to join them for *Music for a Winter Afternoon* next Sunday, January 28th at 5:00 pm in the Church; a light reception will follow. The concert is free.

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, 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 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 22

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;

National Day of Prayer

Wednesday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

Thursday, January 25

Conversion of Saul of Tarsus to Paul

Friday, January 26

Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Saturday, January 27

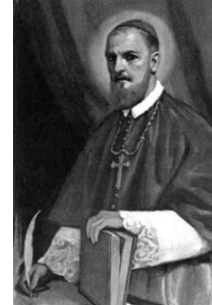
St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis de Sales
January 24



St. Francis de Sales was born on August 21, 1567- the first of 6 sons-to François de Sales and his wife Françoise at his father's family Château de Sales into a noble family. He was baptized Francis Bonaventura after two great Franciscan Saints. He was privileged to attend the best schools in preparation for a career as a Magistrate as was his father's desire.

In 1584 he attended a theological discussion about *Predestination*, convincing him of his damnation to Hell. This event resulted in a personal crisis of despair and in a physical illness necessitating his being confined to bed. In January of 1687 he visited a Church in Paris, where he prayed the "*Memorare*" before the famed statue of *Our Lady of Good Deliverance*, a Black Madonna. He consecrated himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and decided to dedicate his life to GOD with a vow of chastity.

Francis concluded that GOD had good things in store for him, because "GOD IS LOVE" as St. John's 1st Epistle attests. This faithful devotion to the GOD of Love not only expelled his doubts but also influenced the rest of his life and his teachings. He wrote a treatise on Catholic spirituality-*the Devout Life*, in addition to his *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *Treatise on the Love of GOD*.

In 1588 Francis completed his studies in both Law and Theology; receiving a Doctoral Degree in Theology in 1592. Meanwhile his father had arranged for him to secure a position as a Senator, and also, to marry a wealthy heiress. Francis refused to marry resulting in conflict with his father who initially refused to accept that his son had chosen Priesthood over position and wealth.

Francis was ordained to the Priesthood in 1593 becoming Provost of the Cathedral at Geneva. While there, he successfully won over many who had been swayed to Calvinist. In 1599 he was appointed *Co-Adjutor* Bishop of Geneva. In 1601, he was sent on a diplomatic mission to King Henry IV of France, where he was invited to give Lenten sermons at the Chapel Royal. In 1602 he was consecrated Bishop of Geneva and reorganized the Diocese with great efficiency. As Bishop, he acquired a reputation as a spellbinding preacher as well as an ascetic.

In his *Introduction to the Devout Life*, he counseled laypeople to practice charity over penance as a means of

January 13/14, 2018

Regular Collection: \$ 1,865.00

Monthly Collection: \$ 1,049.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 225.00

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Tretja Nedelja med Letom

progressing in spiritual life. Along with St. Jane Frances de Chantal, he founded the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary-the *Visitandine* Sisters. He died on December 28, 1622 and was buried on January 24, 1623 at the Monastery of the Visitation in Annecy, France.

January 21, 2018