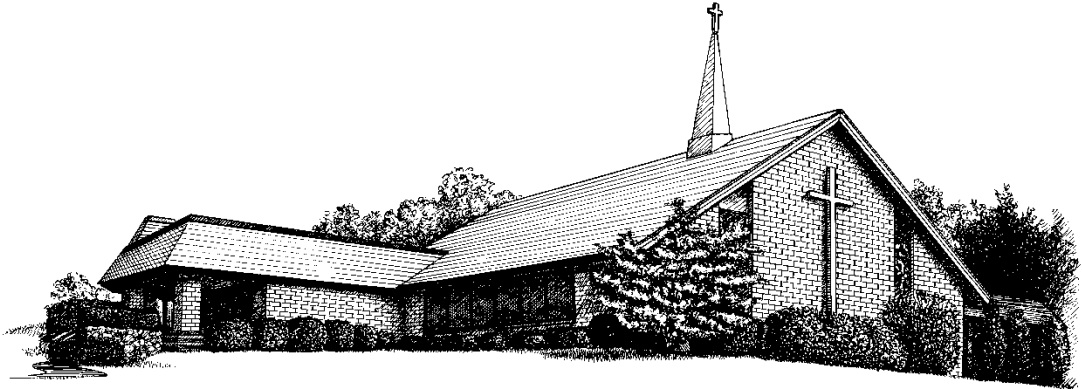


# Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



## 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  
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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*  
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. Dec. 30 4:30 pm + Gwen Bonatti – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro  
Sun. Dec. 31 9:30 am + Hedwig Schindler – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler  
11:00 am + Alex & Mary Zlatar & John Gurrieri – Anna Gurrieri

Mon. Jan. 01 9:00 am + Louis Hribšek – Justina Pšeničnik  
Tues. Jan. 02 9:00 am + Teresa Kerin - Justina Pšeničnik  
Wed. Jan. 03 9:00 am + Marie DeCaro – Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro  
Thur. Jan. 04 9:00 am Conversioni of Terrorists - Justina Pšeničnik

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

Sat. Dec. 30 4:30 pm J. Adams/ J. Adams  
Sun. Dec. 31 9:30 am J. Piczko/ M. Colon  
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ S. Cassone

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

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

# 2018

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**SREČNO NOVO LETO**



**GOOD BYE TO 2017:** as we bid good bye to the year of 2017, it is a good practice to look at the past year making an assessment of our activities, successes and shortcomings with a purpose to renew or make new aspirations and resolutions. As we begin the new year of 2018, let us take time to reflect on what we would like to accomplish and decide on how we are going to succeed in realizing it.

**NEW YEAR PRAYER:** "Grant, we pray O Lord Our God, Your favour upon us in the New Year of 2018. Send Your Holy Spirit to bless us and our families with good health, prosperity, and peace. May Our Blessed and Ever Glorious Lady, Mary, the Holy Mother of God, be our inspiration of holiness, and dedication to You, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen."

**NEW YEAR'S DAY:** the Solemnity of Our Lady, Mary, the *Holy Theotokos*-the GOD bearer, January 1, 2018 is NOT a Holy Day of obligation THIS year, as it falls on a Monday. You are invited to attend the 9:00 Mass on New Year's Day to consecrate the new year of 2018 to Our Lord, invoking His blessing, for protection and peace.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION:** this weekend is the *Retired Religious Collection*.

**PLEASE NOTE:** that the parish office will be closed for the Christmas Holy Days from Saturday, December 23 – New Year's Day Monday Tuesday, 2018. The office will be open Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

**CCD CLASSES:** there are no CCD classes Monday December 26, nor on January 2, 2018; classes will resume on Monday, January 9, 2018 at the usual times of 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** the next class of Adult Education will resume in 2018 and convene on Sundays, January 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<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 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 opened November 18 and closes February 19 Open 10-5 daily. Admission & parking are free. For more information, please call: 203-865-0400 or access: [www.kofcmuseum.org](http://www.kofcmuseum.org)

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:** Religious freedom is a precious right. It is also a *necessary* right – necessary for all people and all societies if they are to flourish. Scholars have shown that when religious freedom for all is protected in law and valued in culture, it brings with it political stability, equality for women, economic growth, and social harmony. Let us pray that when the federal health care mandate is changed, religious freedom is safeguarded for all people.

**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, Terry D'Amico, 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 IN DECEMBER/JANUARY:**

- Sunday, December 31  
Feast of the Holy Family
- Monday, January 01  
Solemnity of the Holy Theotokos
- Tuesday, January 02  
St. Basil, Bishop & Doctor;  
St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop & Doctor
- Wednesday, January 03  
Most Holy Name of Our Lord
- Thursday, January 04  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Friday, January 05  
St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Saturday, January 06  
Feast of the Holy Epiphany  
Observed on Sunday
- Sunday, January 07  
Feast of the Holy Epiphany

**Feast of the Holy Family**



This Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the earthly family of Our Lord Jesus Christ, His holy Mother- the Virgin Mary, and, His foster father-St. Joseph. Very little is known about the daily life of the Holy Family. We do know that St. Joseph was a carpenter who taught his trade to Our Lord. Sacred Tradition holds that St. Joseph died just before Our Lord began His public ministry.

The Holy Gospels relate the holy mysteries surrounding 3 major events of Our Lord's life: His *Nativity at Bethlehem*; the Holy Family's *Flight into Egypt*; and, His parents *Finding the 12 year old Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem*, where He was teaching the Religious Authorities-the Doctors of the Law-the lessons of the Torah, Tanah, & Talmud, and their true observance.

Devotion to the Holy Family grows out of a love for Our Lord. This devotion was promoted by both Pope Benedict XV and Leo XIII as a means to counter the breakdown and polarization of modern day family life. This feast reminds us to pray for protection, safety, and unity of all families whether they are together or apart from one another by necessity. It also affords us the opportunity to reflect on the value and sanctity of our own family, and how can we improve our own family life as Paul exhorts his flock at Colossus: Colossians III: 12-19

*"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience. Forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. Be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do, in*

December 23/24, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 1,947.00

Miscellaneous: \$ 619.00

*Feast of the Holy Family/ Praznik Svetege Družine  
word or deed, do everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through His birth.”*

*December 31, 2017*