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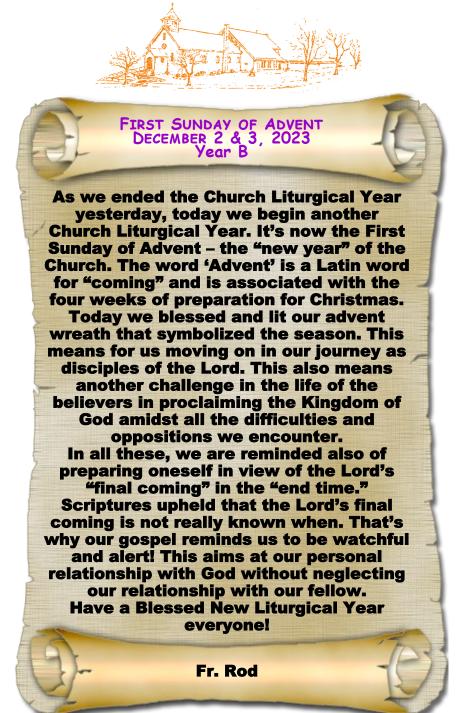
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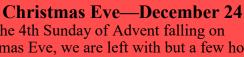
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With the 4th Sunday of Advent falling on Christmas Eve, we are left with but a few hours to to decorate the inside of the Church for Christmas. We need as many volunteers as possible to help between 11:30 AM and 3PM to

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!



\$tewardship Corner

November	<u>18/19</u>	<u>25/26</u>
Offertory:	\$4,079	\$2,902
Online:	\$1,425	\$1,390
Monthly	\$105	\$45
Loose:	\$195	\$159
Children:	\$12	\$13
Candles	\$76	\$70
Christmas Flowers	\$0	\$5
Catholic Accent	\$13	\$0
All Saints	\$0	\$10
Thanksgiving	\$245	\$453
All Souls	\$0	\$10
Christmas	\$0	\$5
Immac. Conception	\$0	\$5
Solemnity/Mary	\$0	\$5
		18/19

Diocesan Collections

Thank you all who made a gift last week to the: Poverty Relief \$65 . Retired Rel. \$25 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
holycrossyoungwood.org
Click on "Donate" and follow the prompts

Or scan the QR code below to begin

Actual Weekly Offering: \$6,150 \$5,072

Difference This Week: (\$1,550) (\$2,628)

\$7,700

Year To Date Budget Need: \$354,200 \$361,900

Year To Date Actual Offering: \$259,094 \$263,651*

Year To Date Difference: (\$95,106) (\$98,249)

Contributions by <u>Check</u> is preferred over cash when possible

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This Week

Weekly Budget Need:

Families Receiving Envelopes:: 369 368
Families Using Envelopes: 84 85
Families Using Online Giving: 36 38

*Online Donations are updated Monthly



PASTORAL COUNCIL— DEC 4 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—DEC 8 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—TBD CHRISTMAS—DEC. 25

ONLINE DONORS

If you are making your donations online to Holy Cross Church and you are still receiving envelopes, please let us know.

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY Vigil 5:00PM SUNDAY 8:00AM & 10:00AM HOLY DAY Vigil 6:00PM eve. prior day 8:00AM on Holy Day 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

FIRST	SUNDAY OF AD	<u>/ENT</u>	SCHEDVI
SAT.	DEC 2	5:00PM	JAMES SACKETT (JIM, JOANNE & STELLA)
SUN	DEC 3	8:00AM	SUSAN GLORIOSO (HUBAND CHUCK)
		10:00AM	JANET SOBOTA (STAN & PAULA MARCINIK)
			EUCHARISTIC MINISTER RE-COMMISSIONING
Mon	DEC 4	8:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE	DEC 5	8:00AM	LIVING MEMBERS OF THE NEMEC FAMILY (DR. JACK)
WED	DEC 6	8:00AM	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRIFFIN FAMILY (TISH CAPRETTI)
THU	DEC 7	**NO Mor	NING MASS**
	IMMACULATE C	ONCEPTION	
	VIGIL	6:00PM	REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF ANTOINETTE BARTOSKI
FRI	DEC 8	8:00AM	RITA CRABTREE (DR. JACK NEMEC)
SECO	ND SUNDAY OF A	DVENT	,
SAT.	DEC 9	5:00PM	THOMAS FERREE (FAMILY)

