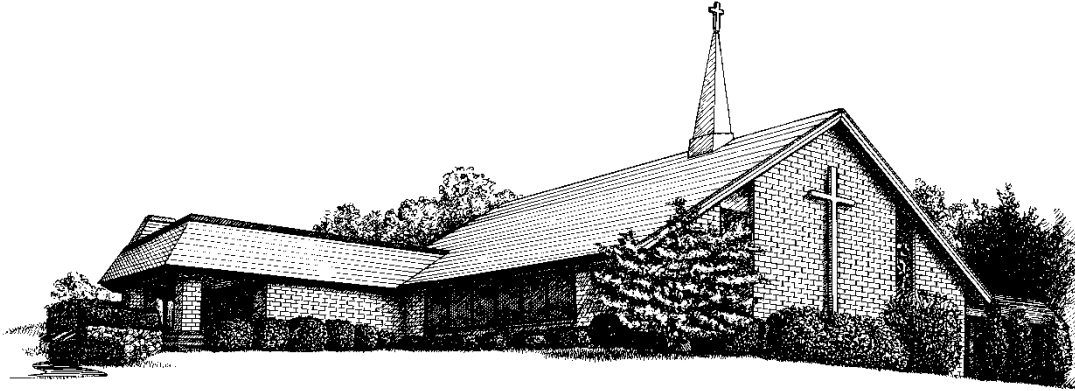


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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*
Rectory: 203. 372. 4595
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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 11 4:30 pm + Marion Wrynn - Her Mother, Louise Wrynn
Sun. July 12 9:30 am + Angela Cszaszar - Her Family
11:00 am + Philip C. DeProfio - Linda DeProfio
Mon. July 13 9:00 am Special Intention of Justina Pšeničnik
Tue. July 14 9:00 am + Harold Staltzer - Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Wed. July 15 9:00 am Conversion of Sinners - Justina Pšeničnik
Thur. July 16 9:00 am + Mary Kokorda - Steve & Marija Ray

Sat. July 18 4:30 pm + Charlotte Minanno - Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro
Sun. July 19 9:30 am + Peregrin Us Sr. - his son, Frank Us & Family
11:00 am + Alex & Mary Zlatar - Anna Gurrieri & Family

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

Sat. July 18 4:30 pm J. Piczko/ B. Sekelsky
Sun. July 19 9:30 am P. Stone/ P. Walsh
11:00 am ME Vollemans/ T. Fryman

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. July 18 C. & M. Coyne

Sat. July 25 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

From Fr. Pečarič:

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the usual Monthly Collection. **THE SECOND COLLECTION:** next weekend will be the Capital Improvement Fund Collection.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC MEETING: will be held THIS Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in helping out, working or volunteering some hours at the picnic is welcome to attend the meeting.

GROUNDS CLEANUP: volunteers needed this Saturday, July 18th beginning at 9:00am-. Please help clean the grounds.

MISSIONARY PREACHER: Fr. Moses Francis Bwanali, a Malawian Comboni Missionary will come to Holy Cross next Weekend: July 18/19, and will be speaking at the weekend Masses about the Comboni Missionary activity.

Fr. Francis was born on September 8, 1978 at the Utale Mission in Malawi-one of the oldest Catholic missions in Malawi. Utale was opened in 1908. Moses Francis entered the Comboni Missionary Novitiate in Zambia in 2003; he completed Theological studies in Nairobi, Kenya in 2005, after which, he was ordained to the Priesthood on November 7, 2009. Father was assigned to serve the Sidamo People in Southern Ethiopia until 2013. In 2014, he was assigned to the urban area of Lusaka in Zambia. In 2015, he was assigned as Provincial Treasurer of the Malawi-Zambia Province.

Here in the United States, the Comboni Fathers staff the parish of St. Lucy in Newark, New Jersey.

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 and in both dress and demeanor when entering any Sacred Place.

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

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. The picnic will begin with 11:00 Mass, at which the Polka Quads in conjunction with our parish choir will provide music & song. Bring your family, friends & neighbor & 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: A.C.T.S. Remember this acronym when you pray, and teach it to your children: Adoration (worship and praise simply for who GOD is; GOD delights in your praises!); Confession (sharing with GOD all the things you've done, thought, or said that hurt HIM and others, or that is not pleasing to HIM; ask for forgiveness and believe that HE offers it freely; this removes any barrier in your communications with HIM); Thanksgiving (thank GOD for HIS love and protection, for all the needs HE fulfills, and for all the ways HE blesses your day); Supplication (praying for your needs and for the needs of others; aside from your own desires, ask for GOD's guidance and that you may do HIS will above all). This model serves as a guide to help you, not a rigid formula to follow. There is no "canned" approach that you need to take; just talk from your heart.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: under the new health care reform law, the federal government demands that almost all health plans fully cover female sterilization and drugs and devices that prevent pregnancy, including those that can cause an early abortion. Why should religious institutions be forced to pay for procedures that go against their moral principles? Pope Francis has stated that religious freedom is a fundamental human right. Each individual must be free, alone or in association with others, to seek the truth, and to openly express his or her religious convictions, free from intimidation and external compulsion. Genuine worship of God bears fruit not in discrimination, hatred and violence, but in respect for the sacredness of life, respect for the dignity and freedom of others, and loving commitment to the welfare of all. It is protected in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of our U.S. Constitution.

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.

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, 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-esp. John Ray. 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 12
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, July 13
St. Henry
- Tuesday, July 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- Wednesday, July 15
St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
- Thursday, July 16
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Saturday, July 18
St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- Sunday, July 19
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27/ 28, 2915

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| <i>Regular Collection:</i> | \$ | 1,935.00 |
| <i>Diocesan Collection:</i> | \$ | 506.00 |
| <i>Miscellaneous:</i> | \$ | 352.00 |

July 04/ 05, 2915

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| <i>Regular Collection:</i> | \$ | 1,430.00 |
| <i>Miscellaneous:</i> | \$ | 250.00 |

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel
July 16*



In ancient Canaanite culture, high mountain places were considered to be sacred, where prayer and communication with God was undefiled, uninterrupted and pure. Hence, the high peak of Mount Carmel (הַרְקַרְקַר - Hebrew for *Vineyard of God*) was considered Sacred.

According to the Book of Kings, the Mount of Carmel was the site where the holy Prophet Elijah built an Altar to the One True God in the 8c B.C. He had challenged & defeated the 450 priests of the pagan queen Jezebel who married Ahaz, King of Israel and who introduced pagan worship to the pagan god *Baal*, and thereby brought defilement to Israel. Elijah's sacrifice manifested the power & glory of the God of Israel. After this event, Elijah lived in a cave on Mount Carmel with the Prophet Elisha, gathering around them a community of hermits who dedicated themselves to living the Covenant of Abraham away from the sins, corruption & distraction of urban life.

Abandoned sometime in the 2nd century A.D. by later Jewish hermits for an unknown reason, Greek Orthodox monks built a Monastery there which was active from the 3rd to the 11th centuries, when it was again abandoned. During the time of the Crusades, holy men who adopted a hermetical life established a community of life and prayer dedicated to the Holiness of God under the holy patronage and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They later developed into a Religious Order known as the Carmelites.

According to the Tradition of the Carmelite Order, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite Abbot, on July 16, 1251. In this vision, she bestowed upon him the Scapular, which came to be known as the *Brown Scapular*, as a means of attaining spiritual depth in prayer, and, protection from evil and the temptation of the Evil One.