

# HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

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**March 8, 2015**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*"...whoever drinks the water I shall give will never  
thirst..."* *John 4:14*



In today's gospel, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well. From its opening setting and rich dialogue between Jesus and the feisty Samaritan woman to its unexpected conclusion, this has become one of the most well-known stories in the Gospel according to John. Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well offers a prime example of the Johannine definition of discipleship: true disciples are those who believe in Jesus and bring others to Christ.

The initial exchange between Jesus and the woman is tense but despite the tension, Jesus begins to reveal himself to her as "the living water."

## **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.

For John, the Samaritan woman who came to believe in Jesus exemplifies true discipleship in her witness to the villagers of Sychar. Despite her extreme unclean state, the woman underwent an honest conversion and expressed faith in Jesus as the Christ. And she brought the Good News of Jesus to her fellow Samaritans, inviting them to a similar encounter with Christ.

Each of the readings today reveals that despite our sinfulness, God continually seeks a means to be reconciled with us. What a message of hope as we continue our journey in the season of Lent!  
(Liturgy Training Publications)

## **Opportunities for Confession During Lent**

**"The Light is on for You"** – Fr. Jacek will hear confessions each Monday during Lent (except March 23<sup>rd</sup>) in Holy Child Church from 5:30 – 7 PM.

### **Tioga County Penance Services:**

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Holy Child Church at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Elkland at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Church in Wellsboro at 7:00 PM

### **Act of Contrition Prayer**

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and  
I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments,  
but most of all because they offend You, my God,  
Who are all-good and deserving of all my love.  
I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and  
to avoid the near occasions of sin.  
Amen

## Intentions for this Week

### Saturday, March 7

**4:00 PM at Holy Child**

Monica and Dominic Leone by Children

**6:30 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa**

Christine Frederick by Frank and Yolanda Tacka

### Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**9:00 AM at Holy Child**

Carolyn Jaquish Bond by Dave & Nancy Jaquish

**11:15 AM at Holy Child**

All Parishioners

### Monday, March 9

**10:00 AM at Holy Child**

Lynden Ingalis by a friend

### Tuesday, March 10

**8:30 AM at Holy Child**

Fabian, Helen and Joan Manikowski by family

### Wednesday, March 11

No Mass

### Thursday, March 12

**12:00 PM Mass at Holy Child**

Arlene Mitchell by Beverly Smith and Larry Lubuski

### Friday, March 13

**6:00 PM at Holy Child**

Rose Bunn by Marsha, Adele and Rosemary

### Saturday, March 14

**4:00 PM at Holy Child**

Betty Rieppel by Marsha, Adele and Rosemary

**6:30 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa**

Frank Signor by Children

### Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**9:00 AM at Holy Child**

Bernard Stachowski by Claire Oakes

**11:15 AM at Holy Child**

All Parishioners



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 (March 8) in memory of Bernard Stachowski by Tim and

Cathy Bogaczyk. The Sanctuary Light at Holy Child is offered in memory of Carolyn Jaquish Bond by Mom and Dad.

