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4th Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025
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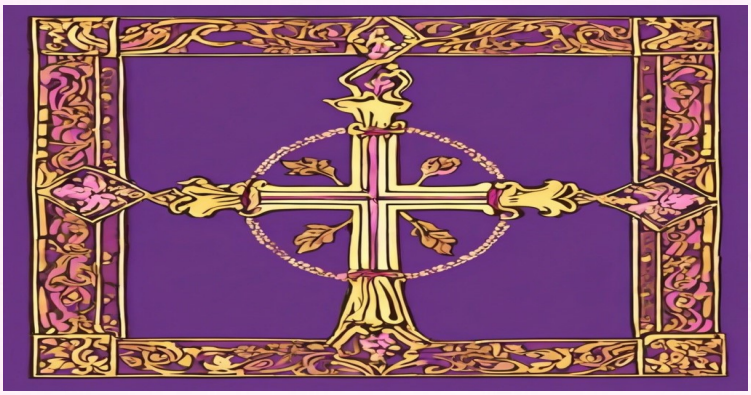

Laetare Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent, derives its name from the Latin word "laetare," meaning "rejoice." On this day, the liturgical color shifts from the penitential purple to rose, symbolizing a joyful pause and a glimpse of the Easter joy to come. This Sunday, we reflect on the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32), a powerful testament to God's boundless mercy and unconditional love. As the prodigal son returns home, we are reminded that no matter how far we stray, God's arms are always open, ready to welcome us back. Let us embrace this opportunity to rejoice in His forgiveness and grace, and strive to extend that same compassion to others in our lives.

Rejoice and be compassionate!
Fr. Rod

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$tewardship Corner

March 22-23, 2025

Offertory:	$3,682
Online:	$1,217
Monthly Operating Expenses	$20
Loose:	$255
Children:	$17
Candles	$151
Flowers	$80

Weekly Budget Need:	**$7,700**
Actual Weekly Offering:	**$5,422**
Difference This Week:	**($2,278)**
Year To Date Budget Need:	**$92,400**
***Year To Date Actual Offering:**	**$68,910**
Year To Date Difference:	**($23,490)**

Total Adjusted Monthly

This Week

Families Receiving Envelopes::	354
Families Using Envelopes:	85
Families Using Online Giving:	34

Mass Attendance Last Weekend

Sat 5PM	-	111
Sun 8AM	-	76
Sun 10AM	-	87
	Total	**274**

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.

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

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

MONEY COUNTERS FOR APRIL 5-6
EISMONT, SWARTZ, HARTZELL

WOMENS GUILD—APRIL 8
PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 13
HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 17
GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 18
HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 19
FINANCE COUNCIL— APRIL 22 @6PM
PASTORAL COUNCIL—TBD
PARISH PICNIC-NEW STANTON PARK- JUNE22
PARISH FESTIVAL—SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

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.

Deadline for Bulletin Information

The deadline to submit information to be included in the bulletin is noon of the Tuesday prior to the bulletin date.

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

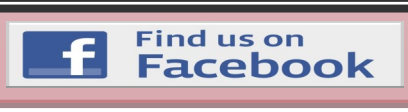
4th Sunday of Lent

Sat	Mar 29	5:00PM	+Anne & George Rinier (Rinier Family)
Sun	Mar 30	8:00AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
		10:00AM	Birthday of Christine Byrne (Jo and George Hartzell)
Mon	Mar 31	8:00AM	+Mike Angello
Tue	Apr 1	8:00AM	+Patricia J Genard (Family)
Wed	Apr 2	8:00AM	+Helen Policastro (Family)
		Noon	Stations of the Cross
Thu	Apr 3	8:00AM	+Sam Derr (Bill & Carol Wentzel)
		6:00PM	*Bible Sharing in the Social Hall*
Fri	Apr 4	11:00AM	Rosary & Adoration (Confessions Noon-1:30 PM)
		7:00PM	Stations of the Cross

5th Sunday of Lent

Sat	Apr 5	5:00PM	+Anna Mae Eicholtz (McMichael & Monkelis Families)
Sun	Apr 6	8:00AM	+Edward Eismont (Dennis & Mimi McManus)
		10:00AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
		2:00PM	Confessions here at Holy Cross

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



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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

*4th Sunday of Lent *Year C* March 30, 2025*

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Psalm 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

The Word

First Reading:
Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12

Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

...be reconciled to God.

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours.

Lent

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 Judy Field at 724-217-2037 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.

Homebound Parishioners
If a family member is homebound and unable to attend mass, please contact the Parish Office to let us know.

Super Bingo

Sunday, April 6th

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church
4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

St. Mary's Centre --- Route 981 in Trauger

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(Proceeds Benefit Church's Building & Maintenance Fund)

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BIBLE SHARING

During Lent this year, Holy Cross will have Bible Sharing in the Church Social Hall each Thursday beginning at 6:00 PM. All are welcome. Please bring your bible. The last Bible Sharing wil be Thurs April 3 & will focus on *John 8: 1-11*

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.

Jubilee Year 2025

During this Jubilee Year 2025, our parish will be offering the opportunity, at 11:00 AM on the FIRST FRIDAY of each month, to say the Rosary & have Adoration . There will be an extra opportunity for confessions to be heard after the adoration up until 1:30 PM. The church will remain open until 2:00PM

2025 Mass Intentions are now being taken. Call the Parish Office to schedule.

St. Anne Home, Greensburg seeking volunteers

St. Anne Home, Greensburg, is looking for volunteers to help residents attend daily and Sunday Mass beginning at 9 a.m. (no Mass on Saturday); to visit and pray with residents any time of the day; and serve as Eucharistic ministers. Training is provided. Those interested can contact Cheryl Hall at 724-837-6070, ext. 3050. Also, St. Anne Home's Mass intention book is open, with Masses available for 2025.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

which acknowledges the Real Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle, is burning from

Mar 30th thru Apr Apr 5th
FOR

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Holy Cross
Womens' Guild
Tuesday, April 8 @ 6PM
In the Church Hall

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HEMPFIELD GARDEN CLUB

Meets 1st Thursday monthly (except January)

Location: Christ Church of Youngwood, 100 Lincoln St, Youngwood @ 11:00 a.m.

Support community gardens at Youngwood Cemetery, Youngwood Post Office & Youngwood Park & Pool Annual Dues: $20

Participate in Youngwood Yard Sale, Light Up Night, parades

Learn about a variety of plants/gardening as well as sharing plants/tips

Local trips & bus trips

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