

HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

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April 19, 2015
3rd Sunday of Easter



“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead...” Luke 24:46

The Gospel Reading is taken from the final Resurrection appearance in the Gospel according to Luke. Since Luke wrote both the Gospel account in the Acts of the Apostles, it is not surprising that a similar theme arises in both: The Death and Resurrection of Christ fulfills God’s covenants with Israel.

The Resurrection stories heard last week in John’s account and this week in Luke’s story shares some elements. First, in both, the resurrected Christ greets his disciples with the phrase, “Peace be with you.” It is a

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.

greeting of comfort and support to the group so traumatized by the events of the past few days. Second, both Luke and John place much emphasis on the physical presence of the resurrected Christ. Jesus encourages the disciples to touch him “because a ghost does not have flesh and bones s you can see I have.” Jesus even asks for food to eat, indicating the complete restoration of his corporeal existence. Third, both Resurrection narratives discuss the element of “doubt” among the disciples. Recall the doubting of Thomas in John. In Luke, Jesus asks all his disciples, “Why do questions arise in your hearts?”

In today’s Gospel reading, we hear the final words spoken by Jesus in Luke’s account, and they convey two important elements in the kerygma (proclamation) of the early Church. First, the life, Death and resurrection of Christ fulfill Sacred Scripture (“the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalm”). In other words, God is faithful to his covenantal promises. Second, the disciples receive their final instructions: they are to preach “repentance, for the forgiveness of sins...to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. With these words, the Church receives its divine directive to evangelize the world.

(Liturgy Training Publications)



Intentions for this Week

Saturday, April 18

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Carol Dalton by Family

6:30 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Anna Frye by Ray and Loretta Brundage

Sunday, April 19th, 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Marge Davies by sisters

11:15 AM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

Monday, April 20

No Mass

Tuesday, April 21

No Mass

Wednesday, April 22

No Mass

Thursday, April 23

No Mass

Friday, April 24

No Mass

Saturday, April 25

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Angeline Bubacz by Family

6:30 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Walter Tokarz by Family

Sunday, April 26th, 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Charlene Plowcha by Paul 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 (April 19) in memory of deceased members of Holy Child Parish. The Sanctuary Light at Holy Child is offered in memory deceased members of Holy Child Parish.

Bingo workers for April 25: Linda Doud, Connie Williammee, Patricia Minnich, Patty Hutcheson

Kitchen workers for April 25: Knights of Columbus

Collection Counters:

April 19: Jim and Joann Weiskopff

April 26: Anna Marie Mimlitsch

Can someone count with Anna Marie on April 26th?



SUPPORT

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS
Strengthening the Church at Home

On the weekend of April 25/26, there will be a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. There are envelopes in the back of both churches if you do not receive envelope packets in the mail.

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 April 18 & 19

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Bernard Stevenson

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: Ron Becker

6:30 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Ray Brundage

Servers: Thomas King

E. Min: Chris King

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Jim Weiskopff, Linda Hawn

Servers: Isabella Hazelton, Jon Baker

E. Min: Joan Miller

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Christine Jenkins, Rita Hanson

Servers: Brendan Nash

E. Min: Bill Page

Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend April 25 & 26

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Samantha Rutledge

Servers: Amanda Rutledge

E. Min: John Ranck

6:30 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Chris King

Servers: Thomas King

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Brenda Brewster, Connie Penner

Servers: Parker and Bridger Brewster

E. Min: Ann Vayansky

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Bob Wood

Servers: John Minnich

E. Min: Donna Brennan

Readings

April 19

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9

1 John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

April 20

Acts 6:8-15

John 6:22-29

April 21

Acts 7:51-8:1a

John 6:30-35

April 22

Acts 8:1b-8

John 6:35-40

April 23

St. George

Acts 8:26-40

John 6:44-51

April 24

St. Fidelis of

Sigmaringen

Acts 9:1-20

John 6:52-59

April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Peter 5:5b-14

Mark 16:15-20

April 26

4th Sunday of Easter,

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23,

26, 28, 29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

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.

Thanks again for those of you who supported the lottery fundraiser in anyway. The profit, which will be deposited into the parish building fund, is \$2350.00.

THIS WEEK HOLY CHILD PARISH

Saturday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 19th, 3rd Sunday of Easter

- ✿ 10:00 AM PREP

Monday, April 20

- ✿ No Mass
- ✿ 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's

Tuesday, April 21

- ✿ No Mass
- ✿ 7:00 PM Faith Sharing

Wednesday, April 22

- ✿ No Mass
- ✿ Office Closed

Thursday, April 23

- ✿ No Mass

Friday, April 24

- ✿ No Mass

Saturday, April 25

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

Sunday, April 26th, 4th Sunday of Easter, World Day of Prayer for Vocations

- ✿ 10:00 AM PREP
- ✿ Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Daily Mass Change: Beginning in May, Daily Mass will be at St. Mary's in Blossburg on both Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 PM. Daily Mass on Monday and Friday will remain at Holy Child Church in Mansfield. This schedule will remain in effect until Fall.

Just a reminder - Father Jacek will be away for Convocation this week; there will be no daily Mass Monday thru Friday, April 20 - 24.

Spiritual Bouquet for Mother's Day!

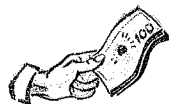


What a wonderful way to honor your Mom! There are envelopes in your packet or at the back of both churches. Fill out the Spiritual Bouquet envelope and place it in the collection basket.

Mother's Day intention envelopes will be placed on the altar and be specially remembered at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend and throughout the month of May.

