

HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

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Mission Statement: Holy Child Parish

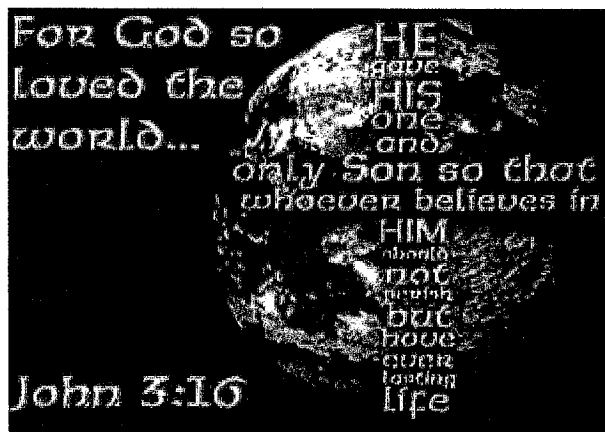
United with the Pope, we the members of Holy Child Parish seek to be a welcoming church, which fosters spiritual development and expresses charity by living in word and deed the life of Christ. Under the leadership of the bishop, our goals are to implement effective ministries through word, worship, 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.

that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life." Believers repeat this phrase not as a slogan, but as a word of truth and assurance.

When we have sinned, or realize our deeds have not reflected God's light to the world but have copied the world's darkness, this verse is both a prayer and an assurance for us. It is a prayer of confidence in God's love and assurance that we can be forgiven, not for any merit of our own, but because we can look upon the One who was raised up on the cross and so we can come out of the darkness of sin to the light of Christ.

(First Impressions)

March 15, 2015
4th Sunday of Lent



John has a tendency to use words and phrases that have double meanings. Jesus tells Nicodemus that he will be "lifted up," that those who "believe in him may have eternal life." The term "lifted up" would refer to his death on the cross. It would also mean his resurrection from the dead and his being raised to glory at God's right hand. So, those who look to Jesus upon the cross are not only healed of sin, but receive the same life Jesus now has - eternal life.

John provides us with a verse that has been bandied about on placards in sports stadiums and on bumper stickers of cars. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so

Opportunities for Confession During Lent

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

Tioga County Penance Services:

Wednesday, March 18th at Holy Child Church at 7:00 PM

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

Wednesday, March 25th 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 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 15th, 4th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Bernard Stachowski by Claire Oakes

11:15 AM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

Monday, March 16

10:00 AM at Holy Child

Carol Dalton by Family

Tuesday, March 17

8:30 AM at Holy Child

Sally Ward by Ann Monaghan

Wednesday, March 18

No Mass

Thursday, March 19

12:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Mary Wivell by Joan Miller and Family

Friday, March 20

6:00 PM at Holy Child

Betty Walsh by Joan Miller

Saturday, March 21

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Catherine McNamara by Pat Andrews

6:30 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Peter Skiro, Sr. by daughter Jan Yoder

Sunday, March 22nd, 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Carol Hughes by Joan Miller and Family

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 15) in memory of Richard Bogaczyk by Family.

The Sanctuary Light at Holy Child is offered in memory of living and deceased members of Holy Child Parish.

Bingo workers for March 21: Linda Doud, Connie and Sara Williammee, Bruce and Mary Nance

Kitchen workers for March 21: PREP Parents: Dominick and Kurzejewski

Collection Counters:

March 15: Jim and Joann Weiskopff

March 22: Anna Marie Mimplitsch and Delores Dostovick

Can someone count on April 26th 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 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

Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend March 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: Jan Yoder, Pam Thomas

Servers: Nealens

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Anna Marie Mimplitsch, Connie Penner

Servers: Isabella Hazelton, Jon Baker

E. Min: Nick Olson

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Dick Colegrove, Christina Jenkins

Servers: Roch Minnich

E. Min: Donna Brennan

Readings

March 15

4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalm 137:1-6

Eph 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

March 16

Is 65:17-21

John 4:43-54

March 17

St. Patrick

Ez 47:1-9, 12

John 5:1-16

March 18

St. Cyril

Is 49:8-15

John 5:17-20

March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Luke 2:41-51a

March 20

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

March 21

Jer 11:18-20

John 7:40-53

March 22

5th Sunday in Lent

Jer 31:31-34

Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15

Heb 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

**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 14

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

Sunday, March 15th, 4th Sunday of Lent

- ✦ 10:00 AM PREP

Monday, March 16

- ✦ 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 17

- ✦ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child
- ✦ 9:00 AM Rosary after Mass
- ✦ 9:00 AM Good Neighbors in HC Hall
- ✦ 7:00 PM Faith Sharing

Wednesday, March 18

- ✦ No Mass
- ✦ Office Closed
- ✦ 9:00 AM Good Neighbors in HC Hall
- ✦ 7:00 PM Penance Service at Holy Child

Thursday, March 19

- ✦ 12:00 PM Mass at Holy Child
- ✦ 7:00 PM Parish Council in Holy Child Hall, **Finance Council** to attend

Friday, March 20

- ✦ 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 21

- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall
- ✦ Good Samaritans raffle tickets due

Sunday, March 22nd, 5th Sunday of Lent

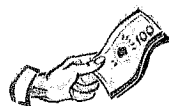
- ✦ 10:00 AM PREP
- ✦ Easter egg orders due
- ✦ Baby Bottles due

