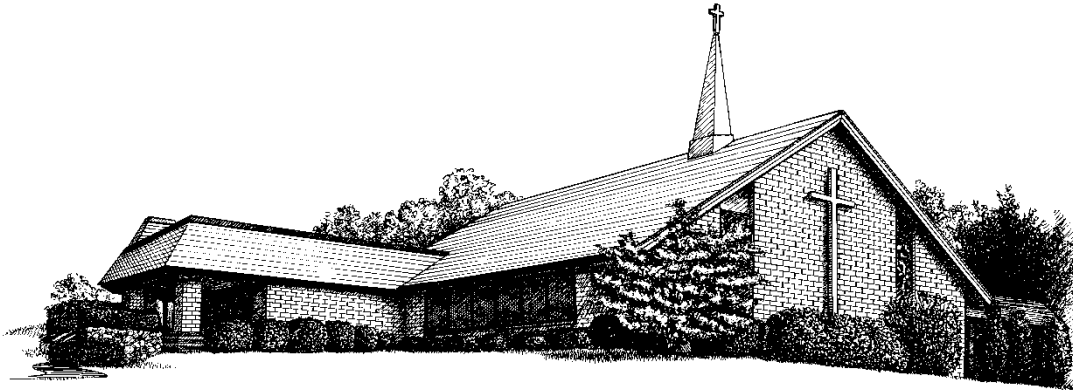


Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



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*
Rector: 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 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
Mon.	July 27	9:00 am + Dorothy Siwakoski - Diane Dains & Lisa Borkoski
Tue.	July 28	9:00 am + Mary Kokorda - Theresa & Marilyn Feranec
Wed.	July 29	9:00 am + Walter Cukale - Mr. & Mrs. Bernhardt Schindler
Thur.	July 30	9:00 am + Valentin Hribar - His Family
Sat.	Aug. 01	4:30 pm + Liboire & Seraphine Goyette - Their Granddaughters Louise & Pat
Sun.	Aug. 02	9:30 am Special Intention of Virginia Cerrone
		11:00 am + Philip J. DeProfio - Linda DeProfio

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. Casssone

Sat.	Aug. 01	4:30 pm	ME. Vollemans/ M. Colon
Sun.	Aug. 02	9:30 am	T. Mitchell/ J. Csom
		11:00 am	B. Sekelsky/ B. Sekelsky

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Aug. 01 M. Csom/ M. Walsh

Sat. Aug 08 C. & N. Conklin

From Fr. Pečarič:

THE SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend is the Diocesan Missionary Collection seeking to end poverty in many ravaged areas of the world.

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.

Please drive safely and responsibly especially 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 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.

PICNIC MEETING: the next picnic meeting will convene on Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to come and see how they can help to make our picnic a big success.

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 weed the Church garden areas. If interested, please call Audrey Prokaly: 203. 259. 0687.

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. It is the wish of the bishop to fill the 9,000 seat arena with parishioners from every parish. 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. Please plan on joining the Faithful of the Diocese in their witness to the spiritual and pastoral life of the Diocese. 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: By Word and Example. "It is above all in raising children that the family fulfills its mission to proclaim the gospel of life. By word and example, in the daily round of relations and choices, and through concrete actions and signs, parents lead their children to authentic freedom, actualized in the sincere gift of self, and they cultivate in them respect for others, a sense of justice, cordial openness, dialogue, generous service, solidarity, and all the other values that help people live life as a gift" (St. John Paul II)

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

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. Upcoming concerts are: 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, Don Donaldson, Lee Gentile, Joan Gerdson, 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, 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, Jim Lawther, Vinko Hribar and Rev. Peter A DeMarco. 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 26
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday, July 29
St. Martha
- Thursday, July 30
St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor
- Friday, July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
- Saturday, August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor
In Honor of Our Lady
- Sunday, August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18/19, 2015

Regular Collection:	\$	1,826.00
Capitol Collection:	\$	1,167.00
Miscellaneous:	\$	842.30

SS. Joachim and Ann
July 26



Although nothing is mentioned of the parents of Our Lady, Mary-*'the Holy Theotokos'*-in the Sacred Scrolls and Epistles of the New Testament, according to *Apocryphal Literature*, viz., the "*Proto-Evangelion of St. James*," the names of Our Lady's parents are Joachim (Hebrew: "God has set up,") and Hannah-Anna (Hebrew: "Grace.")

Accordingly, Joachim was of the tribe of Judah and a descendant of King David; he was a wealthy & pious man who gave 1/3 of his wealth to the Temple at Sepphoris, 1/3 to the poor, and subsisted on 1/3. His wife Hanna was the daughter of Matthan the Priest of the tribe of Levi of the house of Aaron the High Priest-the brother of Moses. He had 3 daughters: Mary, Zoia, and Hanna. Mary was married in Bethlehem & bore Salome; Zoia was also married in Bethlehem & bore Elizabeth-the mother of St. John the Baptist; and, Hanna, who was married to Joachim in Nazareth-who bore the Holy Virgin Mary.

Joachim and Hanna had been married 50 years. They were pious Jews who practiced charity & alms-giving; they had longed for a child but remained childless until their old age. When they went up to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice, the High Priest Issachar reproached Joachim refusing to accept his sacrificial offering because he had no offspring and was considered unworthy. Upon consulting the genealogical records of the tribes of Israel, Joachim was shocked to find he was the only righteous man to be childless. When they returned to their home, Joachim took his flocks up a high mountain to escape his shame, while Hanna remained home in prayer. The Angel Gabriel was sent to both of them announcing that they would bear: "a daughter of Israel most blessed by whom all the nations of the Earth will be blessed, and through whom would come the Salvation of the world." Upon hearing this news, they both promised to have their child raised in the Temple as a holy vessel of God. At age 3, they took Mary to the Temple to be dedicated to the Service of the Lord, and presented her to the Priest Zechariahs. After offering the sacrifice, they returned home, leaving Mary to the Maidens of the Temple, where she grew in grace and prayer.