**Bingo workers for March 14:** Linda Brown, Connie Williammee, Patricia Minnich, Ann Harman, Rita Hanson

**Kitchen workers for March 14:** Terri, Anita, Patty

#### Collection Counters:

March 8: John and Eileen Ranck

March 15: Jim and Joann Weiskopff

**Can someone count on April 26<sup>th</sup> for the Slussers?**

## 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 this weekend March 7 & 8

**4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child**

Readers: Bernard Stephenson

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: Scott DiMarco

**6:30 PM Saturday at St. Mary's**

Readers: Jan Yoder, Pam Thomas

Servers: Thomas King

E. Min: Chris King

**9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child**

Readers: Brenda Brewster

Servers: Parker and Bridger Brewster

E. Min: Joan Miller

**11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child**

Readers: Suzanne Case, Courtney Hull

Servers: Patricia Minnich

E. Min: Bill Page

### Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend March 14 & 15

**4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child**

Readers: Samantha Rutledge

Servers: Amanda Rutledge

E. Min: Ron Becker

**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: Jim Weiskopff, Maryjane Seifried

Servers: Grace and Sophia Scouten

E. Min: Ann Monaghan

**11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child**

Readers: Christina Jenkins, Kayla Nash

Servers: Brendan Nash

E. Min: Courtney Hull

## Readings

**March 8**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Ex 20:1-17

Psalm 19:8-11

1 Cor 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

**March 9**

**St. Frances of Rome**

2 Kgs 5:1-15b

Luke 4:24-30

**March 10**

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Matthew 18:21-35

**March 11**

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Matthew 5:17-19

**March 12**

Jer 7:23-28

Luke 11:14-23

**March 13**

Hos 14:2-10

Mark 12:28-34

**March 14**

Hos 6:1-6

Luke 18:9-14

**March 15**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalm 137:1-6

Eph 2:4-10

John 3:14-21



**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.**

**PREP Students are reminded** to bring in snacks to put in the care packages being prepared for the Diocese of Scranton Seminarians. There are boxes in each classroom for the collection of candy, cookies, chips, jerky, etc. Let's show our support!

# THIS WEEK HOLY CHILD PARISH

## Saturday, March 7

- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall
- ✦ Collection for the Care and Education of Priests

## Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

- ✦ 10:00 AM PREP
- ✦ 11:15 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Involvement in Liturgy
- ✦ Collection for the Care and Education of Priests

## Monday, March 9

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

## Tuesday, March 10

- ✦ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child
- ✦ 9:00 AM Rosary after Mass
- ✦ 9:00 AM Good Neighbors in HC Hall
- ✦ 9:30 AM Health Ministry in HC Hall
- ✦ 7:00 PM Ladies Guild in Holy Child Hall

## Wednesday, March 11

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

## Thursday, March 12

- ✦ 12:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

## Friday, March 13

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

## Saturday, March 14

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

## Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

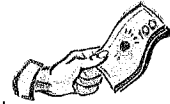
- ✦ 10:00 AM PREP

## 2015 Holy Child Parish Lottery Winners

Date	Winning Number	Amount Won
2/23	481	No Winner
2/24	912	No Winner
2/25	344	\$50.00
2/26	108	\$50.00
2/27	797	No Winner
2/28	313	\$200.00
3/01	258	No Winner

# Gifts to Your Parish

February 28 & March 1



Sunday Envelopes: \$4683.00  
Loose: \$ 259.25

Fuel: \$90.00 Ash Wednesday: \$22.00 Dues: \$115.00

Fuel: \$90.00 Easter Flowers: \$20.00

Total: \$5189.25

Cemetery Maintenance: \$105.00

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 \$303.00 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, Pete Hall, 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:

