

HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

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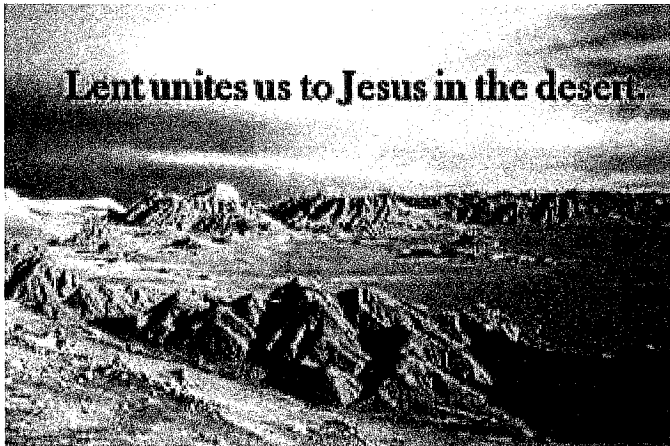
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February 22, 2015

1st Sunday of Lent



Within the first fifteen verses of the Gospel according to Mark, we hear about John the Baptist and his preaching, the baptism of Jesus, and, in today's reading, the temptation of Jesus and the beginning of his public ministry in Galilee. More so than the other Gospel writers, Mark is truly economical with his words. In fact, Mark tells the entire story of Jesus in only 678 total verses, by far the shortest of the New Testament Gospel accounts.

Each year, the Gospel Reading for the First Sunday of Lent begins with the story of Jesus's temptation in the desert. Not surprisingly, Mark's account of the temptation offers us the sparsest of details.

Mission Statement: Holy Child Parish

United with the Pope, we the members of Holy Child Parish seek to be a welcoming church, which fosters spiritual development and expresses charity by living in word and deed the life of Christ. Under the leadership of the bishop, our goals are to implement effective ministries through word, worship, and the sacraments, to enhance the spiritual growth of our parish family, and to encourage, through works of love and faith, the unity of the Church.

But the critical point is not lost. Like his Israelite ancestors (Moses and the Israelites wandering the desert for forty years), Jesus, too, had his desert experience. As Mark reports, Jesus emerged from the desert victorious, defeating Satan and proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom of God throughout Galilee.

The season of Lent calls us all to enter into a journey through the "desert," to repent and seek reconciliation with God, ourselves, and each other.
(Liturgy Training Publications)

Today Jesus asks for such significant changes from those who have heard him preach. After he was baptized by John, he spent time in the desert and underwent temptations. He was tested and accompanied by the Spirit came out strong and determined. Jesus announces the coming of the reign of God and he invites others who hear him to commit their lives fully to God and God's ways. He preaches "Metanoia" – "Repentance" – which requires change of mind and heart. He doesn't want some superficial or cosmetic change. He isn't asking for a few minutes, hours, weeks, or months of our time which, when completed, we can return to our previous ways of living.

Perhaps we have given up wine or desserts for Lent. Then we hope to hang on till Easter when we can pop the cork and slice the Easter cake. No, repentance isn't just for a part of the year. It is a full-time, on-going commitment to change. Metanoia asks us to turn away from whatever distracts us from God and to turn to the embrace of the One who is infinite love.
(First Impressions)

Intentions for this Week

Saturday, February 21

4:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

6:30 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Helen Signor by Children

Sunday, February 22nd, 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Kathryn Holton by Ann Monaghan

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Fabian, Helen and Joan Manikowski by Family

Monday, February 23

10:00 AM at Holy Child

Jack and John Miller by Joan Miller and Family

Tuesday, February 24

8:30 AM at Holy Child

Adeline Cunningham by Linda Cloos

Wednesday, February 25th

No Mass

Thursday, February 26

12:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Sylvia Lamonski by NPHS Class of 1963

Friday, February 27

6:00 PM at St. Mary's

Bernard Stachowski by Frank & Yolanda Tacka

Saturday, February 28

4:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

6:30 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Gary and Desiree by Ray and Loretta Brundage

Sunday, March 1st, 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Bernard Stachowski by Mike and Donna Casselberry

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Ann Lombardi by Anthony & Margo Lombardi

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard on Saturdays

at 3:30 PM at Holy Child

at 7:30 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

For other times, call the rectory to make an appointment.

Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend February 21 & 22

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Bob Wood

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: John Ranck

6:30 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Peter Lupkowski

Servers: Bill Lupkowski

E. Min: Chris King

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Maryjane Seifried, Jim Weiskopff

Servers: Sophia Scouten, Grace Scouten

E. Min: Joan Miller

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Suzanne Case, Kayla Nash

Servers: John Minnich

E. Min: Courtney Hull

Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend Feb. 28 & Mar 1

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Anna Marie Mimplitsch

Servers: Need Volunteer

E. Min: John Ranck

6:30 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Ray Brundage

Servers: Nealens

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Brenda Brewster, Linda Hawn

Servers: Parker and Bridger Brewster

E. Min: Ann Vayansky

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Christina Jenkins, Rita Hanson

Servers: Roch Minnich

E. Min: Bill Page

Readings

February 22

1st Sunday in Lent

Gn 9:8-15

Psalm 25:4-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

February 23

St. Polycarp

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Matthew 25:31-46

February 24

Is 55:10-11

Matthew 6:7-15

February 25

Jon 3:1-10

Luke 11:29-32

February 26

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Matthew 7:7-142

February 27

Ez 18:21-28

Matthew 5:20-26

February 28

Dt 26:16-19

Matthew 5:43-48

March 1

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a 10-13, 15-

18

Mark 9:2-10

Due to weather last Saturday, February 14th, Father Jacek cancelled Mass at St. Mary's. For those of you who were planning on attending Mass that evening and were unable to attend another mass, you will receive a dispensation from the obligation to attend weekend Mass and may still receive Communion without prior Confession. (can. 1245.)

**Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.
Grant this through Our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, God Forever and ever.
Amen.**



The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the real presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.

The Sanctuary Light at St. Mary's in Blossburg is offered this week (February 22) in memory of deceased members of the Isbond Family by Sylvia and Karen. The Sanctuary Light at Holy Child is offered in memory of Deceased Members of Holy Child Parish.

Bingo workers for February 28: Linda Doud, Connie and Sara Williammee, Patricia Minnich, Patty Hutcheson

Kitchen workers for February 28: Knights of Columbus

Collection Counters:

February 22: Anna Marie Mimplitsch and Anne Kaminski

March 1: Dick Colegrove and Francis Murphy

THIS WEEK HOLY CHILD PARISH

Saturday, February 21

- ✿ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✿ 6:30 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall

Sunday, February 22nd, 1st Sunday of Lent

- ✿ 10:00 AM PREP

Monday, February 23

- ✿ 10:00 AM Mass at Holy Child
- ✿ 5:30 PM – 7PM Confessions at Holy Child
- ✿ 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's

Tuesday, February 24

- ✿ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child
- ✿ 9:00 AM Rosary after Mass
- ✿ 9:00 AM Good Neighbors in HC Hall
- ✿ 6:00 PM Finance Council in HC Hall

Wednesday, February 25

- ✿ No Mass
- ✿ Office Closed
- ✿ 9:00 AM Good Neighbors in HC Hall

Thursday, February 26

- ✿ 12:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Friday, February 27

- ✿ 6:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's followed by Stations of the Cross and a Meager Meal
- ✿ 9AM – 5PM St. Mary's Church Open

Saturday, February 28

- ✿ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✿ 6:30 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall

Sunday, March 1st, 2nd Sunday of Lent

- ✿ 10:00 AM PREP
- ✿ 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus

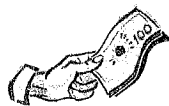


2015 Holy Child Parish Lottery Winners

Date	Winning Number	Amount Won
2/9	207	No Winner
2/10	970	\$50.00
2/11	306	\$50.00
2/12	524	\$50.00
2/13	429	\$50.00
2/14	470	No Winner
2/15	673	No Winner

Gifts to Your Parish

February 14&15



Sunday Envelopes: \$2530.50
Loose: \$ 156.00

Fuel: \$55.00 Dues: \$36.00 Ash Wednesday: \$15.00

Total: \$2792.50

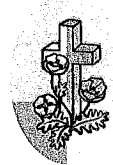
Cemetery Maintenance: \$40.00

Thank you! Your stewardship and generosity to your parish are needed and greatly appreciated. The amount needed from our weekly collections to meet our budget is \$4893.85.

In addition, we received \$15.00 for the Care and Education of Priests. This money is sent to the Diocese of Scranton.

PLEASE PRAY.....

