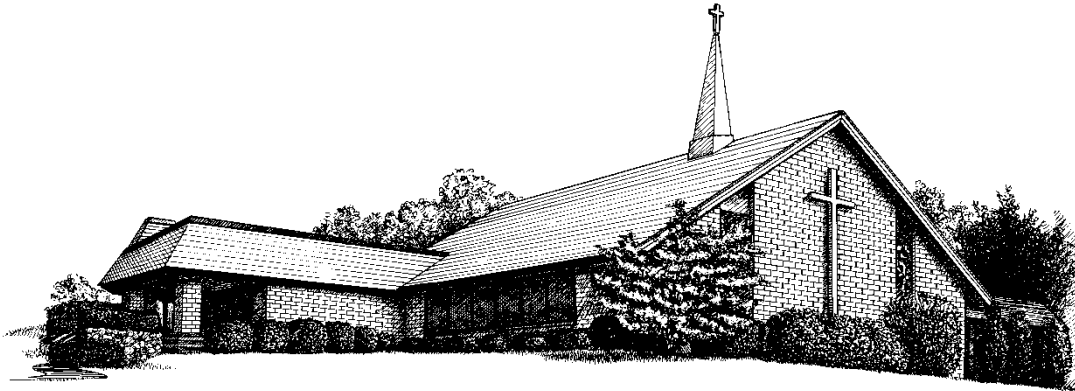


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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. Ann Marie Bernstein - *Parish Secretary*
Mr. John Ertlmaier, CPA - *Bookkeeper*
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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.

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

Council and Societies:

Parish Advisory Board: *Quarterly - 7:00 pm*
Finance Board: *Quarterly - 7:00 pm*



MASS INTENTIONS

MAŠNI NAMENI

Sat. July 04 4:30 pm Living and + Deceased Members of the KSKJ Lodge 148 - KSKJ Lodge 148
Sun. July 05 9:30 am + Henry Campolucci + Lester DeCaro - Mr. Mrs. John DeCaro
11:00 am + Alex & Mary Zlatar - Anna Gurrieri & Family
Mon. July 06 9:00 am + Mary Kokorda - Margaret Kuharec
Tue. July 07 9:00 am Conversion of Sinners - Justina Pšeničnik
Wed. July 08 9:00 am + Agnes Loser - Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Thur. July 09 9:00 am Special intention of - Justina Pšeničnik

Sat. July 11 4:30 pm + Marion Wrynn - Her Mother Louise Wrynn
Sun. July 12 9:30 am + Angela Csaszar - Her Family
11:00 am + Philip C. DeProfio - Linda DeProfio

Sat. July 04 4:30 pm J. Piczko/T. Mitchell
Sun. July 05 9:30 am P. Stone/J. Csom
11:00 am P. Sullivan/ S. Cassone

Sat. July 11 4:30 pm D. Fejes/ M. Colon
Sun. July 12 9:30 am T. Mitchell/ B. Sekelsky
11:00 am W. Sullivan/ L. Selimović

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. July 11 Diane Caserta

Sat. July 18 C. & M. Coyne

From Fr. Pečarič:

Happy 4th of July Weekend!

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

SUMMER WEATHER: remember that the Church is the house of GOD. It is air-conditioned and everyone should dress appropriately and modestly. No beach style wear is appropriate for divine worship. Please be respectful in both dress and demeanor when entering any Sacred Place.

Also, please drive safely and responsibly esp. around neighborhoods and playgrounds to protect children who are out of school. Please pray that we may be delivered from inclement weather, natural storms and disasters such as have afflicted much of our nation.

AMERICAN RED CROSS: BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. PIUS X PARISH: St. Pius X Church in Fairfield will be sponsoring and hosting a Blood Drive this Wednesday, July 8th, between 1 and 6 P.M in the St. Pius X Faith Center (Community Room). Blood donations are always important but even more so during the summer when there generally are not as many. Please consider donating. Donors must be at least 17 and will need to bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED CROSS - 1-800-733-2767 or visit us online at Redcrossblood.org The sponsor code is *stpius*. All donors will receive a free ticket to Six Flags!

PARISH PICNIC: please reserve the date for our annual parish picnic commemorating our Patronal feast, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, on Sunday, September 13th of this year. The picnic will begin with 11:00 Mass, at which the Polka Quads in conjunction with our parish choir will provide music and song. Bring your family, friends and neighbors, and let's make this the best year ever.

SYNOD MASS: The Diocesan Synod which began in September of 2014 to address issues of the Faith in the Diocese will conclude with a Mass on Saturday, September 19th, at 11:00 am at Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport. Everyone is invited & encouraged to attend that Mass, but as parking will be quite limited and very tight, it is strongly suggested that people arrive by bus. To register, call the parish office by Monday, August 3rd to let us know if you intend to reserve a seat on the bus so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

FAITH AND YOUR FAMILY: Pray

“The family celebrates the *Gospel of Life* through daily prayer, both individual prayer and family prayer. The family prays in order to glorify and give thanks to God for the gift of life, and implores HIS light and strength in order to face times of difficulty and suffering without losing hope. But the celebration that gives meaning to every other form of prayer and worship is found in the family's actual daily life together, if it is a life of love and self-giving.” (St. John Paul II)

