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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2023
Year B

This phase of Advent Season is focused on the coming of the Lord in the “end times,” his glorious 2nd Coming. As what also showed in the Gospel of the 1st Sunday of advent when Jesus mentioned about His coming as unknown, the need therefore of vigilance. Again in our gospel today this vigilance for the coming of the Lord is viewed through repentance. St. John in the Gospel preached the people to repent, to be worthy for the Lord’s coming. And this is also very true to all of us. As we await the Lord’s coming, our preoccupation is to become worthy at His coming as we make reconciliation with God and with one another. Unless we do this, we aren’t worthy of Him, and neither we celebrate a meaningful Christmas.

We prepare, we repent!
Fr. Rod

Christmas Eve—December 24

With the 4th Sunday of Advent falling on Christmas Eve, we are left with but a few hours to to decorate the inside of the Church for Christmas. We need as many volunteers as possible to help between 11:30 AM and 3PM to complete the decorating. Please see

Fr. Rod, Eleanor, Jennifer Kirshner or call/ email the parish office to let us know you are willing to help. Thank you!



Stewardship Corner

December 2 & 3, 2023

Offertory:	\$4,135
Online:	\$2,075
Monthly Operating Expenses	\$186
Loose:	\$205
Children:	\$16
Candles	\$72
Flowers	\$85
Catholic Accent	\$0
Thanksgiving	\$105
All Saints	\$10
All Souls	\$5

Christmas	\$60
Immaculate Conception	\$30
Solemnity of Mary	\$10
Weekly Budget Need:	\$7,700
Actual Weekly Offering:	\$6,994
Difference This Week:	(\$706)

Year To Date Budget Need:	\$369,600
Year To Date Actual Offering:	\$269,253*
Year To Date Difference:	(\$100,347)

This Week

Families Receiving Envelopes::	367
Families Using Envelopes:	97
Families Using Online Giving:	38

*Online Donations are updated Monthly

Diocesan Collections

No Donations Received:

Those who have not done so can make a gift by returning the envelope in your packet.

**Best choice to Donate to Holy Cross
Is Online go to
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Click on "Donate" and follow the prompts**

Or scan the QR code below to begin



Contributions by **Check** is preferred over **cash** when possible



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

HOLY CROSS—DEC 10—2:00PM
 ST. BRUNO—DEC 11—5:30PM
 ST. PAUL—DEC 12—5:30PM
 ST. BENEDICT—DEC 13—5:30PM
 OUR LADY OF GRACE—DEC 14—5:30PM
 BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHEDRAL—
 DEC 16—11:00AM

FINANCE COUNCIL—DEC 18—6PM
 CHRISTMAS—DEC. 25
 SOLEMNITY OF MARY—JAN 1
 PASTORAL COUNCIL—JAN TBD

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.

ONLINE DONORS

If you are making your donations online to Holy Cross Church and you are still receiving envelopes, please let us know. We can save your donation dollars by cancelling the envelopes.. Thank you!

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	Vigil	5:00PM	SUNDAY	8:00AM & 10:00AM
HOLY DAY	Vigil	6:00PM eve. prior day		8:00AM on Holy Day
WEEKDAY		8:00AM Mon. thru Thurs.		No Mass on Friday
CONFESSIONS		Saturday 4:00PM		
WEDDINGS		Please call Father at least 6 Months Prior		
BAPTISMS		Please call Father to schedule.		
ANOINTING OF THE SICK		Please call parish office.		

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Wed, Thurs.: 8:00AM—4:00PM Tuesday 2:00—5:00PM
Friday: 8:00AM—Noon

MASS INTENTIONS



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT. DEC 9	5:00PM	THOMAS FERREE (FAMILY)
SUN DEC 10	8:00AM	ROBERT P HARTZELL (JO & GEORGE HARTZELL)
	10:00AM	M/M WILLIAM J NAYLOR (BILL & GARY)
	2:00PM	CONFESSIONS
MON DEC 11	8:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE DEC 12	8:00AM	WILLIAM CAPRETTI, SR (WIFE TISH)
WED DEC 13	8:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KLAMAR & DREXLER FAMILIES (JIM DREXLER FAMILY)
THU DEC 14	8:00AM	JANET SOBOTA (SANDY FERRARI)
FRI DEC 15	8:00AM	*****NO MASS*****

