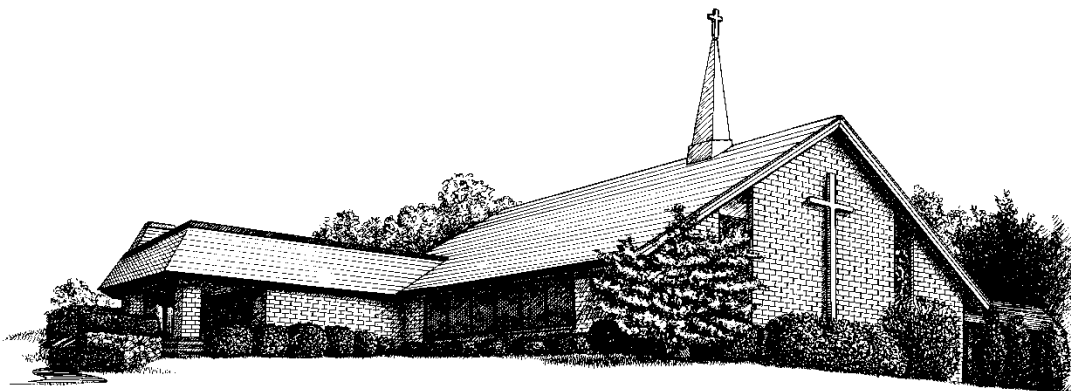


Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord/ Gospodovo Razglašenje

January 7, 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*
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Rector: 203. 372. 4595
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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. 06 4:30 pm + Eugenia Pečarič – Her Children
Sun. Jan. 07 9:30 am + Stephen Ray – Lea Belovich
11:00 am + Fanni Dermastja – The Gross Family

Mon. Jan. 08 9:00 am Conversion of Terrorists – Justina Pšeničnik
Tues. Jan. 09 9:00 am + Rev. Kevin Fitzpatrick – Greg Milulka
Wed. Jan. 10 9:00 am + Cecile Pistey – Walter and Patricia Sullivan
Thur. Jan. 11 9:00 am + Hans Bukovec – Mr. Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler

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

Sat. Jan. 06 4:30 pm J. Piczko/ M. Colon
Sun. Jan. 07 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ P. Walsh
11:00 am P. Sullivan/ W. Sullivan

Sat. Jan. 13 4:30 pm D. Fejes/ M. Colon
Sun. Jan. 14 9:30 am B. Sekelsky/ P. Walsh
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ S. Cassone

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ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Jan. 13 A. Prokaly/ P. Stone

Sat. Jan. 21 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

FROM THE PASTOR:

2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR

20+B+G+M+18

SREČNO NOVO LETO



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: celebrated traditionally on January 6 in the Western Rite and on January 5 in the Eastern Rite, is now celebrated on the Sunday nearest January 6th. Although a Holy Day of Obligation for the Universal Church, it had fallen into disuse in the United States, therefore, by dispensation, the obligation was abrogated, and moved to Sunday.

“Epiphany” in the Western Church refers to the manifestation of the First Advent of the Messiah through His Incarnation as the Evangelist St. Luke recounts: “There were shepherds in the region, living in the fields and keeping night watch by turns over their flocks. The Angel of the Lord appeared to them as the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were very much afraid. The Angel said to them: you have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you-tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. This day in David’s city a Saviour has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord. Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. Suddenly, there was with the Angel a multitude of the Heavenly Hosts, praising GOD and saying: ‘Glory to GOD in High Heaven, Peace on Earth to men on whom HIS favor rests.’” LK II: 8-14. The second manifestation of the Holy Child as the King of Kings was realized by the Magi, when they presented the Christ Child with gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, MT II: 1 – 11.

The third Epiphany of Our Lord, Jesus, the Messiah was realized through the testimony of the Father (and the descent of the Holy Spirit) at Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan, cf., LK III: 21 – 22; JN I: 29 - 34.

The Eastern Church (and Eastern Rite of the Western Church) celebrates Epiphany as the Wedding Feast at Cana, where Our Lord made the water into wine-which is enumerated as His first of many public miracles, cf., JN II: 1 - 11.

Paul the Apostle, in his Second Epistle to Timothy, reminds him and the Church Community: “God has saved us and has called us to a holy life, not because of any merit of ours but according to HIS own design-the grace held out to us in Christ Jesus before the world began, now made manifest through the appearance of Our Saviour.” II Tm I: 90 – 10.

CCD/REL ED: classes will meet this Monday, January 8th at the usual class time, but will not meet on Monday, January 15th due to the national holiday. Classes will resume regular meetings on Monday, January 22nd.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: the next classes of Adult Education will resume on Sundays, January 14th and 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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM: at 1 State Street in New Haven, has a new 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 19 Open 10-5 daily. Admission & parking are free. For more information, please call: 203-865-0400 or access: www.kofcmuseum.org

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DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: The Catholic Church is asking that lawmakers safeguard the rights afforded to us in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, so that we will have the freedom to serve the needy and most vulnerable without violating our moral principles and without being penalized with fines.

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 07
Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord
(Observed)
- Monday, January 08
Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord
- Saturday, January 13
St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, January 14
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Solemnity of the BVM \$ 292.00

Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord



“Epiphany” is Greek for ‘manifestation’ or ‘revelation,’ referring to Our Lord’s divine nature though He was in the form of man. There are 3 Liturgical feasts which celebrate this manifestation: the *Adoration of the Magi*-January 6th; the *Baptism of Our Lord*-the following Sunday; and, the *Wedding Feast at Cana*-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, all of which through the power of God, show forth the Light of Our Lord, Jesus, as the Messiah.

The first feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th commemorating the visitation of 3 Kings, Magi, or Astrologers who came from the East, to Jerusalem in search of the New Born King of the Jews. In their quest, they besought an audience with King Herod, inquiring of him the whereabouts of the New Born King. Enraged that the Magi had not come to see him, Herod craftily directed them to seek out the Child, then return to inform him so that he might go to worship the Newborn as well. The Magi followed a star, and found the Child with Him mother. They did Him homage, and offered Him gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

This feast of Epiphany is known in the Orthodox Church as the Feast of the *Theophany*, as it celebrates the revelation of Our Lord Jesus Christ at His Baptism as the Son of God. After Our Lord was baptized and emerged out of the water, the skies opened 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. At this event the Holy Trinity was revealed for the first time, hence the title *Theophany*-the manifestation or revelation of GOD-the Holy Trinity.

The last of the 3 manifestations of Our Lord’s divine nature occurred at the Wedding Feast of Cana, where after having been informed by His mother that the host had run out of wine, Our Lord instructed the waiters to fill jars with water, and take it to the head waiter. Having tasted the wine, the head waiter complemented the groom for having saved the best for last. This was the first of

December 30/31, 2017

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	<i>\$ 2,090.00</i>
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	<i>\$ 537.00</i>
<i>Retired Religious:</i>	<i>\$ 557.00</i>

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many miracles Our Lord performed to show the Kingdom of God upon us.

Hence, we see the Epiphany of Our Lord, not as a single event, but as a continuation of His Divine Nature manifested or revealed through sacred events. We as the Church celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord every time we attend Mass when we pray the GLORIA as did the Angels.

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