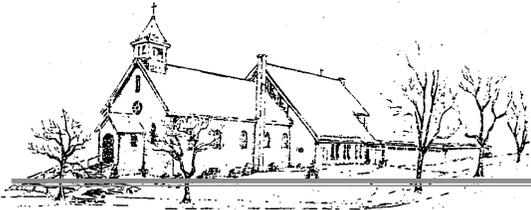


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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2022 Year A

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MEETINGS: 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: Vigil 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

HOLY DAY: Vigil 6:00 pm eve. prior day  
8:00 am

WEEKDAY: 8:00 am Mon. thru Thurs.  
No Mass on Friday

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00 pm

WEDDINGS: Please call Father at least  
6mos. prior

BAPTISMS: Please call Father to  
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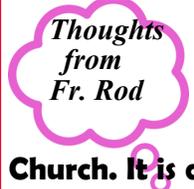
OFFICE HOURS: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00 am-  
4:00 pm - Friday: 9:00 am-3:30 pm

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**This weekend begins another liturgical year of the Church. As the Season of Advent starts, we begin another calendar year of the Church, technically, it's the new year of the Church. It is another year of moving forward in our journey with the Lord. As believers, we are disciples of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Here, we are called to show what we learned from the master in the life we live courageously until he comes again in his glory. Rest assured of his promise "Don't be afraid I will be with you until the end of time," (Matthew 28: 20). Our life style must point out what we profess in the Lord. It is imperative of Christian faith to always proclaim our belief over and above anything else in the world until he comes again.**

**As we start this new liturgical year let us be reminded, as believers, of God's will. And as we wait in joyful hope his second coming, let our lives be geared towards it. So, this Advent Season helps us focus on our preparations for Jesus' coming. But it's good to be aware of the two phases of his coming. His 1st coming happened when it was announced by the angel to the Blessed Mother, when God's Word was made flesh, God's incarnation. This is the focus of the celebration of the Season of Advent which has four weeks duration which ushers us to the celebration of Christmas, the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ our savior; and the whole season of Christmas until the Lord's Baptism. As we celebrate his birth, we also look forward to His return in glory, his 2nd and final coming where all the angels, and saints join together with the rest of the faithful (1 Thessalonians 4: 16-17).**

**So as we journey in between these two phases of the Lord's coming, the interim time, we continue to live up to God's will hoping that on the last day we will join all the angels and saints in God's eternity.**

## *ADVENT WINDOW CANDLE*



If you would like to reserve an Advent window candle in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office or place your request in the collection basket

Cost is \$25 per candle. Space is limited!

**First Sunday of Advent—November 27, 2022**  
*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

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**November 19 & 20, 2022**

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 Call the office if you have any questions

**Offertory Collections for November 19-20 &  
 will be Published  
 in the December 3-4 Bulletin**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

SAT. NOV 26	5:00PM	GENEVIEVE UHRINEK (JEFF & ANNA MARIE BIGI)
SUN. NOV 27	8:00AM	LIVING MEMBERS OF THE NEMEC FAMILY (DR. JACK)
	10:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON. NOV 28	8:00AM	BETTY SOKEL (LINDA YASUREK)
TUE. NOV 29	8:00AM	RONNIE PROCYK (ELEANOR)
WED. NOV 30	8:00AM	BETTY SOKEL (BIZUB FAMILY)
THU. DEC 1	8:00AM	PHILIP KALICH (CAROL KALICH)
FRI. DEC 2	NOON	ROSARY & ADORATION

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

SAT. DEC 3	5:00PM	TRIVELLINI FAMILY (LYDIA WARGO)
SUN. DEC 4	8:00AM	IN HONOR OF HIS 76TH BIRTHDAY— DAMIEL GENARD, JR. (FAMILY)
	10:00AM	M/M WILLIAM J NAYLOR (SONS BILL & GARY)

**Greensburg Area Sunday Evening Regional Mass**

Our Lady of Grace Church, 1011 Mount Pleasant Road,  
 Greensburg, PA 6:00 PM Sunday Evening