Although we are no longer streaming a live mass from Holy Cross, you can stay

CONFESSIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2023

SAT DEC 9 5:00PM ALTAR SERVERS—CARSON KIRSHNER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—CHERYL HELMAN

ROBERT P HARTZELL (JO'& GEORGE HARTZELL)

M/M WILLAIM J NAYLOR (BILL & GARY)

LECTOR—JIM FALCON

SUN DEC 10 8:00AM ALTAR SERVERS— JUDY FIELD

8:00AM 10:00AM

2:00PM

DEC 10

SUN

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—JACK NEMEC

LECTOR—BEN FALCONE

10:00AM ALTAR SERVERS—ALEXA/ARIANNA GRAY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—NEEDED

MONEY COUNTERS-ROMANO, E LUCAS, K ADAMOSKI

First Sunday of Advent, Year B—December 3, 2023

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

THE WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 63: 16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7

NO EAR HAS EVER HEARD, NO EYE EVER SEEN....

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

GOD IS FAITHFUL AND BY HIM YOU WERE CALLED....

GOSPEL: MARK 13: 33-37

YOU DO NOT KNOW
WHEN THE TIME WILL COME.



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.

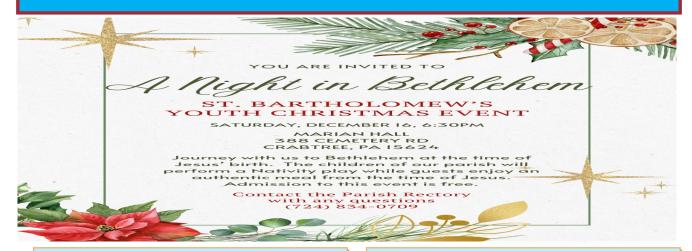




WHAT CATHOLICS DO, AND WHY

A New Series by Dr. Eugene M. Dangelo Part 2: The Advent and Christmas Seasons

The Season of Advent is the start of the new Church Year and is known to have been observed since at least 480 A.D. The word "advent" itself comes from the Latin "Adventus," meaning "arrival." Accordingly, the Advent season prepares us for the arrival of Jesus at three levels: First, we prepare to commemorate Jesus' physical arrival through His birth on Christmas, Second, each Christian prepares to receive Christ personally in his/her heart, and Third, we all prepare for Christ's arrival at His Second Coming. The Advent Season concludes as the Christmas Season begins on the Vigil of Christmas. The Christmas Season continues through December into January, and includes many special holy days, including St. Stephen's Day (the first Christian martyr, recalled in the carol "Good King Wenceslas,") on December 26th, The Feast of the Holy Innocents (the baby boys ordered killed by King Herod in hopes of killing the Baby Jesus, as recalled in "The Coventry Carol") on December 28th, the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st, followed by the Feast of the Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord. After these holy days (recalled in the carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas,") conclude, the Church calendar moves into the first of two courses of Ordinary Time. We Catholics do indeed have much to celebrate during the Advent and Christmas Seasons!





In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers parishioner

PEARL YUHOUSE

She passed away on November 21st & was buried on November 25th

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



In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers

JANET CICERO

Mother of Parishioner Arthur Cicero

She passed away on November 18th

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



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Thank You!

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!

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.



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.



2024, Year B
Lector
Workbooks
are now
available.
Stop in the
sacristy to get
your copy.

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 of	or Phon

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!

Please pardon our appearance as we create a new warm and colorful bulletin for you, our parishioners. Each week new changes will be made to make the bulletin easier to read and navigate so you may find areas of interest to you as well as bring you important news about happenings in our Parish. Obviously colorful bulletins cost more than black & white. We are limited as to the number of advertisers that have been supporting our bulletin printing.