We pray, always, for deceased parishioners, family, friends, and benefactors. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



For those serving our country:
Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.



For those who are ill and their caregivers:
Sis Seiser, Jean Leiboff, Pat Cole, Jeffrey Seeley, Patricia Kaminski, John McCarthy, Christine Wilcox, Ron Andrews, Ardith Matreski, Nancy Bullock, Michael Rumsey, Linda Kichline, Joe Alampi, Patty Vljajic, Ken Riseborough, Charlotte Von Hendy, Janet Warren, Cathy Alampi, Dee Borden, Bill Brennan, Linda Roupp, Ron Wood, Celia Levindofski, Charles Shedden, Vincent LaDalia, Mary Ann Bacard, Sis Sandstrom, Edwin Rosa, Maryann Thomas, Bonnie Casselberry, Allison Orchowski, Gary Johnson, Connie Leone, Lloyd Barrett, Dawn Egan, Eleanor Brion, Kathleen Evans, Carol Folcarelli, Desiree Bleam, Dennis Bogaczyk, Carter Goodwin, Jeannie Leone, Bryan Augustine, Nancy Matthews, Anna Marie Mimplitsch, Anna Friedmann, Carol Knable, Benjamin Alessi, and family, friends and parishioners in nursing homes. Please call the parish office to add names of those for whom you wish us to pray or to remove names as needed. To respect our parishioners' privacy, please ask them before having their names printed in the bulletin.

Schedule for Lent

Stations of the Cross beginning with Mass and followed by a Meager Meal on Fridays during Lent:

- 2/27 – 6:00 PM at St. Mary's
- 3/6 – 6:00 PM at Holy Child
- 3/13 – 6:00 PM at Holy Child
- 3/20 – 6:00 PM at Holy Child
- 3/27 – Mass at 6:00 PM at St. Mary's followed by Meager Meal; Living Stations of the Cross at 8:00 PM

Fridays during Lent – St. Mary's Church will be open from 9 AM – 5 PM

"The Light is On for You" – Confessions on Monday nights at Holy Child

- 2/23 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
- 3/2 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
- 3/9 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
- 3/16 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
- 3/23 – No Confessions

Palm Sunday, March 29th

No PREP

Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral on Scranton

Tuesday, March 31st at 4:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Altar Server Practice at 6:30 PM
7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Child
Washing of feet & Presentation of Oils
1st Communion children participate in Mass
Church open until 10:00 PM for Adoration

Good Friday, April 3rd

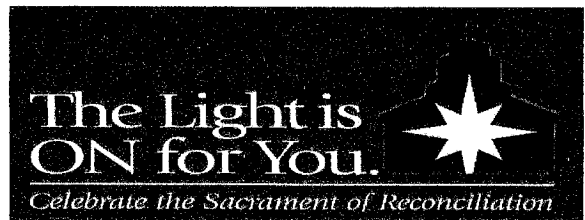
12:30 PM – practice for Altar Servers
1:00 PM – **Service at St. Mary's**
2:30 PM – practice for Altar Servers
3:00 PM – **Service at Holy Child**

Holy Saturday, April 4th

10:30 AM – Blessing of the Baskets at St. Mary's
12:00 PM – Blessing of the Baskets at Holy Child
12:30 PM – Altar Server Practice for Vigil
8:00 PM – **Easter Vigil Mass**

Easter Sunday, April 5th Mass Schedule

7:00 AM at St. Mary's
9:00 AM at Holy Child
11:15 AM at Holy Child



The Light Is On For You – all Mondays of Lent from 5:30-7:00pm, Holy Child and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual confessions. The website, www.dioceseofscranton.org/light has materials to assist you in preparing to make a good confession, prayers you may find helpful, and answers to frequently asked questions. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

FAQ's about the Sacrament of Penance

Q. What do I need to do to make a good confession?

A. The sacrament consists of three actions on the part of the penitent: contrition, which is sorrow for one's sins; confession, that is examining one's conscience and telling one's sins to the priest; and penance, namely a desire to make up for one's sins and amend one's life. Together the three are called the "acts of the penitent."

Q. How do I examine my conscience well?

A. One does so by asking for God's help and prayerfully examining one's actions in the light of Christ's teaching and example. Some review their behavior by the Ten Commandments, others by Christ's command to love God and love others, others by their correspondence to the beatitudes, others by comparing their behavior to the most important Christian virtues, and others by the seven "capital" sins (pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, lust and gluttony). It is not enough merely to focus on how one's broken God's "rules," but rather how one has damaged his relationship with God and others and hurt himself interiorly. It is also important to examine for sins of omission.

