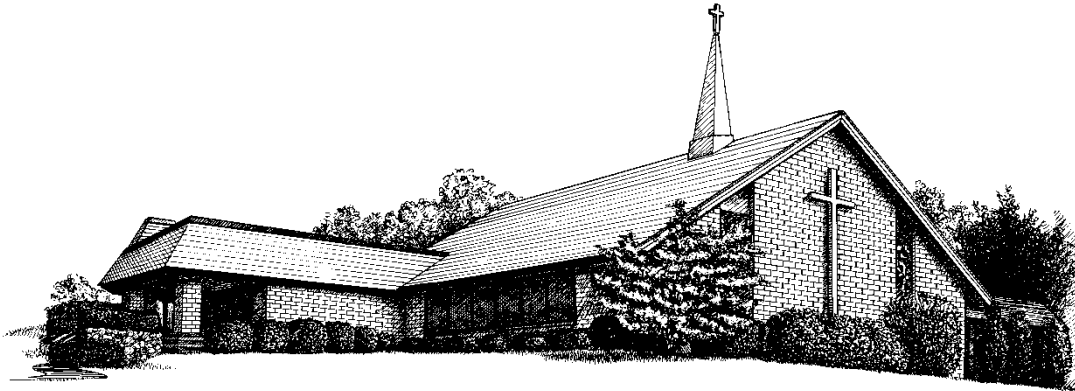


# Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



## 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  
Parish Office: 203. 372. 4595; Fax 203. 372. 4668  
Parish E-mail: holy\_cross\_church@sbcglobal.net

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 18 4:30 pm + Charlotte Minanno - Mr. & Mrs. John DeCaro  
Sun. July 19 9:30 am + Peregrin Us - His son Frank Us & Family  
11:00 am + Alex & Mary Zlatar - Anna Gurrieri & Family  
Mon. July 20 9:00 am Conversion of Sinners - Justina Pšeničnik  
Tue. July 21 9:00 am + Mary Kokorda - Joe & Marie Csom  
Wed. July 22 9:00 am + Louis Markoya - KSKJ Lodge 148  
Thur. July 23 9:00 am + Rev. Aloysius J. Hribšek - KSKJ Lodge 148

Sat. July 25 4:30 pm + Agnes Loser - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schindler  
Sun. July 26 9:30 am + Mary Kokorda - Ann Duh  
11:00 am + Joe Us - His Brother Frank Us & Family

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

Sat July 25 4:30 pm D. Fejes/ P. Walsh  
Sun. July 26 9:30 am B. Sekelsky? M. Colon  
11:00 am T. Mitchell/ S. Cassone

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. July 25 M. Colon/ T. Sekelsky

Sat. Aug 1 M. Csom/ M. Walsh

From Fr. Pečarič:

**WELCOME FR. MOSES FRANCIS BWANALI:** this weekend we warmly welcome Fr. Moses Francis Bwanali of the *Comboni Missionary Fathers* who is preaching at all Masses this weekend appealing on behalf of the missionary activity to aid the poor and help alleviate poverty throughout the world. Fr. Francis is a native of Malawi, Africa.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION:** this weekend is the Capitol Improvement Fund Collection.

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**PARISH PICNIC:** please reserve the date for our annual parish picnic commemorating our Patronal feast, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> of this year. The picnic will begin with the 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.

**PICNIC RAFFLE BASKETS:** the Raffle Committee invites anyone to donate NEW items only, to fill baskets for the picnic raffle. Some ideas are items for the kitchen, garden, entertainment, crafts, and children. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

**WEEDING:** we are looking for volunteers to help out by donating 1 – 2 hours of their time per week to help weed the Church garden areas, please call Audrey Prokaly: 203. 259. 0687.