Gifts to Your Parish

April 11 & 12



Sunday Envelopes: \$3404.00
Loose: \$ 277.85

Church Dues: \$66.00 Easter: \$312.00
Easter Flowers: \$5.00 Holy Thursday: \$13.00

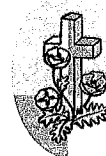
Total: \$4077.85

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 \$20.00 for the Care and Education of Priests and \$50.00 for Rice Bowl and \$19.00 for the Holy Land. 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, Elsa DiBernardo, 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.

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

The last dates to turn in paper order forms for Flower Power via the weekend collection are April 25th and 26th. Catalogs and forms are in the back of both churches. Online orders may be placed through May 1st. Remember that 50% of every order is a donation to Holy Child Parish.

Thank you for your support.

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.

When bringing food items and otherwise into the kitchen at Holy Child, please either take or toss any remaining leftovers. If you are coming back for it, put your name on it. There are also many dishes and pans in the freezer room waiting to be claimed. Thank you for helping to keep our kitchen area neat and clean.

Cemetery Spring Cleaning

Winter has taken its toll and it's time to refresh our cemeteries. Please remove all items from graves and dispose of them properly – they are your responsibility. All items remaining and of poor condition will be removed by maintenance. We will be scheduling a spring clean-up day for May. Thank you for helping.

New baby items for new mothers are being collected for the maternity ward at Soldiers and Sailors Hospital; project sponsored by Holy Child Ladies Guild. Please bring new and unwrapped items to the back of both churches and place in the bin. Items are due by May 10th.

DON'T FORGET...Holy Child Health Ministry has a variety of medical equipment available for long or short term loan.

A hospital bed was recently donated. We serve anyone in need of these items so please spread the word. To borrow items or check on availability, call Dotty Welsh (662-2057) or the church office.

HEALTH TIP FROM THE HEALTH MINISTRY

Before starting those gardening (and clean-up) projects, remember to do some gentle stretching. Take some rest breaks **BEFORE** you feel the need. Using some cushioning for your knees or a stool or other sit-upon is also helpful. Everything does not need to be done in one session. You will do better working several days in shorter periods. Remember to just sit and enjoy the many sights and scents of another Spring and thank Him for all blessings.



Attention all parish youth currently in grades 8-12...If you are interested in attending the Steubenville Catholic Youth

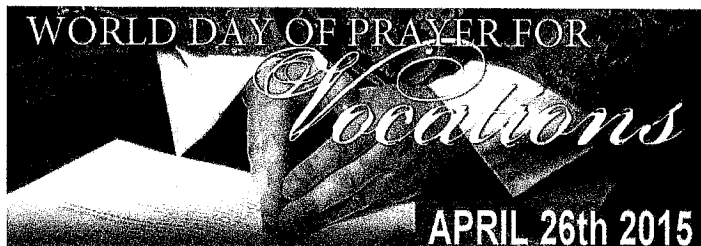
Conference over June 19 - 21, please register with the office.

Great Cookie Giveaway... Donations of



cookies and snacks will be greatly appreciated for our Mansfield University Students. Please have your donations to Holy Child Hall

by 1:00 PM on Sunday, May 3rd. Thank you for supporting this wonderful project; the treats are appreciated!



All Invited to Vocation Events

The Vocation Office invites all to participate in the following events:

- **World Day of Prayer for Vocations Liturgy:** Sunday, April 26, 2015, 12:15 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. Light reception to follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center.
- **Diaconate Ordination:** Saturday, May 23, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. Joseph Mosley and Michael Drevitch to be ordained as transitional deacons.
- **Priesthood Ordination:** Saturday, June 6, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. Rev. Mr. Seth Wasnock to be ordained.

All are welcome!

Save the Date!

Diocese of Scranton
VOCATIONS
Golf Classic | 2015

Monday
July 13, 2015
Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club
Mountain Top, PA

11:00 a.m. Lunch
12:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Reception & Awards Dinner
After Golf

Invitation to Follow

For Reservations & Sponsorships
Call 570-207-2250
or E-mail
Development@dioceseofscranton.org

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Strengthens the Church at Home

Across the United States, there are Catholic dioceses and eparchies that struggle to provide ministries and programs for their people.

The annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal addresses this challenge by providing grants that help these local churches - many located in rural, economically depressed areas - to support evangelization, catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry, and other pastoral programs.

This appeal helps to sustain nearly 45 percent of all dioceses and eparchies in the country and in a number of U.S. territories in the Caribbean and Pacific. Last year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions approved more than \$9 million in grants.

The 2015 Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up in the Diocese of Scranton the weekend of April 25-26.

The theme is "Strengthening the Church at Home," which reflects the goal of bolstering domestic Catholic pastoral programs.

"We know, of course, that many areas of the world lack the resources to foster the Catholic faith and provide pastoral care to members of the Church. But there are many places right here in our own country that face similar challenges," Bishop Joseph C. Bambera said.

"Just as we support the foreign missions, we also have the responsibility to support these domestic dioceses that need our help. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal gives us the opportunity to assist nearly nine million fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith."



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Mass Intention Policy



Mass intentions can be scheduled for the current year and the following calendar year *but only after the following year's liturgical calendar arrives.* There will be a notice in the bulletin when the office receives it. For example, we are currently accepting only Mass intentions for 2014 until we receive the 2015 calendar.

There will be an announcement in the bulletin when intentions can be taken for 2016.

Always keep in mind that some dates are already taken and sometimes there are unforeseen Mass schedule changes.

Since we have only 3 weekend Mass intentions, families will be limited to 5 weekend intentions per calendar year with no limit on daily Masses. This policy was put in place after the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on August 13, 2013. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact office personnel.

GET INVOLVED

Those words are still true today. The Catholic Church provides the compassion of Christ in countless ways in the United States, including through health care institutions, schools and universities, charities and social service agencies and the work of individuals, parish communities, and diocesan entities.