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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER
APRIL 27 & 28, 2024
Year B**



Dear Parish Family,

As we come together on this 5th Sunday of Easter, let us ponder the profound words of Jesus, "I am the vine, and my Father is the vine grower." This beautiful imagery invites us to consider our own connection to Christ and the nurturing role of our Heavenly Father in our spiritual growth.

In being branches of His vine, we are called to bear fruit in our lives—fruits of love, kindness, and faithfulness. Let us remember that apart from Him, we can do nothing. It is through our abiding in Him that we find the strength and nourishment to flourish.

This week, may we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ, allowing God's hands to prune us where necessary, that we might grow more fully into the people we are called to be.

Wishing you a week filled with growth and grace.

**In Christ's Love,
Fr. Rod**

2024 DLA Total—\$80,275
Diocese Target—\$41,442
Parish Goal—\$97,000

Stewardship Corner

April 20 & 21, 2024

Offertory:	\$2,920
Online:	\$1,341
Monthly Operating Expenses	\$130
Loose:	\$205
Children:	\$15
Candles	\$80
Flowers	\$0
Catholic Accent	\$8
Easter	\$20

Diocesan Collections

Thank you all who made a gift last week to the:
None

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

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Is Online go to
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Weekly Budget Need:	\$7,700
Actual Weekly Offering:	\$4,719
Difference This Week:	(\$2,981)

Year To Date Budget Need:	\$123,200
Year To Date Actual Offering:	\$96,339
Year To Date Difference:	(\$26,861)

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



This Week

Families Receiving Envelopes::	360
Families Using Envelopes:	81
Families Using Online Giving:	38

MONEY COUNTERS FOR MAY 4 & 5, 2024— SHUGARTS, NEMEC, CARBISIERO, J ADAMOSKI

IMPORTANT DATES

ASCENSION—MAY 9
FINANCE COUNCIL—MAY 21 @ 6PM
MEMORIAL DAY—MAY 27
PARISH PICNIC—JUNE 23
PASTORAL COUNCIL—JULY 1 @ 7PM
FESTIVAL—SEPTEMBER 14 & 15

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!

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

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAT APR 27 5:00PM
SUN APR 28 8:00AM
10:00AM

JAMES SACKETT (STELLA, JOANNE & JIM)
MONICA KANE (ANDREA HIMELINSKI)
IN REMEBRANCE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
RON & LINDA ECHARD (ELIZABETH ECHARD)
LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
JACOB FREE (A) (AUNT NANA)
THANKSGIVING
MIKE & REBEL CONDE (PAT CONDE)
ROSARY & ADORATION



MON APR 29 8:00AM
TUE APR 30 8:00AM
WED MAY 1 8:00AM
THU MAY 2 8:00AM
FRI MAY 3 NOON

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAT MAY 4 5:00PM
SUN MAY 5 8:00AM
10:00AM
12:30PM

WILLIAM DOWNEY (LOHR FAMILY)
LINDA ECHARD (FRIEND LOUELLA)
DENNIS KOSLOSKY (WIFE SHARON) AND
BAPTISM OF CHASE MULHEREN
First Communion

Greensburg Area Sunday Evening Regional Mass

Our Lady of Grace Church,

1011 Mount Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA

6:00 PM Sunday Evening

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 _____

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B—April 28, 2024

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. Psalm 22: 26-27,28,30,31-32

THE WORD

**FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
9: 26-31**

**...HE REPORTED TO THEM HOW HE HAD SEEN
THE LORD...**



SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:18-24

**...WE SHOULD BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF HIS SON,
JESUS CHRIST...**

GOSPEL: JOHN 15: 1-8

I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.



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.



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American Red Cross

Dear Friends of the Youngwood Community Blood Drive,

Your support of the blood drive has been stellar! We are grateful for your donations. The Red Cross would like to expand the blood drives in Youngwood to every month. Day and time will change every month. Expanded times may give others an opportunity to donate. Drives are held at Youngwood Fire Hall except for the November drive. It will be at Holy Cross.

New dates and current dates are listed below:

June 12, 2024	12:30-6:00	YFH
July 2, 2024	10:00-3:00	YFH
August 7, 2024	12:00-5:30	YFH
September 3, 2024	10:00-3:00	YFH
October 2, 2024	12:00-5:30	YFH
November 11, 2024	10:00-3:00	Holy Cross
December 4, 2024	12:00-5:30	YFH

RED CROSS VOLUNTEER

We are in need of volunteer workers for the blood drives as well as donors. If you are able to help in any capacity, please indicate that on this page and return it to the church. We will be in touch with you.

Shifts can be 2, 3, or 4 hours depending on your schedule. We are flexible!

Name: _____

Phone or email or text: _____

I am able to help _____ hours _____ a month.

I am able to help _____ hours _____ every other month.

I am able to help on an as needed basis _____

I am able to help on these specific dates _____

Penne Steiger, volunteer coordinator

Daryll Lee Wells, volunteer coordinatoor



May Crowning

You're invited to join us for the May Crowning Celebration! We will honor Mary, the Mother of God as our queen and as the Mother of the Church. It will take place on Sunday, May 12th during the 10 am Mass. All children ages 4 and up are invited to participate. Those participating will sit in the front of the church in "Reserved" pews. Before the final blessing, the children will process to the front of the church with a flower for Mary and place it in a vase. Then Mary will be crowned. The dress code for this event is as follows: Girls – white or a pastel-colored dress, Boys – wear your Sunday best, no jeans. Hope you can join us on this special day! Contact Jennifer Kirshner with any questions:

jkirshner@dioceseofgreensburg.org



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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.

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Distribution Dates/Times

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



GROUNDS COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, May 1 at 5:00 PM, we are looking for volunteers to help beautify the landscaping around the Church & Rectory. Please bring your gardening tools to help plant, weed, trim and mulch the much needed areas. Pizza will be provided for all of the volunteers. To volunteer, please email or call the Parish office so that we can get a total of the number of volunteers.

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!

Bishop Kulick to Celebrate Mass on the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

On Wednesday, May 1, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate Mass at 11:45 AM at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral as part of the dedication of the Diocese of Greensburg to the protection and guardianship of Saint Joseph. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocese You Tube Channel, Facebook page and on the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Facebook page. In his Pastoral Letter, "Donum Veritatis: The Gift of Truth", Bishop Kulick dedicated the Diocese of Greensburg to the patronage of Saint Joseph for the Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission in 2024, the Jubilee Year of 2025, and the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg in 2026. The faithful from around the Diocese are invited to participate in the May 1st Mass.

Night at the Races Saturday, May 18, 2024 Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

On May 18, 2024. Doors open 6:00pm, races start at 7:00pm at
Youngwood Fire Hall 194 S Second St, Youngwood, PA 15697

\$25.00 per Horse- You'll receive 1 Entry Ticket.
Entry Tickets \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the Door the night of the Races
(Beer, Pop, and food included w/ entry ticket)

Any questions, please call Jim Aujay- 724-493-2755 or Charles Stack- 412-638-7500

If you have a business or would like an AD in the Race Book \$50.00 per AD (each AD purchased will get you 2 entry tickets), please contact Jim or Charles.

Please consider a purchase of a Horse, Entry ticket(s), or Business AD's.



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