We are looking to you, our parishioners, for assistance. Consider being a Bulletin Patron Sponsor. We will add a section on our advertising page for those parishioners who don't own businesses but would like to help defray our cost. You can also recognize a Birthday, Anniversary or Memorialize a friend or loved one as well. Simply complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office with your payment.

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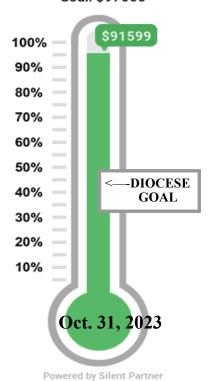
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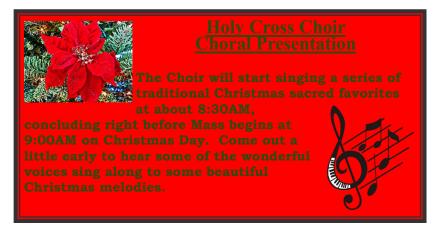
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Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Thus far, we have raised \$91,599 and \$51,157 will be returned to our parish for windows, kitchen & energy upgrades. We need \$6,401 to reach our parish goal of \$97,000. If you have not made a gift, check this week's mail for a reminder. Please prayerfully consider making your gift and joining with those who have as One Body in Christ.



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

<u>Greensburg Area Sunday</u> <u>Evening</u> Regional Mass

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

EXCELA HEALTH HOME CARE & HOSPICE

Are you looking for something meaningful to do with your time? Indpendence/Excela Home Heath and Hospice needs you Many opportunities are available. Sitting with a patient to keep them company; giving the family a chance to run an errand; getting out of the house; providing support to a family. If you prefer, helping with mailing, sewing, crocheting, helping with special events, etc., those opportunities are available too. Please contact Mary Melko, Volunteer Coordinator at 724-689-1691 (office) or 724-516-8649 (cell).

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Youngwood, PA 15697

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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.

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.



Brother Roman Pallone to speak at Saint Vincent about "The Eucharist in Benedictine Spirituality"

A series of monthly presentations on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, December 17, from 3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M. in seminary classroom Brownfield Room 202. The topic will be "The Eucharist in Benedictine Spirituality," and Brother Roman Pallone, O.S.B., a seminary student and an assistant with maintenance in the monastery, will be the presenter. To appreciate the presentation one does not need to have attended previous sessions. Attendees may also attend Vespers at 5:00 P.M. in the nave of the Archabbey Basilica. Furthermore, supper at 5:45 in the Eichstätt Dining Room (guest dining room) and an evening session are available. If you plan to attend supper, please phone Fr. Donald, Director of Oblates, at least two days in advance at 724-805-2291. The evening session involves a discussion based on the book *Study Guide for the Rule of St. Benedict*. Copies will be made available to those who do not have the book. Also, the afternoon presentation will probably be offered on Zoom.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED

Friday, December 8
In observance of the Immaculate Conception

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Why was a delegation of Catholic leaders from Côte d'Ivoire in Washington, DC last month to talk with decision-makers about the growing violence in the central Sahel region? Because the people of Côte d'Ivoire are directly affected by the violence in at least 3 ways:

1) Threat of terrorist attacks: Côte d'Ivoire faces the threat of terrorist attacks who have expanded their operations from the Sahel to the coastal countries of West Africa, including Côte d'Ivoire. 2) Influx of refugees and displaced people: Côte d'Ivoire must deal with the influx of refugees and displaced people from the neighboring Sahel countries, especially Burkina Faso and Mali, who are fleeing from violence, poverty and hunger. 3) Impact of climate change: Côte d'Ivoire must cope with the impact of climate change and environmental degradation that affect the Sahel region and beyond. Climate change exacerbates the risk of conflict over scarce resources, such as land and water, between different groups and communities. Visit www.crs.org today to see how you can help!

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