

# HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

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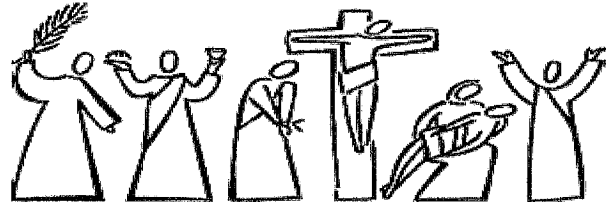
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## Mission Statement: Holy Child Parish

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.



**March 22, 2015**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*“...unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat...”*

-John 12:24



In today's Gospel, Jesus explains his impending suffering with the grain of wheat metaphor, and then concludes, “I am troubled now.” This leads to his rhetorical question: “Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’” Now Jesus reveals his upcoming Passion as his destiny: “But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

In the Gospel according to John, this is the only place we hear God's voice: “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” In the synoptic Gospels, God's voice enters the narrative at Jesus's baptism and Transfiguration, but John reserves God's voice for this single event of the foreshadowing of Jesus' Death on the Cross, where he will be “lifted up from the earth” (that is, nailed and elevated on the cross), and where he “will draw everyone” to himself as the Savior.

(Liturgy Training Publications)

Can you believe that the Season of Lent ends next weekend – Palm Sunday and the Season of Holy Week begins. Let's plan on making this the holiest and most spiritual week of the year by participating in all of our Holy Week celebrations:

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

Reading of The Passion during Mass

**Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton**

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

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

7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Child

Washing of feet & Presentation of Oils  
Church open until 10:00 PM for Adoration

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

Holy Father's Good Friday Collection

1:00 PM – Service at St. Mary's

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

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

## Intentions for this Week

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**9:00 AM at Holy Child**

Carl Hughes by Joan Miller and Family

**11:15 AM at Holy Child**

All Parishioners

### Monday, March 23

No Mass

### Tuesday, March 24

No Mass

### Wednesday, March 25

No Mass

### Thursday, March 26

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

Angie Bubacz by Frank and Yolanda Tacka

### Friday, March 27

**6:00 PM at Holy Child**

John and Marion Dwyer by Family

### Saturday, March 28

**4:00 PM at Holy Child**

Maurice Copello by Family

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

Anna Gublo by Ed, Marie, Ron and Bob

### Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**9:00 AM at Holy Child**

Charlotte Schuller by Anne and Mike Kaminski

**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 22) in memory of Frank (Shawn) Frederick by Frank and Yolanda Tacka. The Sanctuary Light at Holy Child is offered in memory of living and deceased members of Holy Child Parish.

**Bingo workers for March 28:** Linda Doud, Connie and Sara Williammee, Jean Leiboff

**Kitchen workers for March 28:** Knights of Columbus

#### Collection Counters:

March 22: Anna Marie Mimplitsch and Delores Kostovick

March 29: Dave and Cathy Slusser

April 12: Anna Marie Mimplitsch and Rob Minnich

## **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 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

### Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend March 28 & 29

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

Readers: First and Voice: Bob Wood

Second & Narrator: Bernard Stevenson

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: Scott DiMarco

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

Readers: First and Voice: Ray Brundage

Second & Narrator: Chris King

Servers: Thomas King

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

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

Readers: First and Voice: Jim Weiskopff

Second & Narrator: Linda Hawn

Servers: Jon Baker, Will Brennan

E. Min: Alan Parrotte

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

Readers: First and Voice: Ron Becker

Second & Narrator: Suzanne Case

Servers: Patricia Minnich

E. Min: Bill Page

## Readings

**March 22**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

Jer 31:31-34

Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15

Heb 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

**March 23**

*St. Turibius of*

*Mogrovejo*

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,

33-62

John 8:1-11

**March 24**

Nm 21:4-9

John 8:21-30

**March 25**

*Annunciation of the Lord*

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Luke 1:26-38

**March 26**

Gn 17:3-9

John 8:51-59

**March 27**

Jer 20:10-13

John 10:31-42

**March 28**

Ez 37:21-28

John 11:45-56

**March 29**

*Palm Sunday of the*

*Passion of the Lord*

Is 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-

20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

**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.**

# THIS WEEK HOLY CHILD PARISH

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

## Monday, March 23

- ✿ **Happy Birthday, Fr. Jacek!!!**
- ✿ No Mass
- ✿ 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's

