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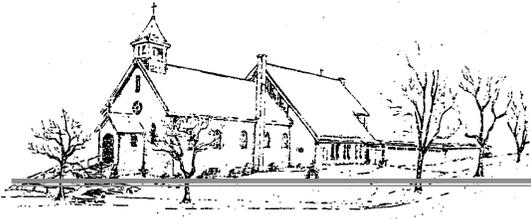
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CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 24 & 25, 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
schedule.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call
parish office.

OFFICE HOURS: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00 am-
4:00 pm - Friday: 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Daily Mass Readings: www.usccb.org

Daily Mass Schedules: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org



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*Thoughts
from
Fr. Rod*

Christmas is all about Jesus Christ. He is the reason of the season. All celebrations devoid of Him has no value at all. So, always put Jesus at the center of all our activities during this season. A child is born to us! He brings good tidings to everyone who welcomes Him. The good news of our salvation is such a good tiding! He came to the world to redeem us from all our sins. All because of God's love. "For God so love the world that he sent his only begotten son, whoever believes in Him will never perish but will have eternal life." (John 3:16) So, this is the foundation of all our rejoicing during this Yuletide season. We focus on how believers should celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, not with what the world entices us to do during Christmastide. It is a foremost spiritual celebration that must receive so much attention. Our life as Christians must not be compromised as we do all our activities in view of celebrating Christmas. Merry making or elaborate partying should not take over the biggest part of our activity, otherwise we are robbed of what is valuable.

Looking at the first Christmas, the world was so serene. The shepherds were at the field tending their sheep at night when suddenly the angel appeared to them announcing that the savior has been born. They were startled upon seeing the host of angels singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill." The angel told them "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." (Luke 2:10) The angel told them where to find the Messiah in order for them to worship the newborn king. The angel told the shepherds that they would find the Messiah wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. They found the Messiah when they arrived in Bethlehem as the angel told them. They worshipped the Lord, and they went out and told everyone about the good news of the birth of the savior.

This also holds true to all believers, to all of us baptized in Christian faith. Like the shepherds we also go out after we worshipped the new born Messiah. Like the shepherds we must also proclaim the Lord our Savior to the whole world - not as the secular world does. Enough of those highly materialized and secularized way of doing it. The Lord was born with much simplicity to show us the beauty, joy, love, and peace at Christmas!

**May everyone truly experience the
real beauty of Christmas!**

A Blessed Christmas to All!!!

Fr. Rod

Christmas—December 25, 2022

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. Psalm 98: 1,2-3,2-4,5-6

Stewardship

December 17 & 18, 2022

Diocesan Collections

Offertory:
Online:
Operating Expenses
Loose:
Children:
Candles:

To Donate to Holy Cross Online go to
www.holycrossyoungwood.org
Click on "Donate" and follow the prompt
Call the office if you have any questions

**Offertory Collections for December 17-18
will be Published
in the December 31-January 1 Bulletin**

MASS INTENTIONS

CHRISTMAS

SAT. DEC 24	5:00 PM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS
	9:00PM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS
SUN. DEC 25	9:00AM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS
MON. DEC 26		NO MASS _____
TUE. DEC 27		NO MASS _____
WED. DEC 28	8:00AM	GEORGE RINIER (RINIER FAMILY)
THU. DEC 29	8:00AM	SALLY JANOS (TISH CAPRETTI)
FRI. DEC 30		NO MASS _____
<u>SOLEMNITY OF MARY</u>		
SAT. DEC 31	5:00PM	GENEVIEVE UHRINEK (ELVIRA WEISS & FAMILY)
SUN. JAN 1	8:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
	10:00AM	GENEVIEVE UHRINEK (MARK & KAREN MERVOSH)

**Although we are no longer streaming a live mass from
Holy Cross, you can stay connected by going to:
dioceseofgreenburg.org/stream-mass**

Greensburg Area Sunday Evening Regional Mass

There is **NO** 6pm regional mass at Our Lady of Grace Church
on December 25 or January 1

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1, 2023

SAT DEC 31	5PM:	ALTAR SERVERS—YODER		
		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—HORAN	LECTOR—HORAN	
SUN JAN 1	8AM:	ALTAR SERVERS—HOUGHTALEN		
		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—DERR	LECTOR—TLUMACK	
	10AM:	ALTAR SERVERS—BENDER		
		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—STERNICK	LECTOR—MURPHY	

MONEY COUNTERS—HELMAN, WENTZEL, YODER

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 CHRISTMAS

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 52: 7-10

“Your God is King!”



SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-6

*YOU ARE MY SON;
THIS DAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU!*

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18

*IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD AND THE
WORD WAS WITH GOD....*



IMPORTANT DATES

PASTORAL COUNCIL—TBD

FINANCE COUNCIL—JANUARY 10 @6PM



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.

Holy Cross Prayer Chain

If you, a loved one or friend are in need of extra prayers, Contact Pat Cassa at 724-925-2617 to be placed on the parish prayer chain. No matter what the need is, large or small, we are here to pray for that need.



Mass Intentions

*For 2023
are now being accepted
Call the Parish office to
schedule yours.*

The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
Monday & Tuesday Dec 26 & 27
Reopening Wednesday, Dec 28 at
9:00 AM



ALTAR FLOWERS OR SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you would like to purchase altar flowers or a sanctuary candle in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office. Please keep in mind that altar flowers and sanctuary candles may be purchased to honor the living as well as the deceased. They may also convey thanksgiving for prayers answered or to celebrate occasions such as anniversaries and birthdays. The suggested donation for flowers is \$75; candle is \$25.



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The next scheduled weekends will be held in Greensburg on February 24-25 and September. 15-17



Custodian & Facilities Maintenance Worker



Our Church, Holy Cross is now seeking a 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




Altar Servers Needed

We have lost a number of altar servers for various reasons for the upcoming year. If your son or daughter is interested in becoming an altar server, training is available.

Please contact Jennifer Kirshner at
jkirshner@dioceseofgreensburg.org or
call /email the parish office.



Adult servers are also welcome! Consider serving at mass!

Children and Family Services Appeal collection taken at Christmas

Every year the second collection at all Christmas Masses has been the Children and Family Services Appeal, for less fortunate people living within our Diocese. At Christmas, which reminds us of the gift of God's own Son, Jesus Christ given to each of us without question of our merit or eligibility, you are asked to support the Children and Family Services Appeal and help to change the future of an individual, family or child through the good work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.



The Tree of Hope

Donations for this year's Tree of Hope will be collected for the benefit of the Youngwood Community Food Bank & The Lions Club. All funds contributed will go to these worthy causes. The deadline for donations is January 2, 2023. Names will be published in the bulletin at the end of January. If you wish to donate, please fill out the coupon below, bring it to the parish office, mail it or place it in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked "Tree of Hope."

Thank you for your generosity!



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