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops has announced the observance of the fourth annual *Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness*, from June 21 to July 4, 2015. It is a time when our Liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great Martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power— St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. The theme of this year's Fortnight will focus on the "freedom to bear witness" to the truth of the Gospel. Visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information. During *Fortnight for Freedom*, it is important that we consider the reasons why the federal healthcare mandate violates religious freedom and contact our elected officials. The mandate: 1) forces religious insurers to write policies that violate their beliefs; 2) forces religious employers and schools to subsidize and facilitate coverage that violates their beliefs; and 3) forces conscientiously objecting employees and students to purchase coverage that violates their beliefs.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

BLACK ROCK CONCERT SERIES AT ST. ANN FIELD: is back at St. Ann Field 481 Brewster St., Bridgeport, on Tuesday nights 6:30-8:30PM, from June 23 -August 18 featuring an eclectic sampling of music.. Rain dates are Wednesdays-same time, Bring a picnic! Bring a Frisbee! Bring some wine! Bring your family and friends! You don't want to miss a relaxing night! Minimum donation of \$5.00 per person; children under 12 are free. Please like our Facebook page to see the list of bands that are coming soon. Here is a list of the concerts: June 23 – “Rock &Roll will never die” – The Pocket Hotties; June 30 - Let's get loud and sing along with – Once Removed; July 7 – Classic Rock and Blues – The Ellwoods; July 14 – The Latin Beat – Rick Reyes Band; July 21 - Enjoy an evening with a 40 piece orchestra-The Stratford Community Band –soloist Julia Bensinger; July 28- A tribute to 80s' and 90s'- The Golden Cage; Aug. 4 – Enjoy a night of Country Sounds – Bedlam Brothers; Aug. 11 – The Sounds of Reggae – Black Rock Social; Aug. 18 – New Orleans Brass at its Best – Funky Dawgz.

THE INFIRM: We pray for the healing & restoration of good health to all our infirm family members, friends, & parishioners in particular:



Brian Barrett, Alan Bedwell, Dorothy Cassidy, Anthony Cilo, Terry D’Amico, Linda DeSabella, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Lee Gentile, Joan Gerdsen, Anna Grotti, Marsha Hanna, Elsa Havanič, Frank Hering, Peter John, Kathleen Johnson, Russel Kelley, Ron Knight, Mary Ann Koprivec, Margaret Kuharec, Jim & Shiela Lawther, Gabriel Loeser, Anton Lukman, Lillian Makar, Fred Mally, Jim Motley, Jane O’Connor, Gregory Parsley, Ilona Paul, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, Phil Pittocco, Frank Prokaly, John Ray, Stephen Ray, Louis Rednak, Annette & Bernie Senderak, Lauri Sheets, Louise Tatangelo, Jaye Turner, Katherine Vallone, KJ Waller, Frank Us, and, Ethel Wuennemann.

We commend to our prayers the souls of all the recently deceased-Msgr. William A. Genuario. 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 war, civil strife, and 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 the month of July:

- Sunday, July 05
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, July 06
St. Maria Goretti – Virgin & Martyr
- Thursday, July 09
St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companion Martyrs
- Saturday, July 11
St. Benedict, Abbot
- Sunday, July 12
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
July 1*



Maria Teresa Goretti was born the 3rd of 7 children to Luigi and Assunta Goretti, on October 16, 1890, in Corinaldo, in the Province of Ancona, Italy. When she was 6 years of age, her family relocated to LeFerrieri/Nettuno 50 miles from Rome, where they shared a buliding with the Serenelli family. Three years later, her father died of Malaria, necessitating that her mother, brothers and sister work the fields, leaving Maria to cook, clean, sew, and watch over her youngest sibling.

On July 5, 1902, 11 y/o Maria was sitting on the outside step of their home sewing, when the son of their co-tenant-Alessandro-who was working out in the field returned to the house threatening to kill her if she did not do what he wanted. Maria refused him protesting that what he wanted to do was a *Mortal sin*, warning that he would go to Hell. She desperately fought him from raping here. She kept screaming: “NO, It is a sin! GOD does not want it!” He first choked her, but when she insisted she would rather die than submit to him, he stabbed her eleven times. Injured, she tried to reach the door, but he stopped her by stabbing her three more times before running away.

Her young sibling awoke with the noise and started crying and when her mother and Alessandro’s father came to check on her, they found Maria on the floor bleeding; they took her to the nearest hospital at Nettuno-Neptune.

She underwent surgery without anesthesia, but her injuries were beyond the doctors’ help. Halfway through the surgery, she woke up. She insisted that it stay that way. The Pharmacist said to her: “Maria, think of me in Paradise.” She looked at him: “Well, who knows, which of us is going to be there first? You, Maria” he replied. “Then I will gladly think of you,” she said. She also expressed concern for her mother’s welfare. The following day-24 hours after the attack-having expressed forgiveness for Alessandro and stating that she wanted to have him in Heaven with her Maria Goretti died of her injuries, while looking at a picture of the Virgin Mary, and clutching a Cross to her chest.

After his arrest and Confession, Alessandro deeply regretted his action & asked Maria’s mother forgiveness, which she gave, saying “if Maria forgave you, who am I to withold it.” He detailed the account of the attack.

June 27/ 28, 2915

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Diocesan Collection:</i>	\$	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	<i>TBA</i>