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT. DEC 16	5:00PM	JOHN & MARIE CORNICK (LOUCKS FAMILY)
SUN DEC 17	8:00AM	ALICE THEIS (JOANNE & JIM BRAHOSKY)
	10:00AM	ANNA MAE EICHOLTZ (SHIRLEY & HOWARD LIVELEY)

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 16 & 17, 2023

SAT DEC 16	5:00PM	ALTAR SERVERS—PIXIE TALARICO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—NEEDED
		LECTOR—STEPHANIE PATTERSON
SUN DEC 17	8:00AM	ALTAR SERVERS— KAREN ADAMOSKI EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—DEB SCHOTTING
		LECTOR—KIM TLUMACK
	10:00AM	ALTAR SERVERS—NICK LUBECKI EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—NEEDED
		LECTOR—JIM LUBECKI
		MONEY COUNTERS—HELMAN, WENTZEL, RINIER

Second Sunday of Advent, Year B—December 10, 2023

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. Psalm 85: 9-10,11-12,13-14

THE WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40: 1-5, 9-11

LIKE A SHEPHERD HE FEEDS HIS FLOCK....



SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3: 8-14

**BUT ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE WE AWAIT
NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH....**

GOSPEL: MARK 1: 1-8

ONE MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING AFTER ME.



Daily Mass Readings: www.usccb.org
Daily Mass Schedules: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

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.

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.

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.



Find us on
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A huge thank you to the family and friends of Holy Cross! This year we will be gifting 40 special needs children from Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children. If you have not picked up your name tag, please do so as soon as possible. Gift-wrap your gifts and then place in a gift tote. All gifts are to be dropped off at our address by December 13th we will hand deliver all the gifts to Clelian Heights on Friday December 15th in time for Santa's arrival via helicopter on Monday December 18th! Questions? Lois Horan 724 244 5982.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

**THIS SUNDAY
DECEMBER 10
IN THE HALL
AFTER EACH MASS**

Join us for Breakfast with Santa. Bring your children down to the hall to meet Santa, Get a toy and Have some breakfast. We hope you will join us Good will Donations accepted.

The poster features a cartoon Santa Claus with a red hat and white beard, a green Christmas tree with yellow and red ornaments, a plate of breakfast food (eggs, sausage, and fruit), and golden bells. The background is red with white snowflakes and a yellow banner.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

A Night in Bethlehem

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
YOUTH CHRISTMAS EVENT**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 6:30PM

MARIAN HALL
388 CEMETERY RD
CRABTREE, PA 15624

Journey with us to Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth. The children of our parish will perform a Nativity play while guests enjoy an authentic meal from the time of Jesus. Admission to this event is free.

Contact the Parish Rectory
with any questions
(724) 834-0709

The invitation is framed by a decorative border featuring pine branches, holly leaves, red berries, and slices of citrus fruit. The background is white with gold starburst patterns.

Encounter Him

Eucharistic Adoration with Contemporary Praise & Worship

Sept. 24 Oct. 22 Nov. 26 Jan. 28

Feb. 25 March 17 April 28

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Following Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Grace Church
1011 Mount Pleasant Rd
Greensburg



**Oplatki
(Christmas Wafers)
are now available for
purchase for \$2.00/pkg.
See Eleanor.**



2024 Calendars

Compliments of CR McCauley Funeral Home are now available at all entrances of the church. Pick up yours today and perhaps one for a friend, relative or neighbor who is unable to attend mass.

REGIONAL ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Again this year, without a liturgy, the Priests will gather at 5 locations during the week of December 10-16 to provide the Sacrament of Reconciliation to us before the Christmas celebrations begin. As in the past, priests will be stationed throughout the church to hear our confessions.