## Tuesday, March 24

- ✿ No Mass
- ✿ 7:00 PM Penance Service at St. Thomas in Elkland

## Wednesday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

- ✿ No Mass
- ✿ Office Closed
- ✿ 7:00 PM Penance Service at St. Peters in Wellsboro

## Thursday, March 26

- ✿ 12:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

## Friday, March 27

- ✿ 6:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's followed by a Meager Meal
- ✿ 8:00 PM Live Stations of the Cross
- ✿ 9AM – 5PM St. Mary's Church Open

## Saturday, March 28

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

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

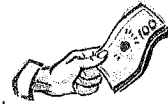
- ✿ No PREP

## 2015 Holy Child Parish Lottery Winners

Date	Winning Number	Amount Won
3/9	006	\$50.00
3/10	790	No Winner
3/11	884	No Winner
3/12	935	No Winner
3/13	073	No Winner
3/14	868	No Winner
3/15	698	No Winner

# Gifts to Your Parish

March 14 & 15



Sunday Envelopes: \$3690.50  
Loose: \$ 288.00

Fuel: \$20.00 Ash Wednesday: \$10.00 Dues: \$38.00

Easter: \$25.00 Easter Flowers: \$125.00

Total: \$4196.50

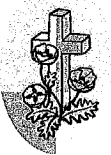
Cemetery Maintenance: \$25.00

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 and \$45.00 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.

**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.

**Look for Christopher Notes**

They will be on the table in the vestibule at Holy Child and in the rack on the back wall of the church at st. Mary's with several Christopher Notes for you to take. Please look over these toics and find one that would help personally or in the family.

*Living Faith* Daily Catholic Devotions are now available in the back of both churches.

**"HEY HARRY!"**

*by Thomas Ebert*



"Aren't you happy, Mom? Spring is finally here!"

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.



Help to beautify our churches for Easter! If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please use the envelope in your packet. If you don't receive envelopes, simply place your donation in a plainly marked envelope with the names of you loved ones and place in the collection basket.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Schedule for Lent

**Stations of the Cross** beginning with Mass and followed by a Meager Meal on Fridays during Lent:  
3/27 – Mass at 6:00 PM, St. Mary's followed by Meager Meal; Living Stations @8PM

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

Dress Rehearsal, 3/20 at 8:00 PM

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

### **Lenten Penance Services:**

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

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### **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 Baskets at St. Mary's

12:00 PM – Blessing of 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



## FAQ's about the Sacrament of Penance

**Q.** What if I feel nervous about going to the sacrament?

**A.** Remember, first, that in the sacrament you are fundamentally talking to God through the priest. God loves you, wishes to forgive you, and desires to embrace you with the joy with which the prodigal son was embraced in Jesus' parable (Lk 15:11-32). Moreover, know that you will not say anything that the priest has not heard before. Do not be afraid. If you are nervous, please just tell the priest that you're nervous and he will help you.

**Q.** What if I haven't been to the sacrament for many years? How do I prepare? What do I say?

**A.** First, don't be afraid. Jesus said, "Heaven rejoices more for one repentant sinner than for 99 righteous persons who never needed to repent." The priest will probably be so happy you've returned to confession after many years that you will make all the hours he spends in the confessional seem light. Second, try to prepare with the help of a good examination of conscience sheet, but the priest will know that you cannot remember your sins with the precision of someone who came the previous week. Third, get the largest sins off of your shoulders first. Fourth, don't be afraid to ask the priest for help; most confessors are experts in leading someone in your circumstances through an examination of the "big stuff" in the confessional. Finally, don't wait. Come back to be reconciled to your loving Father, set off the celebration in heaven, and share your Father's joy!

**Q.** Can I confess my sins over the telephone or via the internet?

**A.** No, confession is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ. We confess our sins to the priest, who absolves us of our sins in the name of Christ.

### Tioga County Penance Services

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

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**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.



The Good Samaritans of Holy Child Parish are hosting a unique Lenten Devotion on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



The feast of the **Annunciation of the Lord**, Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat*—her willing acceptance of God's holy plan.

## Good Friday Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land.

Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places.

Please give as generously as you can.