

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME// JUNE 28, 2026 //YEAR A

HOLY CROSS CHURCH



A word from Fr. Rod...

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks honestly about the cost of discipleship: "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." His words may sound demanding, but they are an invitation to put God at the center of our lives. Jesus is not asking us to love our families less, but to love Him first, because only in Him do all our loves become rightly ordered and truly life-giving. To follow Christ means choosing Him even when it requires sacrifice, patience, forgiveness, or courage. The cross we carry may be hidden in daily responsibilities, family struggles, illness, grief, or the effort to remain faithful in a world that often pulls us away from God.

Jesus also reminds us that even small acts of love matter greatly in the Kingdom of God: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water... will surely not lose his reward." Discipleship is not only shown in great sacrifices, but also in simple gestures of welcome, kindness, and service. Every time we receive others with compassion, support someone in need, or offer our time and care, we receive Christ Himself. This Sunday, we are invited to renew our commitment to follow Jesus with generous hearts—carrying our crosses with faith and offering even the smallest acts of love for His glory.

Let's take up our cross!

Fr. Rod



A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
A Parish of the Greensburg Diocese

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9am-4pm
(closed 12-1
for lunch)

Mass Times:

Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
Sunday: 8am & 10am
Monday - Thursday: 8am
Friday: No mass

Holy Day (Vigil): 6pm on the
evening prior
and 8am on
Holy Day

Contact:

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Youngwood, PA 15697
724-925-7811

OUR PARISH IN NUMBERS

STEWARDSHIP

June 21, 2026

Offertory:	\$2,858
Online:	\$1,732
Loose:	\$157
Monthly Operating Expenses:	\$113
Children:	\$11
Candles:	\$141
Father's Day:	\$103
Festival Donations:	\$300
Catholic Accent:	\$13

Weekly Budget Need:	\$7,700
Actual Weekly Offering:	\$5,428
Difference This Week:	(\$-2,272)
Year To Date Budget Need:	\$192,500
Year To Date Actual Offering:	\$157,152
Year To Date Difference:	(\$-35,348)

Diocesan Collections

Peter's Pence/Holy See	\$50
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July 4/5

**Eismont
Swartz
Hartzell**



Mass Attendance

5PM:	86
8AM:	62
10AM:	105
Total:	253



The best way to donate to Holy Cross is online.
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HOW WE GIVE:

Families Receiving Envelopes:	335
Families Using Envelopes:	89
Families Using Online Giving:	39



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As of June 19, 2026
\$80,557
Pledged by Holy Cross Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	June 27	5PM	† Albert & Stella Morgan (Elizabeth Echard)
Sun	June 28	8AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross
		10AM	† Robert P. Hartzell (Jo & George Hartzell)
Mon	June 29	8AM	† In Remembrance of Sam & Cheryl Derr's 52nd Wedding Anniversary (Cheryl & Family)
Tues	June 30	8AM	† John Sofranko (Wife Kay Free-Sofranko)
Weds	July 1	8AM	† Ursula J. Donaher
Thurs	July 2	8AM	† Carl Julien
Fri	July 3		*** NO MASS ***

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	July 4	5PM	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross
Sun	July 5	8AM	† Arthur Eicholtz Jr. (McMichael Family)
		10AM	George L. Hartzell Sr. Birthday (Jo Hartzell)

THE WORD

"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."
Psalms 89: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)

Reading 1 - 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

"Later Elisha asked, 'Can something be done for her?' His servant Gehazi answered, 'Yes!'"

Reading 2 - Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

"We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.... We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him."

Gospel - Matthew 10:37-42

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

Altar Flowers

This weekend are in
memory of:

Sam Derr

Requested by:
Cheryl & Family



Community Assistance Needed - Ruffs Dale

A disabled member of the local community in Ruffs Dale is in need of assistance with cutting her grass. She is an elderly woman with a heart condition who has been unable to tend to her yard for some time. Must be able to bring your own lawn mower. If you have the time and ability to share with someone in need, please contact the parish office ASAP @ 724-925-7811.

TOUR OF Italy
5 COURSE ITALIAN DINNER
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Important Dates:

Parish Picnic - June 28

Parish Festival - September 12/13

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need to **include something in the bulletin** for next week? The deadline for submission is always 12pm on Tuesday. Please call the parish office to make arrangements

If you would like to **schedule a sacrament** for yourself or a loved one please call the parish office for baptisms and anointing of the sick. For weddings please ensure to give at LEAST 6 months notice.

