

HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

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March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Shortly after Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the crowning work of Jesus would take place; The last supper, the washing of feet, the arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, the condemnation, crucifixion, death...and his glorious resurrection and ascension.

We enter into Holy Week, saying that we will follow this king. We know what kind of a king he is—a king who will lead us if necessary through suffering, and one day certainly through death. We know that following this king is the path to life.

When we hold our palm branches, we say that we are willing to follow this king. We are willing to be loving, forgiving...to respond to evil with goodness. We are willing to take the cross as our logo because Jesus showed us in his living, dying, and rising, that he is the way, the truth and the life.

We don't casually pick up these palms. We don't lightly place them in our homes. We do so knowing to what we are committing ourselves.

—"Little Black Book for Lent"

On Palm Sunday, the procession and palms vividly remind us of our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem six days before his passion.

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.

Lent ends at sunset on Holy Thursday.

Next comes the *Triduum*.

Days of Paschal Mystery...

During Holy Week, let us commemorate the last days of Jesus life on earth.

Holy Thursday: On Holy Thursday, the Church celebrates its beginning, recalling the ordination of the priesthood and the confection of the Eucharist.

6:00 PM – Choir Practice in choir loft

6:30 PM – practice for Altar Servers

7:00 PM – Mass at Holy Child

Good Friday: On Good Friday, the Church reflects upon the suffering and death of our Lord.

12:30 PM – Practice for Altar Servers at St. Mary's

1:00 PM – Service at St. Mary's

2:30 PM – Practice for Altar Servers at Holy Child

3:00 PM – Service at Holy Child

Holy Saturday: On Holy Saturday, at the Easter Vigil, we celebrate the greatest moment in salvation history, the time when Jesus triumphed over death.

10:30 AM – Blessing of the Baskets at St. Mary's

12:00 PM – Blessing of the Baskets at Holy Child

12:30 PM – Practice for Altar Servers for Vigil Mass at Holy Child

8:00 PM – Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Child followed by refreshments and fellowship in Hall

Intentions for this Week

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 29th, 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

Monday, March 30

10:00 AM Mass at Holy Child

Dorothy Wood by a friend

Tuesday, March 31

8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

Mary and William Bederman by Tim and Cathy Bogaczyk

Wednesday, April 1

No Mass

Thursday, April 2, Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Living and deceased members of Holy Child
Passion Play Cast by Anne and Mike Kaminski

Friday, April 3, Good Friday

1:00 PM Service at St. Mary's

3:00 PM Service at Holy Child

Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday, Vigil of Easter

8:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

Sunday, April 5th, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 AM at St. Mary's (All Parishioners)

9:00 AM at Holy Child (All Parishioners)

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 29) in memory of Gary Mahonski by children. The

Sanctuary Light at Holy Child is offered in honor of living and deceased members of Holy Child Passion Play Cast by Mike and Anne Kaminski.

Bingo workers for April 11: Linda Brown, Connie Williammee, Ann Harman, Jean Leiboff

Kitchen workers for April 11: Patty, Anita, Terri

Collection Counters:

March 29: Dave and Cathy Slusser

April 6: 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 28 & 29

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: First and Voice: Bob Wood
Second & Narrator: Bernard

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 Hawm

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

Servers: Patricia Minnich

E. Min: Bill Page

Holy Thursday, April 2

7:00 PM at Holy Child

1st and 2nd Reader: Kayla Nash

General Intercessions and presentation of the oils: Brenda Brewster

Servers: Patricia, John, Roch, Nick

E. Min: Donna, Joan, Ann Monaghan

Good Friday, April 3

1:00 PM at St. Mary's

1st Reader and Voice: Pam Thomas

2nd Reader and Narrator: Peter Lupkowski

Server: Bill Lupkowski

E. Min: Peter Lupkowski

3:00 PM at Holy Child

1st Reader and Voice: Dick Colegrove

2nd Reader and Narrator: Bob Wood

Servers: Grace and Sophia Scouten

E. Min: Ann Vayansky

Holy Saturday, April 4, 8:00 PM at Holy Child

Reading 1: Suzanne Case Reading 3: Maryjane Seifried

Reading 5: Ron Becker Epistle and Intercessions: Jim Weiskopff

Exulted: Bill Waldman Servers: Will, Amanda, Isabella, Nick,

Tristan E. Min: John Ranck

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:00 AM at St. Mary's

Readers: Ray Brundage

Servers: Bill Lupkowski

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Readers: Anna Marie Mimplitsch