**REMEMBERING LOVED ONES LOST TO CANCER:** St. Vincent's SWIM Across the Sound cancer charity is sponsoring the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Memorial Service on Sunday, July 26 at 8:30AM at Captain's Cove Seaport in Bridgeport. Registration begins at 8:00am. The event is free of charge, and open to all members of the community who have lost a loved one to cancer regardless of hospital affiliation. Refreshments will be served after the service, which runs no longer than one hour and will be held rain or shine. For more information, please contact Lucinda I. Ames of St. Vincent's Mission Services at 203-576-5550 or [james@stvincents.org](mailto:james@stvincents.org).

**WHY SHOULD I USE THE PARISH ENVELOPES?** The regular use of Sunday envelopes is very important. Whenever we do not have a record of contributions or when contributions have ceased, we have no way of knowing whether someone is still joining our Community for Worship or not. Unless we know someone is a practicing Catholic, delays and hard feelings can result when people aspire to have their child baptized, or, when they want to be a Sponsor for a Sacrament, or, exchange vows in Holy Matrimony. We often go through this with people who are not members of our parish. It is the Church, not just the parish, which insists that signs of good faith-commitment-be present on these occasions. In order to qualify to be a Sponsor for any Sacrament, by ancient Tradition one must be a practicing Catholic, participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and abiding the spiritual dimension of Our Lord, and also, contributing to the support of the Church.

**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 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:** the right of Religious liberty, the first freedom guaranteed by our Constitution, includes a right to provide and receive health care without being required to violate our most fundamental beliefs.

Since abortion became legal nationwide in 1973, federal lawmakers have worked in a bipartisan way to ensure that Americans can fully participate in our health care system without being forced to take part in abortion or other procedures that violate our conscience. Why isn't the same option being applied to the federal health care reform law?

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, 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, 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 and Jim Lawther. 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 19  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday, July 20  
St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
- Tuesday, July 21  
St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
- Wednesday, July 22  
St. Mary Magdalene
- Thursday, July 23  
St. Bridget, Religious
- Friday, July 24  
St. Sharbel Makluf, Priest
- Saturday, July 25  
St. James, Apostle
- Sunday, July 26  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Feast of Ss. Jochiam and Anna-  
Parents of Our Lady

July 11/12, 2015

<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	3,186.00
<i>Monthly Collection:</i>	\$	1,094.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	245.00

*St. Daniel Comboni*  
October 10



Fr. Daniel Comboni, was born March 15, 1831 at Limone sul Garda, in Reggio Brescia in Italy to Luigi and Domenica Comboni-the only 1 of their 8 children to survive to adulthood. Despite the death of 7 of their 8 children, his parents retained their Faith & their values. His parents worked as cultivators on a proprietor's farm land. As the family was poor, Daniel was sent to school in Verona to an Institute founded by Fr. Nicola Mazza. During his years there, he completed his studies as he discerned a vocation to the Priesthood influenced by the stories told by Missionaries who had returned from Africa.

He was Ordained on December 31, 1854. Three years later, with his mother's blessing, he left for Africa along with 5 other Missionaries of the Mazza Institute.

After 4 months, Fr. Daniel reached Khartoum, the captial of the Sudan, where he was immediately made aware of the multiple challenges of both his fellow Missionaries, and, of the great poverty and dereliction of the natives. After witnessing the death of one of his missionary companions, he wrote his parents: "O Nigrizia o Morte!-Either Africa or Death."

While praying at the tomb of St. Peter in Rome, he was inspired with the idea of "Save Africa through Africa." He impressed European society and Church Officials with the urgent need to be concerned with the mission of Central Africa, begging for spiritual and material aid for the African missions from Royalty, Bishops, Nobles, and from lay peoples. He attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Vatican Council where he obtained the signature of 70 Bishops in favor of the Evangelization and aiding of Central Africa.

On July 2, 1877, he was named Vicar Apostolic of Central Africa, and ordained Bishop a month later. He fought to end the African Slave Trade. On October 10, 1881, he died in Khartoum of a deadly disease, with the dying words: "I am dying, but my work will not die."