Examination of Conscience

Recall your sins. Prayerfully ask yourself what you have done with full knowledge and full consent against God's and the Church's commandments.

- Do I pray to God every day? Have I thanked God for his gifts to me?
- Did I put my faith in danger through readings contrary to Catholic teachings or involvement in non-Catholic sects? Did I engage in superstitious practices: palm reading or fortune-telling?
- Did I take the name of God in vain? Did I curse or take a false oath?
- Did I miss Mass on Sundays or holy days of obligation through my own fault? Am I attentive at Mass? Did I keep fast and abstinence on the prescribed days?
- Did I disobey my parents and lawful superiors in important matters?
- Did I hate or quarrel with anyone, or desire revenge? Did I refuse to forgive? Was I disrespectful?
- Did I get drunk? Did I take illicit drugs?
- Did I consent to, recommend, advise, or actively take part in an abortion?
- Did I willfully look at pornography, entertain impure thoughts, or engage in impure conversations or actions? Did I use artificial means to prevent conception?
- Was I unfaithful to my spouse? Did I engage in sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Did I steal or damage another's property? Have I been honest and just in my business relations?
- Have I been responsive to the needs of the poor and respected the dignity of others?
- Did I tell lies? Did I sin by calumny, or detraction, of others? Did I judge others rashly in serious matters?
- Have I envied other people?

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, "Do not fear" (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

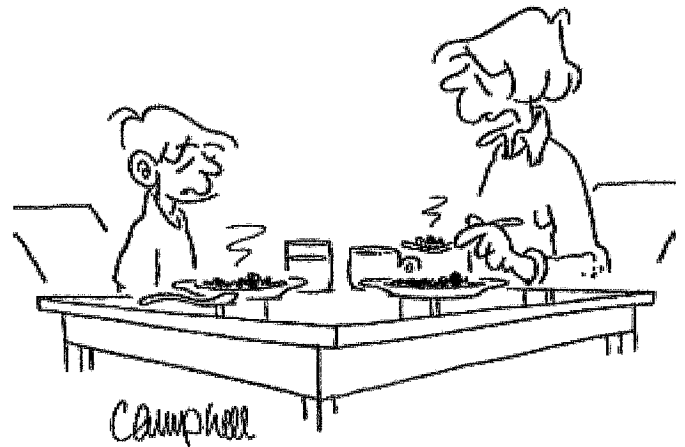
The Liturgy Committee would like you to be aware that there are opportunities at all Masses to sing!

4:00 PM on Saturdays at Holy Child: Anyone is welcome to go upstairs to sing; no advance notice necessary.

6:30 PM on Saturdays at St. Mary's: Anyone is welcome to sing in the choir. There are practices before special seasons, Advent and Lent. Contact Sue Signor @ 570-638-2985 if interested.

9:00 AM on Sundays at Holy Child: At the 9 AM Mass, anyone is welcome; no advance notice necessary. The adult choir meets at 8:15 regularly before Mass every Sunday to practice.

11:15 AM on Sundays at Holy Child: Individuals of all ages are welcome anytime. Emails can be sent during the week with the hymns for the following Sunday. If interested, speak with any of the musicians or come up before Mass.



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"

Attention Finance Council Members: There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 PM in Holy Child Hall.

My Dear Parishioners:

Holy Child Parish has raised \$23,771.00 or 74.28% of our total goal of \$32,000.00 for the Diocese of Scranton Diocesan Annual Appeal. For those of you who have already donated to the Appeal, thank you! If you have not already done so, I ask you to consider a gift to the Appeal this year; your gift today can help our parish reach our commitment in support of the Diocese and our Bishop.

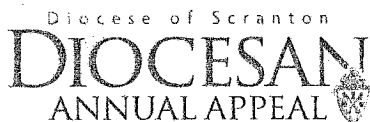
You may use the form below to make your pledge. Please be sure to indicate "Holy Child, Mansfield" to ensure your gift is credited to our parish and mail this form directly to the Diocese of Scranton at:

Diocesan Annual Appeal
Diocese of Scranton
PO Box 1350
Scranton, PA 18501

I appreciate your consideration in the name of all those who will benefit from your gift and I want to thank you especially for your ongoing support of Holy Child Parish. May God bless you and your family.

