

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME// SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 //YEAR A

HOLY CROSS CHURCH



A word from Fr. Rod...

In the parable of the two sons (Matthew 21:28-32) Jesus reminds us that words alone do not open the door to God's kingdom; what matters is conversion that bears fruit. One son says "yes" but does nothing, the other says "no" and then changes his mind and goes to work in his father's vineyard. The surprising lesson is that those who were seen as sinful responded to John's call to repentance and entered the kingdom ahead of the self-assured religious leaders. This Sunday invites each of us to honest self-examination: are our pious words matched by a life of repentance and loving action?

Conversion is not only a private turning toward God but the wellspring of mission. A transformed heart cannot help but reach outward to those on the margins—the weary, the doubting, the excluded—just as tax collectors and outcasts were welcomed when they turned back to God. As parish, let us be a community that both lives conversion and stirs it in others: confessing our failures, making amends, and going into the "vineyard" to accompany, invite, and serve. In doing so we show that true faith is measured not by promises alone but by a courageous, outward-moving love.

Let our conversion turn into mission!

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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

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OUR PARISH IN NUMBERS

STEWARDSHIP

September 20, 2026

Offertory:	\$3,353
Online:	\$1,517
Loose:	\$167
Monthly Operating Expenses:	\$130
Children:	\$4
Candles:	\$92
CCD:	\$215
Assumption:	\$10
Festival:	\$100
Weekly Budget Need:	\$7,700
Actual Weekly Offering:	\$5,588
Difference This Week:	(\$-2,112)
Year To Date Budget Need:	\$292,600
Year To Date Actual Offering:	\$228,505
Year To Date Difference:	(\$-64,095)

Diocesan Collections

Seminary:	\$85
Catholic University:	\$10

Oct. 3 & 4

***Shugarts
Hald
Carbisiero***



Mass Attendance

5PM: 70
8AM: 79
10AM: 95
Total: 244



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HOW WE GIVE:

Families Receiving Envelopes:	333
Families Using Envelopes:	73
Families Using Online Giving:	37

2026 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

As of August 11, 2026
\$83,527
Pledged by Holy Cross
Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	Sept 26	5PM	✠ Margaret Weaver (Grace Zeglin)
Sun	Sept 27	8AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross
		10AM	✠ Jennifer Hartzell-Burns (Jo & George Hartzell)
Mon	Sept 28	9AM	***NO MASS***
Tues	Sept 29	8AM	***NO MASS***
Weds	Sept 30	8AM	***NO MASS***
Thurs	Oct 1	8AM	***NO MASS***
Fri	Oct 2		***NO MASS***

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	Oct 3	5PM	✠ Helen Policastro (Family)
Sun	Oct 4	8AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross
		10AM	✠ Dennis Evancho (Cousins)

THE WORD

“Remember your mercies, O Lord.”
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (6a)

Reading 1 - Ezekial 18:25-28

“Thus says the Lord: You say, ‘The Lord’s way is not fair!’ Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?”

Reading 2 - Philippians 2:1-11

“Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out for his own interests, but also for those of others.”

Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32

“Jesus said to them, ‘Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.’”

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Prayer Chain

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers this week:

Louella Free

Michael Spino

Marcia & Elaine

P & G

Marie Nemetz

Virginia Nemetz

Bob & Chris R.

Joe A.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Please Welcome Msgr. Statnick!

Msgr. Statnick will act as celebrant each weekend through October 11. As a reminder, there will be no weekday mass until the third week of October.

Congrats Basket Raffle Winners

If you won a basket at the Festival, please consider donating the empty basket back to the church to be used for next year's raffle. To coordinate drop off, please speak with Eleanor or call the parish office.

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend is the annual **Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection**, which supports our Seminarians, men preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, and the ongoing formation of our Clergy and International Priests. Please be generous with this collection or make a gift online at DioceseofGreensburg.org/SCFC and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Women's Guild Returns!

The Holy Cross Women's Guild will resume their monthly meetings starting Tuesday October 13 at 6:30 in the social hall. We are welcoming new members at this time as well as welcoming back all current members. Please be prepared to pay your yearly dues at this meeting.