2015 Holy Child Parish Lottery Winners

Date	Winning Number	Amount Won
3/2	719	\$50.00
3/3	631	\$50.00
3/4	738	No Winner
3/5	456	No Winner
3/6	922	\$50.00
3/7	688	No Winner
3/8	915	\$250.00

Gifts to Your Parish

March 7 & 8



Sunday Envelopes: \$3474.00
Loose: \$ 275.00

Fuel: \$48.00 Ash Wednesday: \$10.00 Dues: \$20.00

Easter Flowers: \$80.00 Taxes and Insurance: \$20.00

Total: \$3927.00

Cemetery Maintenance: \$235.00

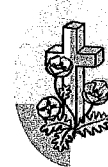
Building Fund Donation: \$200.00

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 \$46.00 for the Care and Education of Priests and \$15.00 for Rice Bowl. 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, Kay Gallagher, Patty Vlajic, 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:

3/20 – 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

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

3/16 – 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 29th

No PREP

Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral in 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

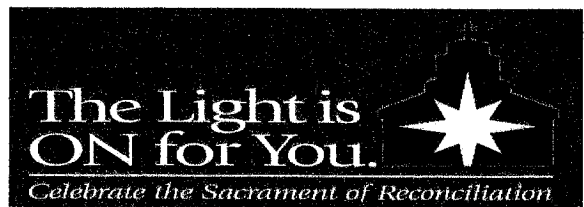
8:00 PM – **Easter Vigil Mass**

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.

FAQ's about the Sacrament of Penance

Q. Can a priest reveal what he has heard to others?

A. No. A priest can never reveal the sins a person has confessed. This is known as the "Seal of confession," which admits of no exceptions (CCC 1467). If a priest were to violate the seal of confession he would be automatically excommunicated (CIC 1388). Over the centuries several priests have died and many have been imprisoned because they refused, even under threat of torture and execution, to break the inviolable seal of confession. This is one of the most beautiful aspects of the sacrament and of the priesthood: the priest who hears our confession, in order to protect the secrets we have whispered to God through him, will allow himself to be imprisoned, tortured or even killed. That's how seriously he and the Church take the seal and the sacrament.

Q. What is the priest's role in the sacrament of confession?

A. "When he celebrates the sacrament of Penance, the priest is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep, of the Good Samaritan who binds up wounds, of the Father who awaits the prodigal son and welcomes him on his return, and of the just and impartial judge whose judgment is both just and merciful. The priest is the sign and the instrument of God's merciful love for the sinner." The priest is called, practically, to lead "the penitent with patience toward healing and full maturity. He must pray and do penance for his penitent, entrusting him to the Lord's mercy" (CCC 1465-66).

The Good Samaritan Society asks you to return your raffle tickets no later than March 21st. If you are in need of more, you will find extras in the back of both churches.

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 22nd.

Pass the Salt Youth Rally will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Williamsport. This is open to all 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. Please consider having a talk with your child and begin training soon.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Esther Malleon, a former parishioner who died this week. Also remember in your prayers her family and loved ones as they grieve their loss.

"From the Health Ministry"

The Homeless Initiative has need for help from 5 to 10 pm on March 29, 31, April 1,3, and 4. If you are interested, call 570-724- 9001 or email tiogahomelessinitiative@yahoo.com for detailed information.

Limber up with Water Aerobics. Terri Nash (570-662-1297) leads water aerobics at Mansfield Univ. Decker Gym pool at 9 am on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. It is a 'come when you can' activity. Call her for details and to sign up."

LOOK FOR CHRISTOPHER NOTES

THERE WILL BE A TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE WITH FREE BROCHURES. PLEASE LOOK OVER THESE TOICS AND FIND ONE THAT WOULD HELP PERSONALLY OR IN THE FAMILY.

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 are available in the back of both churches. Save on shipping by combining orders sent to the same address. On the order form, please put your name as the "Seller" and make checks payable to "Holy Child Parish." You can drop your order in the collection basket.

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 1st

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The Good Samaritans of Holy Child Parish are hosting a unique Lenten Devotion on Friday, March 27th at 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Blossburg. The "Live Stations" is a tableau

vivant, where cast members are posed as statues for each of the fourteen stations of the cross.

Guests will make a spiritual pilgrimage through meditation on the scenes of Jesus' suffering and death, while observing and reflecting on the presentation, from their pew. A string quartet from Mansfield University, under the direction of Dr. Hyeri Choi, will provide the music. Music prelude begins at 7:30 p.m. with Live Stations beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Attention Finance Council

Members: Fr. Jacek would like you to attend the first part of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 PM in Holy Child Hall. We will be discussing information from Bishop Bambera regarding Pastoral Planning for the Diocese and to prepare for the upcoming parish presentation on the subject.

Faith Sharing

You may have seen "Faith Sharing" on the calendar and wondered what it was. Well, Faith Sharing is a small group of Catholics meeting once a month in the Parish Center or Church Hall. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and welcome new members. At the meetings we:

-prayerfully read scripture from the previous Sunday Mass

-share as individuals, what that scripture means to you at this time in your life

-share and listen

-incorporate into our lives a better understanding of the scriptures

Confidentiality is respected

All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 4:00 PM. At this Mass, priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support the priests of the Diocese.