

Holy Cross Parish
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Youngwood, PA 15697

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Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled *thanks*GIVING for Our Blessings. I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon our faith community.

Among our many blessings, let me begin with the youth of our parish, the next generation of Christ's disciples, the future of our Church. Currently, we are working on a new and innovative curriculum for faith formation, to transmit the faith through unforgettable experiences that move our children toward the Holy Spirit.

Our blessings include impactful ministries in our parish that engage volunteers who reach out to the sick, the poor and the elderly. Please read through our ministry listing and consider becoming part of this transformative work. We can always use more help!

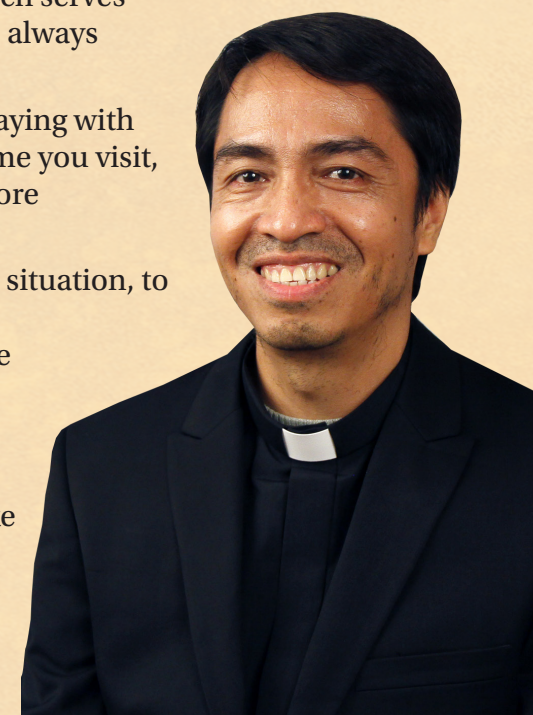
Let me also mention our primary fundraiser, our annual parish festival, which serves to support the parish and to foster a sense of joyous community spirit while always supporting our mission to grow in faith and service.

You, yourself, are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass, praying with us and supporting the parish through your generous donations. The next time you visit, I hope you notice some improvements that will make our parish an even more welcoming place.

Now I am asking you, with prayerful consideration to your current financial situation, to make a year-end gift to our parish to show your gratitude to God for the good work being done here. Or, if you are able, perhaps you will increase your weekly or monthly offertory as a show of thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon you.

For your convenience, we've included a GIVING QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, increase your weekly offertory or make a year-end gift. Of course, traditional check and cash donations are always deeply appreciated as well.

Yours in Christ,
Father Rod



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Become an Intentional Disciple

- **October 24 – Prayer and Perfect Pairings**, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. A five-course meal and wine pairings with recipes from Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Father Christopher J. Pujol, Father Andrew J. Hamilton, Father John Torres and Father Daniel E. Carr; proceeds benefit Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg (tickets: DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings).
- **December 7 – Breakfast with Saint Nicholas**, 9:30 AM, Saint Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon. Free event with brunch, photos with Saint Nicholas, an art project and a show about cultural versions of Saint Nicholas (details available in November: DioceseofGreensburg.org).
- **December 14 – Christmas Night Market**, 2-9 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Food and craft vendors, cards, gift and décor booths, 4 PM Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick and the Diocesan Youth Choir, artist Pipka Ulvilden with her Blessed Mother and Nativity creations, Christmas cookies, and wine tastings (details: ChristmasNightMarket.org).



Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 504
2023: 507
2022: 535

Registered Households

Current
Single
Member
Households



141



Baptisms
2024: 5
2023: 5
2022: 10

Weddings



2024: 0
2023: 0
2022: 3



Funerals
2024: 21
2023: 9
2022: 25

Households that Give

289

Households that
Don't Give

211



Giving With Gratitude



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BY MAIL:
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IN PERSON:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday – 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Tuesday – 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Friday – 8:00 AM – Noon



ONLINE:
HolyCrossYoungwood.org

Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 297,878	\$ 281,835	\$ 295,676
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	7,593	10,026	8,643
Extraordinary Income* <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	96,007	126,531	96,972
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	48,185	56,212	54,118
Other Non-Assessable Income** <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements)</i>	44,422	112,052	82,009
Special Collections	20,400	24,627	26,867
Total Income	\$ 514,485	\$ 611,283	\$ 564,285
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 115,942	\$ 105,514	\$ 122,753
Church	60,732	55,920	64,729
Rectory	13,469	17,450	28,027
Education and Ministry	75,606	63,875	69,028
General Expenses	213,840	179,996	177,082
Special Collections	19,971	24,175	26,899
Extraordinary Expenses	59,489	72,825	118,517
Total Expenditures	559,049	519,755	607,035
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (44,564)	\$ 91,528	\$ (42,750)

*Includes \$38,000 in Bequests in 2023

**Includes \$80,000 withdrawn from reserve in 2023

Our Ministries:

- Altar Server
- Music Ministry
- Greeters
- Money Counters
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Religious Formation Leaders and Youth Ministry Leaders
- Lectors
- Women's Guild
- Ushers
- Ministers of Hospitality

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters and catechists. Please call the parish office today at 724-925-7811 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.