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

### **Live Stations of the Cross Practice**

Friday, 3/6 at 6:30 PM

Sunday, 3/15 at 6:00 PM

Dress Rehearsal, 3/20 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

3/9 - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

3/16 - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

3/23 - No Confessions

### **Lenten Penance Services:**

Wednesday, 3/18 at 7:00 PM, Holy Child

Tuesday, 3/24 at 7:00 PM, St. Thomas

Wednesday, 3/25 at 7:00 PM, St. Peter's

### **Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

No PREP

### **Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral on Scranton**

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM

### **Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Communion children participate in Mass

Church open until 10:00 PM for Adoration

### **Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

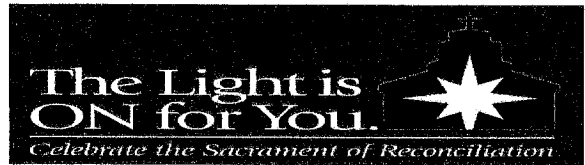
8:00 PM - **Easter Vigil Mass**

### **Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

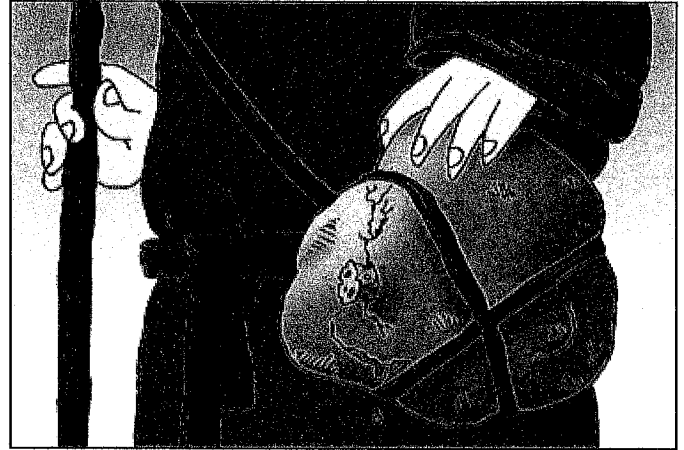
## FAQ's about the Sacrament of Penance

**Q.** How often do I need to confess?

**A.** The Church recommends that Catholics receive the Sacrament of Penance frequently. Strictly speaking, after they've reached the age of reason, Catholics are obliged to confess their serious sins at least once a year (CIC 989), but the minimum should not be made a maximum. Catholics should come to confession as soon as possible after they've committed a mortal sin. If they're seeking to grow in holiness, the regular practice of confession at least once a month is commended.

**Q.** What are the effects of the sacrament?

**A.** The Sacrament of Penance is a spiritual resurrection bringing us to life again after we were dead through mortal sin Diocese of Scranton - The Light Is On For You - [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) - 5 (Lk 15:24). It reconciles us with God in loving friendship and restores us to his grace. It is normally followed by peace, joy, serenity and spiritual consolation. The sacrament also reconciles us with the Church, repairing or restoring the damage our sins have done to our communion with others. The sinner also auspiciously anticipates the judgment that will come at the end of his life, choosing the path of life over the path of death (CCC 1468-1470).



Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Numbers 20:1-13)

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MOSES' CANTENEN

**The Good Samaritan Society** is having another Easter Raffle this year. Please make every effort to sell sell sell tickets and return them no later than March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are in need of more, you will find extras in the back of both churches.

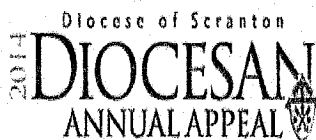
The bulletin is available in PDF format from the website. Going out of town and have access to our website? Check out the weekly bulletin while you are away.

**Baby Bottles Still Available!** If you would like to support the Endless Mountain Pregnancy Center, please take a baby bottle, fill it with your loose change and return by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Pass the Salt Youth Rally** will take place on Saurday, March 21, 2015 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Williamsport. Doors open at 1 PM with a closing Mass at 5:30 PM. This is open to al Young People grades 7 - 12. Registration is now available; call the parish office.



**Attention Parents:** We are in need of Altar Servers at both Masses on Saturday and 11:15 AM on Sunday. This is an excellent way for your children to help their parish by giving the gift of their time. Please consider having a talk with your child and begin training soon.



TRANSFORMING  
LIVES  
TOGETHER

So far, Holy Child Parish has raised \$23,843.00 for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. This does not include any funds pledged after last week's bulletin insert. If you have not yet given to the Appeal, please consider any gift to help Holy Child reach our goal of \$32,000.00.

## FLOWER POWER

**Holy Child's Flower Power Spring Fundraiser is underway!**

For every purchase made, Flower Power Fundraising will give 50% back to Holy Child Parish which will go into the Building Fund. This year, you will receive a free bonus Anemone when your order totals \$40 or more (**before shipping**). Catalogs will soon be available in the back of both churches. Please watch for the announcement. Online orders may be placed immediately.

To place an order online, please follow these simple directions:

- 1) Go to <http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/>
- 2) Click on 'Place Order', top right corner
- 3) Under 'Find a Group', type 'Holy Child Parish' in the box behind 'Organization Name' (no city or state!)
- 4) Click on 'Search', then follow the directions below 'Search' (Yes, it says "Wellsboro" because the address of the contact person is Wellsboro.
- 5) You are now on our Fundraiser page. Just scroll down the page and follow the directions to view the online catalog.
- 6) Choose your items and place your order!! P.S. If you combine your order with family and friends, you can save on shipping.
- 7) Wait for your order to arrive! It is just that simple.
- 8) Please share this opportunity with your friends.

**All orders due by May 1<sup>st</sup>**

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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

We've all heard that singing is praying twice. But it is great for your pulmonary and mental health. So whether alone or not, consider belting out a song. Sit up or stand tall. Take a deep breath and sing your favorite hymn. Remember to breathe deeply for the best lung exercise and remember your song can brighten someone else's day.

**Attention Catholic Men...** There is a great line up of speakers and experiences for the First Annual Men's Conference of the Diocese of Scranton on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. For information go to the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)

**Sign up to get your feet washed** at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches.