

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME// AUGUST 9, 2026 //YEAR A

HOLY CROSS CHURCH



A word from Fr. Rod...

In the Gospel for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the disciples find themselves battered by the wind and waves, far from the safety of the shore. In the midst of their fear, Jesus comes to them, walking on the water, and says, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” These words are spoken not only to the disciples, but also to us. We all face storms—worries, doubts, losses, conflicts, and uncertainties—that can make us feel overwhelmed. Yet Christ comes to us in those very moments, reminding us that we are never abandoned.

Peter’s attempt to walk on the water shows both faith and human weakness. As long as his eyes are fixed on Jesus, he is able to move forward; when he focuses on the storm, he begins to sink. Still, the moment he cries out, “Lord, save me,” Jesus reaches out His hand. This Gospel invites us to keep our eyes on Christ and to trust Him even when life feels unstable. Faith does not mean the absence of storms, but the confidence that Jesus is with us in the midst of them, ready to lift us up and bring us peace.

Jesus said, “Take courage!”

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:

711 Depot St.
Youngwood, PA 15697
724-925-7811

OUR PARISH IN NUMBERS

STEWARDSHIP

August 2, 2026

Offertory:	\$5,387
Online:	\$2,002
Loose:	\$202
Monthly Operating Expenses:	\$360
Children:	\$11
Candles:	\$65
Festival Donations:	\$450
Catholic Accent:	\$30
Assumption:	\$50

Weekly Budget Need:	\$7,700
Actual Weekly Offering:	\$8,557
Difference This Week:	(\$+857)
Year To Date Budget Need:	\$238,700
Year To Date Actual Offering:	\$180,673
Year To Date Difference:	(\$-58,027)

August 15/16

**Shugarts
Hald
Carbisiero**



Mass Attendance

5PM:	79
8AM:	65
10AM:	72
Total:	216



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HOW WE GIVE:

Families Receiving Envelopes:	333
Families Using Envelopes:	83
Families Using Online Giving:	40



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2026 Diocesan Lenten Appeal



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	Aug 8	5PM	Angela Drexler - Birthday
Sun	Aug 9	8AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross
		10AM	In Memory of Barbara & Ger Andrews Wedding Anniversary (Family)
Mon	Aug 10	8AM	*** NO MASS ***
Tues	Aug 11	8AM	*** NO MASS ***
Weds	Aug 12	8AM	*** NO MASS ***
Thurs	Aug 13	8AM	*** NO MASS ***
Fri	Aug 14		*** NO MASS ***

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	Aug 15	5PM	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross
Sun	Aug 16	8AM	† Stanley Wojciechowski (Carole)
		10AM	Dan Mains - Gift of Healing (Jo & George Hartzell)

THE WORD

“Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.”
Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)

Reading 1 - 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

“Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord, the Lord will be passing by.”

Reading 2 - Romans 9:1-5

“I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart.”

Gospel - Matthew 14:13-21

“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

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724-516-3215

Prayer Chain

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers this week:

Frank Holoman

Frank Spino

Phil Susa

Philomena Susa

Chris R.

John K.

Marie Nemetz

Virginia Nemetz

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Missions Co-Op Appeal for Diocese of St. Thomas - Virgin Islands (THIS WEEKEND!)

Please welcome as celebrant for all masses this weekend, Fr. Dominic Ukagba from the Diocese of St. Thomas. Fr. Ukagba will also be making an appeal for his home Diocese. All checks must be made out to the Diocese of Greensburg, and will be forwarded accordingly. Please donate generously as you are able.

Catechists Needed!

Holy Cross Faith Formation is in need of volunteers for this upcoming fall. For more information please contact Jennifer Kirshner by email (jkirshner@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or phone (412-849-4922).

SAVE THE DATE - Ohio Star Theater Trip

On November 3, 2026 Holy Cross will host a trip to see the original production 'Elijah: Prophet of Fire' at the Ohio Star Theater in Sugarcreek, Ohio. More details to come as the date draws closer. Flyers with more info and sign-up sheets can be found on the church bulletin boards and the side table.

Money Counters Needed!

If you have time and talent to share with the parish, we are in need of 1-2 parishioners to act as money counters on an approximately once monthly basis. Volunteer clearances are required. Please contact the parish office if you are able and interested!

Volunteer Clearance Session - THIS SUNDAY

Aug. 9th following 8AM & 10AM masses, **anyone who is planning to volunteer for the festival is asked to stop by the parish social hall** and verify that your clearances are up to date. We are able to assist in obtaining or renewing volunteer clearances. For anyone needing to update an affidavit for this purpose, notary services will be available free of charge. If you have any questions regarding the session, please contact our clearance monitors listed on Pg. 7.



KNOW HIM
THROUGH HIS MOTHER'S EYES
THURSDAY - OCTOBER 22 - 2026
PRESENTED BY
THE OFFICE OF FAITH, FAMILY AND DISCIPLESHIP

SAVE THE DATE
Christ Our Shepherd Center • Greensburg • 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM
Registration Opens September 1, 2026

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Important Dates:

Labor Day - September 1
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

Fr. Gilbert Straub Council 8452
Will be hosting the Silver Rose at Holy Cross Parish
Beginning with a Procession at the 5pm Mass
August 15, 2026



Silver Rose Program

**Join thousands of Catholics across
North America in asking for Our Lady
of Guadalupe's intercession through
the Silver Rose program.**

In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Today, eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition.



Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the unborn, the Americas, and the Knights of Columbus.



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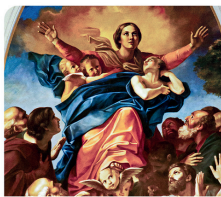
PARISH HAPPENINGS CONT'D

SPECIAL MASS INTENTION GUIDELINES UPDATE

In the interest of promoting fairness and equity, effective immediately, Holy Cross will only take further mass intentions for 2027 starting in November and with the updated guidelines listed below:

1. **Mass Intention scheduling for 2027 will open Sunday, November 1, 2026 and the deadline for submitting Mass requests is Monday, December 7, 2026.**
2. **Each registered Parish Household may schedule three (3) weekend mass intentions for the whole of 2027.** Weekday masses are widely available and most intentions for these dates can be accommodated, within reason.
3. All Mass requests can be scheduled by phone or submitted in writing using the 2027 Mass Intention Request Form. The suggested stipend is \$10.00 per Mass. **If submitted in writing, the stipend must be included with the form at the time of submission. If scheduled by phone, the stipend must be received within one week's time.**
4. Our Parish Office must reserve some openings in our Mass Schedule calendar for the scheduling of Masses for recently deceased parishioners. Families or friends of the deceased are welcome to submit mass intentions at the time of their passing. For a death that occurs during the year, there will be a maximum of six (6) Masses scheduled over a period of 12 months.

Additional guideline details will be included on the 2027 Mass Intention Request sheet that will be made available in the church near the end of October. Masses for 2026 can still be scheduled through the end of this year. All masses already scheduled for 2027 will be honored. The parish office also asks that all outstanding stipend payment for masses in 2026 be turned in as soon as possible. If you have any questions please call the parish office, or email Sam @ szuckowich@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



THE EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

📅 AUGUST 14
🕒 7:30 PM
📍 CHRIST OUR
SHEPHERD CENTER

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PATRONESS OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

All are invited to join us as we celebrate our patronal feast day and continue the Diocese of Greensburg's 75th Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Join us for two special events: Evening Prayer followed by a candlelight Rosary procession on Friday, August 14, and Mass with The Most Reverend Gabriele Giordano Caccia, Apostolic Nuncio, as principal celebrant and homilist on Saturday, August 15.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

📅 AUGUST 15
🕒 12:00 PM
📍 BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHEDRAL





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Join the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Greensburg and seven local parishes as hosts for an informative and inspiring seminar focused on how you can leave a lasting legacy grounded in your Catholic Values.



To RSVP, scan the QR code, call 724-552-2587, or visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/Legacy

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: _____



Basket Raffle

Holy Cross is in need of prizes for our festival basket raffle! If you would like to make a contribution, please consider donating the following items:

- Cash donations
- Gift cards (restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, wine & spirits, etc.)
- Instant lottery tickets
- Non-perishable groceries
- Queen sheet/comforter sets
- Small appliances (Keurigs, Crockpots, griddles, airfryers, popcorn poppers, etc.)
- Individual bottles of wine/spirits
- Bath/perfume/soap items (Bath & Body Works, Body Shop, Ulta)
- Towel Sets
- Candles (Yankee, Bath & Body Works, etc.)
- Penguin/Steeler tickets, concert/event tickets
- Electronic devices
- Cookware/dish sets
- Assorted Delallo's items
- Fall floral wreaths
- Fall decor items
- Flatware
- Car care items
- Coloring books, trinkets, toys for children
- Gardening supplies
- Crafting supplies

To make arrangements, please contact Eleanor at 724-925-7792.

FESTIVAL NEWS 2026

Save the date: September 12 & 13 2026

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 or Michele Wentzel. 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

Michele Wentzel - Clearance Monitor - 724-600-6505



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 \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* PLEASE DROP FORMS IN COLLECTION BASKET**

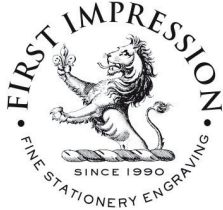
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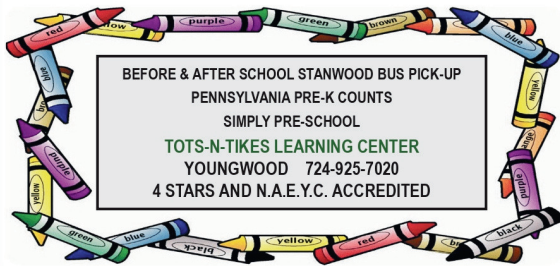
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