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Jack Blawiecki



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am humbled and blessed to share with you this defining moment in our Diocese. Through the Diocesan Annual Appeal, we respond in service to the needs of others. Please prayerfully consider your ability to contribute to this year's Appeal.

Thank you for all you do for me, for the Diocese of Scranton, and for your parish family.

Be assured of my continued prayers.

Joseph C. Bambera

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton



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Our Pledge

- \$25 \$50 \$100
- \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

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(Number of Months, Up to 5)

(Month)

Your Signature _____ Date _____

Any questions, please contact our Development Office at 570-207-2250



Are you a PREP student in grades 3 and up?

Do you want to be more involved in the Mass?

Do you enjoy singing?

We have a new opportunity for you! Starting in February, students in 3rd thru 6th grade are invited to sing with the Sunday, 9:00 AM choir. Interested students should report to the choir loft at 8:00 AM for practice, on the last Sunday of the month. Following practice, students will remain in the choir loft with the choir and sing during the Mass. **The days that the Children's Choir will meet are February 15, March 15, April 26 and May 10.**

Please check the bulletin for any changes to the monthly schedule.

(The choir director reserves the right to dismiss any students who are disruptive during the Mass.)

Be a Man!

Becoming the Man God Created You to Be
**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE SET FOR
APRIL 25th**

The First Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 8 AM – 3 PM at King's College in Wilkes-Barre.

Fathers, sons, grandsons and friends are all most welcome to register for the event. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will join with participants throughout the day and celebrate a closing Mass.

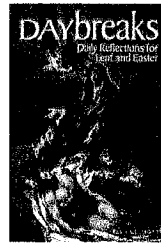
Register at www.dioceseofscranton.org

The Good Samaritan Society is having another Easter Raffle this year. Please make every effort to sell sell sell the tickets enclosed in this week's bulletin. If you are in need of more, you will find extras in the back of both churches.



St. Mary's Bingo needs your help! Bingo is held every Monday evening at 6:30 PM and we need volunteers to help with the games. Doors open at 4:30 PM. We can be flexible in scheduling so please consider the gift of your time. Call June Otis @ 570-412-2361.

We are currently making changes to the website for Holy Child Parish. The bulletin will be available in PDF format from the website.



Daybreaks – *Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter* by Rev. Paul Turner are now available in the back of both churches.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Myron Mayer, a parishioner who died this week. Also please remember her loved ones during this difficult time.

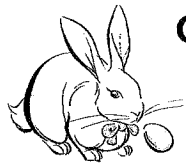
Meager Meals Needed... If you would like to provide a meager meal in March during Lent after Stations of the Cross at Holy Child, please contact Dotty Welsh @ 570-662-2057. Meager Meals consists of meatless soup and bread.

A new chairperson is needed for the Cemetery Committee. This would be an individual who would be willing to oversee meetings and serve on Pastoral Council. (The duties of organizing funerals and managing the sale of plots would be assumed by office staff.) If you feel you are called to this ministry, please contact Fr. Jacek or call the office.

Please Patronize Our Sponsors....

Through their generosity, they make our bulletin possible. Thank them in person.

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Good Neighbor Easter Eggs

60¢ each or \$6.00 / dozen

Please indicate the number of each kind you are ordering.

Peanut butter/light chocolate _____

Peanut butter/dark chocolate _____

Coconut cream/light chocolate _____

Coconut cream/dark chocolate _____

Amount due: \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Order deadline: March 22, 2015
(No orders accepted after that date)

Unless other arrangements are made, eggs will be ready to be picked up on Palm Sunday weekend, March 28 - 29

From your Health Ministry

Let this Lent be Liberating. Each day of Lent put an article for charity (clothing, toy, household item, book, etc) into a large box for donation. You will benefit someone in need while cleaning out, lessening clutter, simplifying your lives and liberating you of things you don't really need. Make this a famil activity involving your children. You can talk wih them about charity, being giving, the responsibility of meeting others' needs. Less is liberating.



Our Lady Calls Us to Pray for Our Families...

Join us to pray the Rosary together on Tuesdays after the 8:30 AM Mass

at Holy Child. Padre Pio said that the Rosary is the Weapon for these times! Let us gather together and pray for all our families.