Servers: Jon Baker

E. Min: Ann Monaghan

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Readers: Joe Maresco

Servers: Need Volunteer

E. Min: Bill Page

Readings

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

March 30

Is 42:1-7

John 12:1-11

March 31

Is 49:1-6

John 13:21-33, 36-38

April 1

Is 50:4-9a

Matthew 26:14-25

April 2

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

John 13:1-15

April 3

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

John 18:1-19:42

April 4

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 55:1-11

Mark 16:1-7

April 5

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-73

Psalm 118:1-2, 146-17, 22-23

Col 3:1-4

Mark 16:1-7

THIS WEEK HOLY CHILD PARISH

Saturday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 29th, Palm Sunday

- ✿ No PREP

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

- ✿ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child
- ✿ 4:00 PM Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton

Wednesday, April 1

- ✿ No Mass
- ✿ Office Closed

Thursday, April 2, Holy Thursday

- ✿ 6:00 PM Choir Practice in Choir loft
- ✿ 6:30 PM Altar Server Practice
- ✿ 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Child
- ✿ H.C. Church open until 10:00 PM for Adoration

Friday, April 3, Good Friday

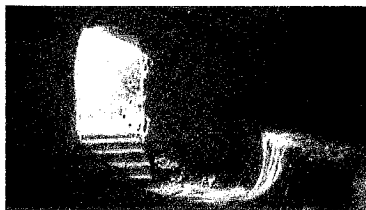
- ✿ 12:30 PM St. Mary's Altar Server Practice
- ✿ 1:00 PM Service at St. Mary's
- ✿ 2:30 PM Holy Child Altar Server Practice
- ✿ 3:00 PM Service at Holy Child

Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday, Vigil of Easter

- ✿ 10:30 AM Blessing of Baskets @ St. Mary's
- ✿ 12:00 PM Blessing of Baskets @ Holy Child
- ✿ 12:30 PM Altar Server Practice for Vigil
- ✿ 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass
- ✿ Refreshments & Fellowship in HC Hall after Mass

Sunday, April 5th, Easter Sunday

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

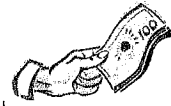


**Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your
hands and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift
of life.**

**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.**

Gifts to Your Parish

March 21 & 22



Sunday Envelopes: \$2566.00
Loose: \$ 271.15

Holy Thursday: \$5.00

Easter: \$200.00 Easter Flowers: \$795.00

Total: \$3834.15

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 \$5.00 for the Care and Education of Priests and \$595.00 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.

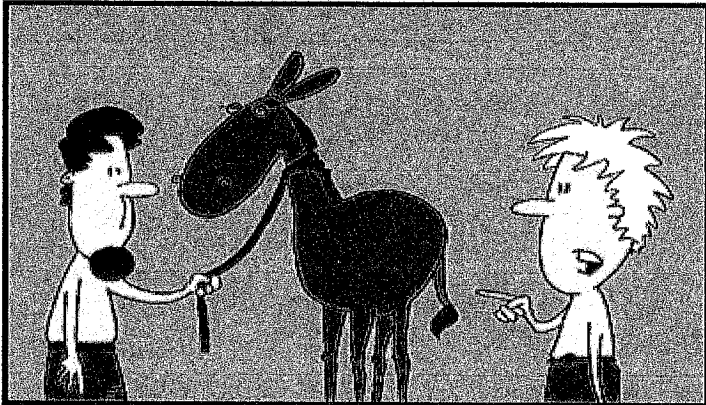
Look for Christopher Notes

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 notes and find one that would help personally or in the family.

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entrance of Christ into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path, before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His Crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent, and the week in which Christians celebrate the mystery of their salvation through Christ's Death and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.



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(See Luke 19:28-42)

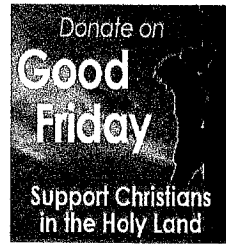
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I UNDERSTAND THAT JESUS NEEDS MY COLT
BUT I DO ASK THAT YOU RETURN IT WITH
A FULL STOMACH



Each year, Bishop Bambera honors young people from around the Diocese in grades 8th and 12th whose parishes benefit from their outstanding

contribution through gifts of time and talent. These individuals are nominated by the pastor and DRE and are invited to a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera. This year's honorees are: Grace Scouten, John Minnich, Roch Minnich and Nicholas Olson.