Regional Communion Breakfast for Women's Guild Members

There will be a regional communion breakfast on Sunday, October 18 at Our Lady of Grace Church. Rosary is at 10 with Mass at 10:30 followed by a luncheon in Albanese Hall. The menu consists of Chicken Romano, Potato, Pasta, Vegetable, Salad, Beverage & Dessert. The cost is \$22 per person. If you are interested in attending please let Kim Tlumack 724-454-4187 by October 9.

After-Festival Freezer Sale!

- Pierogis
- Cabbage Rolls

Stop by the church social hall and pickup your leftover goodies! First come, first serve.

THIS
WEEKEND
Following
each
mass!

Contact Margie A. w/ Questions 724-493-8999

Important Dates:

All Saints - November 1

All Souls - November 2

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

Second Tuesday of each month @ 6:30PM

Bible Sharing

First Thursday of each month @ 6pm, returning Nov. 5

Rosary & Adoration

First Friday of each month @ 12:00PM

The Sanctuary Candle



Which acknowledges the
real presence of Christ in the
Tabernacle is burning from

September 27th - October 4th

In Honor of

All Aborted Babies

Requested by:
The Carbisieros

Salt & Light Nominations Open for 2027

Do you know an individual or organization worthy of recognition for their time, treasure and talent? If so, we want to hear from you! Catholic Charities is seeking nominees in the categories of Humanitarianism, Philanthropy and Outstanding Human Service Organization. Nominations are being accepted through Saturday, Oct. 31 for the 27th annual Communities of Salt & Light Award Dinner, scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2027, at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. Forms and criteria can be found by visiting www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org under "Fundraisers."



Sunday, Nov. 8th

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church

4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

St. Mary's Centre - Route 981 in Trauger - 724-423-8838

(Proceeds Benefit Church's Building & Maintenance Fund)

Doors open at 12:00 Games start at 2:00

Tickets cost \$35 for 24 games & must be reserved or paid for in advance. Seating is limited.

Includes first set of Regular Cards (*Specials are included*),
one Jackpot, Lunch, & Opportunities for:

Chinese Auction ; 50 / 50 ; Instant Tickets ; Lottery Tree

Extra Cards & WTA Quickie may be purchased at Admission.

16 Regular games - \$100, 4 Specials - \$200

\$ 1500 Jackpot Series: Regular - \$ 200, X - \$ 300, Full Card - \$ 1000

Call or text 724-787-5631 or 412-526-0285 for tickets

Pre-Orders Taken for Halupki & Halushki

Halupki: 6 for \$18, 12 for \$30; Halushki: \$10.00 a quart

Prepackaged and Available for Pick-Up on the day of the Bingo

Craft Show @ St. John the Evangelist (Latrobe)

The parish's fall craft and vendor show will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. In addition to over 50 vendors, there will be basket and vendor raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and food for sale. Admission is free.

Income

2- Raffle Tickets	\$3,455
Food/Kids Games	\$12,250
Gambling	\$1,700
Sponsors	\$10,835
Baskets	\$5,661

Total \$33,900

Expenses

2- Raffle Tickets	\$990
Food	\$2,971
Gambling	\$483
Advertising	\$419
Entertainment	\$550
Misc.	\$683

Total \$6,119

* As of 9/23/26

Festival Results Are In!

\$27,781*
Profit

To all who organized the festival, volunteered their time, set-up, tore down, donated baskets, money, food, drinks, etc., those who ate, drank, participated in the games of chance, listened to the entertainment, or simply prayed for the success of the festival, again:

Thank You!

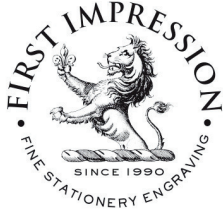
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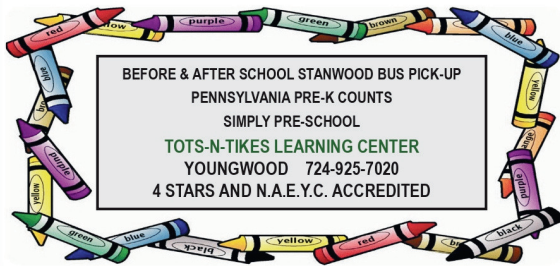
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