Holy Cross is **accepting reservations for altar flowers and sanctuary candles** in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost is \$75 for flowers and \$25 for the candle. Call the parish office for more details.

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.

If you or someone you know is **homebound**, and **would like to receive communion**, Deacon John Zombar is available for home visits. Please contact him at 724-244-3337 to schedule.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus

Second Monday of each month @ 7:00PM

Women's Guild

Will resume in October

Bible Sharing

First Thursday of each month @ 6:00PM

Rosary & Adoration

First Friday of each month @ 12:00PM

JULY'S BIBLE SHARING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SECOND THURSDAY - 7/9/26 @ 6PM

OTHER NEWS



Rummage Sale @ St. Florian - United

A rummage sale will be held Thursday, July 23, from 6-8 p.m., Friday, July 24, from 8 a.m.-noon and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, July 25, from 8-11:30 a.m. and noon-1 p.m. A bake sale and kitchen will be open Friday and Saturday. For information, call Pat Bush at 724-261-9700.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekends Available in Diocese of Pittsburgh

A Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend will be held Oct. 3-4 at the Spiritan Center in Pittsburgh. The weekend begins Saturday morning and ends Sunday afternoon. A team of two trained married couples, along with a priest, facilitate and guide the program. For more information or to register, visit pittsburgh.engagedencounter.com/. An Engaged Encounter weekend is one of the accepted wedding preparation programs in the Diocese of Greensburg.

Interested in joining Holy Cross?

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: _____

First Time Registration: _____ Change of Phone/Address/Email: _____



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Catholic Kennywood Day 2026

July 14th, 2026

A full day at Kennywood – Ride your favorites!

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Delicious Community Meal

Holy Moments & lasting memories



For a full schedule and to register, please scan the QR code

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FESTIVAL NEWS 2026

Save the date: September 12 & 13 2026

The Festival Committee is in need of a Chairperson(s) for the Games of Chance. If you have talents to share and would like to chair this important committee of our Festival, please contact Shelly Garris.

We are seeking donations of 12oz. Pepsi products for the drink booth. They can be dropped off in the basement of the Church. Regular Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Diet Caffeine Free Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Lipton Brisk Ice Tea, Orange Crush & Dr. Pepper. Also, water!

As always, we are looking for VOLUNTEERS. If your clearances are current, you need only fill out the volunteer form and drop it in the offertory basket. If you need to obtain or update clearances, please contact Jenna Osselborn. Stay tuned for information about an upcoming in-person clearances session.

You will also find in the pews SPONSOR ENVELOPES. Become a sponsor of our Festival! Platinum, Gold, Silver, & Bronze sponsorships are available. Your contributions help to defray many of the miscellaneous costs associated with trying to make our Festival a success. Consider a donation today. For more information contact Shelly Garris or the Parish Office.

Shelly Garris - Festival Chair - 724-875-5602

Jenna Osselborn - Clearance Monitor - 724-875-4421



VOLUNTEER SHEET



HOLY CROSS FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____ Cell# _____ Email _____

~~~ Preferred way to be contacted: Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Text \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I can work... Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_ Either \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to work in which booth:

Kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Grill \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Games \_\_\_\_\_  
Games of Chance \_\_\_\_\_ Any Booth \_\_\_\_\_

I can help set up \_\_\_\_\_

I can help tear down \_\_\_\_\_

I have my Clearances with Holy Cross Church: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to secure clearances: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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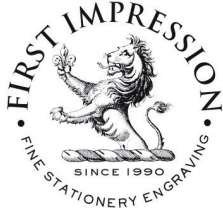
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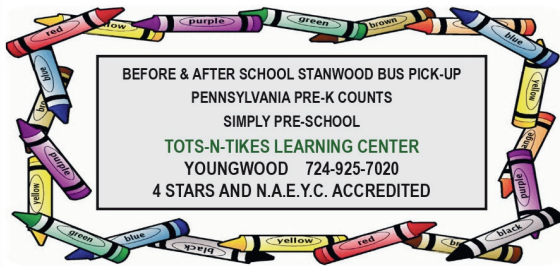
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