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.

After the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4th, please join us for light refreshments and Fellowship in Holy Child Hall.

Chaplet and Exposition/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



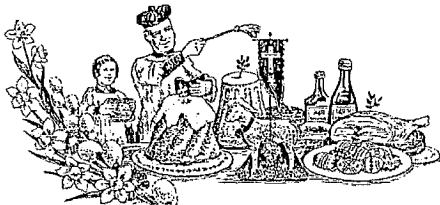
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
St. Mary of Czestochowa
Sunday, 4/12
Confessions 2:30PM - 3PM
Social in St. Mary's Hall

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy, He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

A traditional Polish Easter Basket and Its Contents

The Treasured Polish Custom of

“ŚWIĘCONKA”



Święconka (shvyeen-son-kah) is the traditional blessing of the food to be eaten on Ester Sunday. While the tradition varies from region to region and village to village, it is a tradition dear to the heart of every Pole. Today, this blessing takes place in church on Holy Saturday. All the items are placed in a wicker basket that is sometimes lined with an ornamental cloth or traditional folk fabric. The filled basket is then

covered with a linen cloth which should be white, but can have a colorful crocheted or embroidered design. The basket is decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukszpan), the typical Polish Easter evergreen. “Polish Palms” which are created from dried flowers, can also be used for decoration.

Listed here are Polish Easter Foods that are most commonly placed in the Easter Basket for the traditional blessing, along with the symbolism of each item:

Bacon – Symbol of the overabundance of God’s mercy on us.

Bread – Home baked bread, the staff of life.

Easter Bread – A special round loaf, made of rich dough and raisins, and decorated with a cross, reminds us of Jesus, the Risen Lord, who, in the Eucharist, is the food of our earthly journey and the true bread of everlasting life.

Butter – The butter should be shaped into the figure of a lamb or cross. Dairy products are included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of Salvation which flows from the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Candle – The only non-edible item in the basket, the candle symbolizes Jesus, the Life and Light of the World. The candle can be lit during the blessing.

Cheese – A symbol to remind Christians of moderation.

Colored Eggs – Both colored and uncolored eggs, indicate hope, new life and Resurrection. Because of their special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs to be blessed are decorated with symbols of Easter.

Ham – This popular main dish is symbolic of great joy and abundance

Horseradish – This represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the life of slavery in Egypt. It also reminds us of the bitterness of the Passion of Jesus, by which He entered glory. Horseradish is often prepared with red beets in the dish “cwikla.”

Salt – Symbolizes wisdom and preservation from corruption, it is included to remind us that Jesus did not undergo corruption in the grave.

Sausage (Kielbasa) – This is an old Slavic tradition. Its links remind us of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead as well as God’s favor and generosity.

The celebration of Easter among Poles and Polish-Americans is an elaborate occasion shared with family and close friends. Pisanki, or elaborately designed Easter eggs, are made during Holy Week. The baking of breads and pastries is an art among Polish housekeepers and special confections, such as the famous Babka are prepared for Easter as are lamb-shaped cakes and lambs molded from butter. Along with various cured meats, sausage and ham, these items are elaborately arranged in a large basket and taken to church on Holy Saturday for a special blessing. These blessed foods constitute the basis of the Polish Święconka or Easter Meal.

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2015 Holy Child Parish Lottery Winners

Date	Winning Number	Amount Won
3/16	783	No Winner
3/17	118	\$50.00
3/18	146	No Winner
3/19	378	No Winner
3/20	587	\$50.00
3/21	825	No Winner
3/22	161	\$250.00

March 31st concludes this year's lottery for Holy Child Parish. Thank you to those of you who sold tickets after Mass. Thank you to those of you who sold tickets to friends, family and co-workers. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. And congratulations to the winners!

Scranton Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference is still open for registration. There will be a bus available for transportation which will be covered by the parish. Anyone wishing to attend on Saturday, April 25, 2015 should call the church office for registration information.

All are invited to sing in the choir on Holy Thursday. We will practice before the Mass on April 2nd at 6 PM in the choir loft at Holy Child. Thank you for sharing your gift of music at this special celebration of the Lord's Supper.