The following is the schedule:

Holy Cross: Sunday, December 10 at 2PM

Saint Bruno: Monday, December 11
at 5:30-6:30PM

Saint Paul: Tuesday, December 12
at 5:30-6:30PM

Saint Benedict: Wednesday, December 13
at 5:30-6:30PM

Our Lady of Grace: Thursday, December 14
at 5:30-6:30PM

Blessed Sacrament: Saturday, December 16
at 11:00AM-Noon

**The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
Friday, December 15th
To attend a Diocesan Event**

Become a Member of Holy Cross Church

Welcome! It is a blessing to welcome new members to our parish.. Please register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Drop this form in the collection basket and we will send you a detailed registration form or go to our website: www.holycrossyoungwood.org

If you are already a member and have changed any of your personal information please call the Parish Office or return the changes on the form below.



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ Register ____ Moving _____ Change Address/Email or Phone

The Holy Cross Women's Guild

The installation of new members to the Women's Guild will take place at the 10 AM mass on Sunday, December 17th. All current members of the Women's Guild are asked to participate in the installation ceremony.

St. Anne Home Lottery Calendars

St. Anne Home, Greensburg, is selling lottery calendars for 2024, with chances to win all year. Cost is \$30. To purchase, call 724-837-6070.

Youngwood Food Pantry

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Youngwood, PA 15697

Distribution Dates/Times

3rd Wednesday 12:30-2PM 724-836-0964



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.

The Tree of Hope



Donations for this year's Tree of Hope will be collected to benefit the Youngwood Community Food Bank & The Lions Club. The deadline for donations is January 2, 2024. 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!

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 Fr. Rod at rrodriguez@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call /email the parish office. Adult servers are also welcome! Consider serving at mass!

I wish to donate to the Holy Cross Tree of Hope.
My contribution is In Memory / In Honor
(circle one) of:

Requested by:

Amount _____

Please place this coupon with your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Tree of Hope"

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the ticket below. Tickets are available at the Parish Office, Hayden's Pharmacy or call Chuck Glorioso 724-244-2641.

Name

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Friday, December 15, 2023

All federal, state, local laws apply. Not responsible for typographical errors. Void after 30 days.

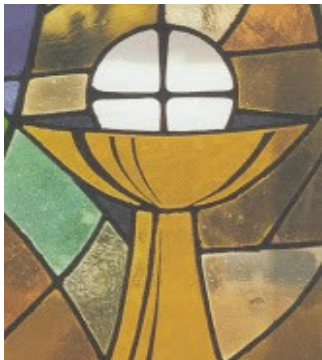
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Only 1,000 Tickets

Thank You!

No.

No.



We are seeking interested parishioners to join the **Extraordinary Ministry of the Eucharist** here at Holy Cross. If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister or would like more information, please contact Fr. Rod or the parish office.



Holy Cross Choir **Choral Presentation**

The Choir will start singing a series of traditional Christmas sacred favorites at about 8:30AM,

concluding right before Mass begins at 9:00AM on Christmas Day. Come out a little early to hear some of the wonderful voices sing along to some beautiful Christmas melodies.



Greensburg Area Sunday **Evening** **Regional Mass**

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

If you would like to receive weekly bulletins by email, send your request to ssistek@dioceseofgreensburg.org



In Sympathy

Please remember
in your prayers

**MARY
STILLITANO**

***Mother of
Parishioner
Susan Stillitano***

***She passed away on
November 29th***

***May her soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed rest in peace.***

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

**I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side, in all
my needs, please be my guide.**

**Grant me good health, for that I pray, to carry
on my work each day.**

**Keep pure my mind, my thoughts and deeds.
Help me be kind, to meet others' needs.**

**Save me from harm and malicious tongues,
from pain and fear and evil ones.**

**When I am sick, in need of care, O Lord, I
pray, that You be near.**

**When I am low or in despair, lift up my heart
and hear my prayer.**

**I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear, be-
cause I know, that you are near. Amen.**



December Faithful Challenge: Embrace Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Revival is alive and well in our faith community! Over the last year, thousands of people responded to Bishop Kulick's weekly faithful challenges on social media. And it truly has made us a more Eucharistic Community. In December, as we celebrate both the Advent and Christmas seasons, we urge you to once again accept his challenge and open your heart and mind to the power of the Eucharist! Whether it be placing an Advent wreath in the center of your home, attending daily Mass or a Mass with the Bishop, or even saying a prayer for the Eucharistic Revival, you join with the living Body of Christ.



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