**Although we are no longer streaming a live mass from  
 Holy Cross, you can stay connected by going to:  
[dioceseofgreensburg.org/stream-mass](http://dioceseofgreensburg.org/stream-mass)**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 3 & 4, 2022**

SAT DEC 3	5PM:	ALTAR SERVERS—HOUGHTALEN	
		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—ECHARD	LECTOR—HARTZELL
SUN DEC 4	8AM:	ALTAR SERVERS—HULL	
		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—DERR	LECTOR—TLUMACK
	10AM:	ALTAR SERVERS—KOCHUGA	
		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—HANEY	LECTOR—CASINI

MONEY COUNTERS—KIMMICK, ALTSCHAFFL, HURRIANKO  
*Thank you all for your service! Check before Mass to see if you are needed.*

If a loved one has passed away and is a member of Holy Cross Church, please notify the parish office. We must update our records accordingly.

When you are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please tell the admissions staff and nurses that you are Roman Catholic and would like a visit from the facility's Catholic Chaplain. This is due to HIPAA privacy laws. The Chaplain is often able to see you and administer the sacraments during times when the pastor is not available.

If you experience any personal injury on church property, please call the office or speak to Fr. Rodriguez

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUSPICION about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone, please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

## **THE WORD—YEAR C FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5**

*....let us walk in the light of the Lord!*

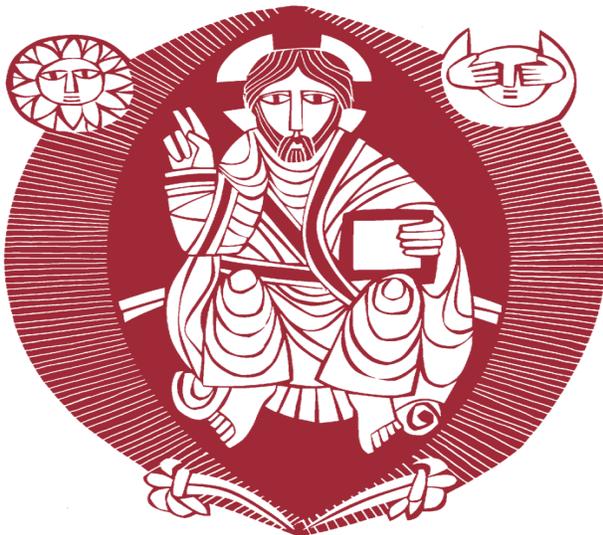


### **SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14**

*LET US THEN THROW OFF THE  
WORKS OF DARKNESS....*

### **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44**

*TWO MEN WILL BE OUT IN THE FIELD; ONE WILL  
BE TAKEN, AND ONE WILL BE LEFT.*



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

FINANCE COUNCIL—DECEMBER 6 @ 6PM  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—DEC. 8  
PASTORAL COUNCIL—DECEMBER 8 @ 7PM  
RECONCILIATION—DECEMBER 11 HERE @2PM  
RECONCILIATION—DEC 12 AT ST. BRUNO @5:30PM  
RECONCILIATION—DEC 13 AT ST. PAUL @5:30PM  
RECONCILIATION—DEC 15 AT OUR LADY OF GRACE @5:30PM  
RECONCILIATION—DEC 16 AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHEDRAL @11:00AM  
CHRISTMAS MASSES—DEC 24 5PM & 9PM  
DEC 25 9AM

### **Christmas Eve Play Informational Meeting**

There will be an informational meeting regarding the annual children's Christmas Eve play after the 10 am Mass on November 27th. Children in Pre - K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to participate! You may contact Jennifer Kirshner with any questions at [jkirshner@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:jkirshner@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

### **Pro-Life Activities**

**Fr. Dan Carr**  
Director of Pro-Life Activities for the  
Diocese of Greensburg  
Will present a talk entitled  
***“What is Life for”***  
On  
**November 30, 2022 from 6-8 PM**  
At Holy Cross Church  
All are invited to attend.



# Custodian & Facilities Maintenance Worker



After many years of service,  
Sam Derr is retiring at the end of 2022.

Our Church, Holy Cross is now seeking his replacement.

