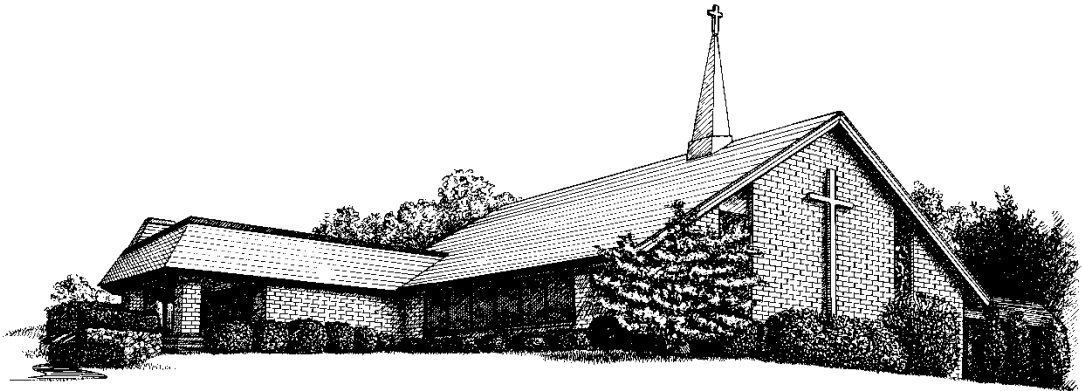


Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Šesta Nedelja med Letom

February 11, 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*
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. Feb. 10 4:30 pm + Bernard Skopp – Mary Ann Koprivec & Family
Sun. Feb. 11 9:30 am + Susan Duh – Ana Hribar
11:00 am + Anna Schneider – Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler

Mon. Feb. 12 9:00 am + Teresa D'Amico – Mary Ann Skopp
Tues. Feb. 13 9:00 am + Rev. Andrej Farkaš – Justina Pšeničnik
Wed. Feb. 14 9:00 am + Valentin (Zdravko) Hribar – His Family
5:30 pm Special Intention for Healing – Justina Pšeničnik
Thur. Feb. 15 9:00 am + Elsa Havanich – Her Estate

Sat. Feb. 17 4:30 pm + Donald P. Butzko – His Wife Patricia Butzko
Sun. Feb. 18 9:30 am + Susan Duh – Holy Cross Seniors
11:00 am Intention of John M. DiGiacomo – A Friend

Sat. Feb. 10 4:30 pm J. Piczko/ M. Colon
Sun. Feb. 11 9:30 am D. Fejes/ B. Sekelsky
11:00 am P. Wullivan/ W. Sullivan

Sat. Feb. 17 4:30 pm P. Stone/ P. Walsh
Sun. Feb. 18 9:30 am J. Piczko/ J. Csom
11:00 am B. Sekelsky/ L. Selimović

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ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Feb. 17 C. & M. Coyne Sat. Feb. 24 A. Prokaly/ P. Stone

FROM THE PASTOR:

PLEASE NOTE: this year, the feasts of both, Saints Cyril and Methodius and of St. Valentine fall on Wednesday, February 14th, which is Ash Wednesday. According to Church Law, Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week take precedence over all Solemnities and Feasts. Please reserve your St. Valentine's Day celebrations and observances to Thursday, February 15th, in keeping with the solemn fast and abstinence of honoring the 40 day fast of Our Lord.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT: begins this Ash Wednesday, February 14th. It is a day of solemn abstinence and fasting. Blessed Ashes will be conferred during the usual 9:00 am Mass, and, at a 5:30 pm Mass.

Ash Wednesdays begins the holy season of Lent when we honor the 40 day fast of Our Lord, Jesus Christ in the desert of Judea, after which HE resisted the temptations of the Evil One. Hence, Lent is the 40 day period of time when we face our own temptations and resist the whims of the Evil One who seeks the destruction of our souls. That is why Holy Mother the Church advocates our own fast and abstinence so that we might detach from the distractions of the world, and may grow stronger in our understanding, our conviction, and in our love of Our Lord, and HIS holy Church.

*****Ash Wednesday, Fridays during Lent and Good Friday are Solemn Days of Fast & Abstinence*****

ABSTINENCE: ALL Catholics are bound & required to abstain from ALL meat & poultry products on Fridays during Lent, and of course on Good Friday.

FASTING: All Catholic 14 – 59 years of age are bound to fast barring the ill. Fasting refers to the consuming of only one normal full meal & 2 small meals which are MEATLESS. Together, these 2 meals should not equal one full meal. Water, liquid medicines, and pill form medicines are ALWAYS permitted; expectant & nursing mothers may be exempted.

FRIDAYS: during the season of Lent are days of abstinence from all meat products and luxuriant indulgence. Remember that Our Lord Jesus Christ died on a Friday. Early Christians resonated the proclamation of St. John the Baptist who decreed that Jesus Christ is “*The Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,*” and therefore no further blood should be shed nor any meat consumed as a sign of our mourning, penance, and spiritual discipline. Recall also that every Wednesday during Lent recalls “*Spy Wednesday*” when Our Saviour was betrayed by one of His own Apostles– Judas Iscariot. Accordingly, on this day we commemorate & lament the arrangement of the betrayal of Our Lord.