The position, a custodian/facilities maintenance worker is a part-time paid position of up to 20 hours per week. Duties are cleaning and minor maintenance and repairs for the church, rectory and the campus grounds and overseeing the effective and efficient operation of the parish campus.

For information, call the parish office at  
724-925-7811 or

email [holycross@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:holycross@dioceseofgreensburg.org)



## Catholic Relief Services

As we near the end of The United Nations Climate Change Convention COP27, Catholic Relief Services continues to advocate at COP27P for what is fair. This includes the acknowledgment that the South, particularly Africa, is impacted by Climate Change more than any other continent, yet they only contribute less than 4% of the total emissions. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!



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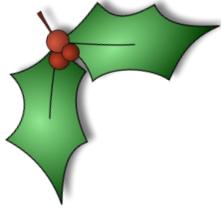
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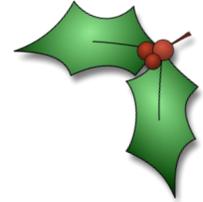
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# Please join us for Breakfast with St. Nick!



**St. Agnes Church**  
**11400 St. Agnes Lane**  
**North Huntingdon**  
**Saturday, December 3rd**  
**Anytime between 9:00AM to 11:00 AM**



Children and grand-children of all ages will learn about the first Santa, St. Nick, the Patron Saint of children and of living a generous life. This is a morning of fellowship as we help our children understand that the real reason for the Christmas season is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior! This is a free event, but families are encouraged to donate items to Catholic Charities' baby closet as their gift to Baby Jesus this Christmas. (List below)

Come join us for photos with St. Nick, card making, face painting, crafts, games, service project and much more!

Call the parish office with any questions: 724-863-2626

There is no fee to attend, but you are encouraged to bring an item for our Veteran's Collection from the list below.

## **ITEMS NEEDED FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Diapers (Sizes 3-5)  
Wipes  
Onesies (6months and up)  
Bibs  
Bottles  
Gift Cards (any denomination)  
Gift Cards





**American  
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## Youngwood Community Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 7

11:30 PM to 5:00 PM At the Youngwood Fire Hall

For an appointment log on to : [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
and enter YOUNGWOOD to schedule appointment

Or call 1-800-REDCROSS

Thank you to all who have donated blood for the Red Cross Youngwood Community Blood Drive over the past several months. Thanks to you we have one of the best blood drives in the area. The blood drives are held every two months at the Youngwood Fire Hall. Consider joining others who donate faithfully.

### **The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas —>**

#### **Christmas Gifts for Clelian Heights**

Dear parishioners: Holy Cross once again will gift 25 special needs children and/or adults at Clelian Heights School for Christmas. Each gift tag includes name, gift ideas and general information. Call Lois Horan at 724-925-6133 to reserve and pick up your tags. All wrapped gifts must be delivered to Lois by Thurs. Dec 15. Any questions please call Lois.

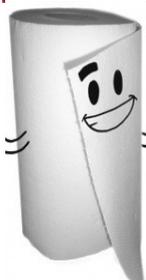
The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus.

Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.

Join us for this Advent Lesson Monday, December 12th starting at 7:00p.m. at St. Agnes in North Huntingdon in Resurrection Hall.

#### **AED, CPR and Basic First Aid Training**

is scheduled for 530PM Thursday December 1, 2022 in the church basement. We have 11 parishioners that have signed up. There is room for a few more. If anyone is interested, please contact Scott Sitek at the parish office.



Paper goods may be left at the church entrances every weekend. There isn't always room in the bulletin to promote this project. So please remember these donations are welcome any time. Your ongoing support of the Youngwood Food Pantry is always appreciated.

#### **SPARKLING CHRISTMAS SHOW!**

Join us for Alabaster's glittering holiday celebration, performed in gorgeous Renaissance costumes with glorious singing and a special visit from Santa. O Holy Night, White Christmas, Santa Claus Is Coming to Town, Breath of Heaven, Carol of the Bells and many more songs and carols. The performance will be held on Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Bruno Church Hall, 1715 Poplar Street, South Greensburg, PA 15601. Please call Alabaster Performing Arts for Tickets (724-516-5189).

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