*****LENTEN DEVOTIONS*****

STATION OF THE CROSS: will be conducted every Friday evening at 7:00 pm, followed by Benediction.

FISH FRY: Knights of Columbus from Holy Family Parish will be hosting a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent here at Holy Cross Parish Hall between the hours of 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The dinner offers Clam Chowder, fish, fried potatoes & vegetables. The cost is \$8.00 for the fish dinner which includes sides dishes, coffee, tea and desert; \$2.00 for the Clam Chowder. Anyone who wishes to pick up a fish dinner following Stations of the Cross, please notify the cooks in the kitchen prior to Stations.

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend will be the usual Monthly Collection.

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CCD/REL ED: Classes meet Monday evenings between 5:30 – 6:30pm following the Fairfield Public School Calendar. In the event of inclement weather, please stay tuned to the local weather channels for cancelations.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: the next classes of Adult Education will convene on Sunday, February 25th in the parish hall between the hours of 9:45 – 10:40 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.

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.

FEBRUARY INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS: for the universal intention that all peoples, especially Christians will say “NO” to the temptation of corruption, especially those who enjoy celebrity, material and/or political power, and so resist the lure of corruption.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS YOU: Birthright is a crisis pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principal: 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 helped thousands of mothers and babies. Training is provided.

BIRTHRIGHT needs gently worn maternity and baby clothing. There are nine locations in our state. Please call 1. 800. 550. 4900 for the **BIRTHRIGHT** nearest to you to arrange for drop off. Thank you.

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, Diane Vince, KJ Waller, Frank Us, and Fay Ann Zak.

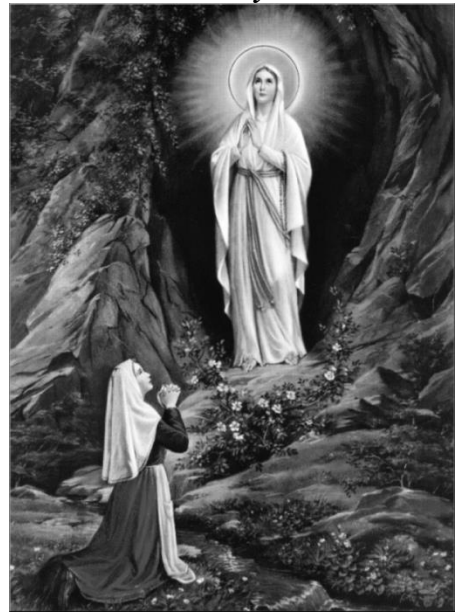
We commend to our prayers the souls of all the recently deceased. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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 FEBRUARY:

- Sunday, February 10
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, February 11
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes;
Orthodox *Great Lent* Begins
- Wednesday, February 14
ASH WEDNESDAY:
Solemn Day of Fast and Abstinence;
Ss. Cyril & Methodius;
St. Valentinus, Priest & Martyr
- Fri day, February 16
Fast and Abstinence
- Saturday, February 17
Seven Holy Founders of the Servites
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, February 18
First Sunday in Lent

*Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
February 11*



On the 11th of February in 1858, a 14 year old poor peasant girl by name of Bernadette Soubirous, witnessed the first of 18 visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Accordingly, she, her sister Toinette, and a friend Jeanne, went to collect firewood for their home's hearth about a mile from town. As she was a sickly child, her sister warned her not to cross the river so as not to get her feet wet for fear it would result in a recurring fever. Remaining on one side of the river, she told of hearing a rustling sound and a slight gust of wind although the bushes and tree branches did not move. Looking up into a nearby grotto at Massabielle, she saw the vision of a beautiful young lady wrapped in light. Bernadette described the lady as young, dressed in all white with a blue sash around her waist with a golden yellow rose-the color of her Rosary-resting on each of her bare feet.

Three days later, Bernadette returned to the grotto with Holy Water to test the apparition if it were of Evil provenience. If so, it should depart. Bernadette reported that when she cast the Holy Water the lady gratefully bowed her head and spoke to her. At this, Bernadette went into ecstasy which frightened her sister. The Lady told her to return to the grotto over a period of 2 weeks, and promised to make Bernadette happy, "*not in this world, but in the next.*" On February 24th, the lady instructed her to dig in the ground and drink from the spring she found there. Although at first, the water was muddy, it became clear. As news of this spread, many came for miraculous cures-7 certified cures were pronounced as miraculous. On March 25th, the lady revealed to Bernadette who she was with the words: "*Je Sois l'Immaculée Conception-I am the Immaculate Conception,*" a statement which confirmed the long disputed belief that Our Lady was free from all sin. This

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Regular Collection: \$ 2,541.00
Miscellaneous: \$ 432.00

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belief was pronounced as a Dogma of the Catholic Church
in 1854, by Pope Pius IX in the Papal Bulletin *Ineffabilis*
Deus.

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