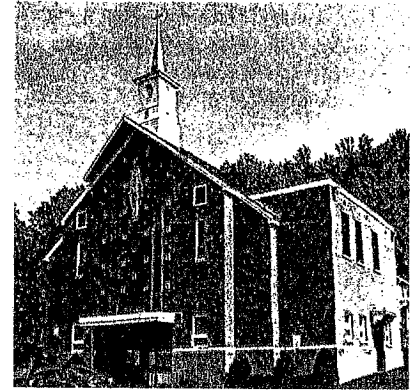


Holy Child

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Rita Hanson, Financial Secretary
Jen Minnich, Parish Secretary
Sarah Hazelton, DRE
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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Office closed on Wednesday
Cemetery Business Hours:
By Appointment
Thursday and Friday



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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.

October 4, 2015
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 3:30 PM at Holy Child and at 7:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa. For other times, call the church office to make an appointment.

Baptism: Please call the church office to make arrangements to meet with the pastor and schedule the time and date of the ceremony.

Matrimony: Couples planning to marry should contact their Pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing and Holy Communion are available to the infirmed and homebound. Families are asked to notify the church office to arrange a visit.

New Parishioners

Holy Child Parish welcomes you! New members are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office. Registration is a requirement for admission to our religious education programs and reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Penance, Confirmation, and Matrimony.

Parish Contacts:

Director of Religious Education:

Sarah Hazelton 570-549-8174

Evangelization Committee:

Joan Miller 570-662-3594

Faith Sharing:

Alan Parrotte 570-549-2592

Good Neighbors:

Francis Murphy 570-835-5387

Good Samaritans:

Doris Partyka 570-324-2295

Health Ministry:

Dotty Welsh 570-463-2429

Knights of Columbus, MU Chapter:

Nick Musshafen 570-537-6620

Knights of Columbus, Blossburg Chapter:

Jim Weiskopff 570-662-7133

Ladies Guild:

Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2346

Mansfield University Campus Minister:

Courtney Hull 570-404-8435

Medical Equipment Loaning Program:

Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057

RCIA: Ken Auken 570-529-1859 or

Linda Kichline 570-724-4255

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, October 3

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Isabelle Harzinski by Floyd Harzinski

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

All Parishioners

Sunday, October 4th, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM at Holy Child

William, Douglas & Michael Winder by Family

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Living and Deceased members of Francis and Fahsbender Families by Tom and Mary

Monday, October 5

12:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's

Eugene Jessup and Margie and Louis Manikowski by Tom and Martha Jessup

Tuesday, October 6

12:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's

Chester and Roger Losinger by Family

Wednesday, October 7

No Mass

Thursday, October 8

6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Frank & Helen Dadas by Gene & Marilyn Kurzejewski

Friday, October 9

8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

Richard Lynch by Joan Miller

Saturday, October 10

4:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Frank Moroschok by Marie

Sunday, October 11th, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM at Holy Child

William and Mary Beaderman by Nancy and Dave Jaquish

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Emma and William Sokoly by Brennan Family

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 (October 4) in memory of living and deceased members of Francis & Fahsbender Families by Tom & Mary. The Sanctuary Light at

Holy Child is offered in memory of William, Douglas & Michael Winder by Family.

Bingo workers for October 10: Linda Doud, Connie and Sara Williammee

Kitchen workers for October 10: Terri, Patty, Anita

Collection Counters:

October 4: Dave and Cathy Slusser

October 11: Need Volunteers; any takers???

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard on Saturdays

at 3:30 PM at Holy Child

at 7:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

For other times, call the office to make an appointment.

Ministers of the Altar

for this weekend October 3 & 4

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Bob Wood

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: Scott DiMarco

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Jan Yoder, Pam Thomas

Servers: Nealens

E. Min: Cecelia Tokarz

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Linda Hawn, Anne Kaminski

Servers: Michael & Daniel Harman

E. Min: Joan Miller

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Kayla Nash, Rita Hanson

Servers: Brendan Nash

E. Min: Bill Page

Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend October 10 & 11

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Ron Becker

Servers: Need Volunteer

E. Min: John Ranck

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Peter Lupkowski

Servers: Bill Lupkowski

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Maryjane Seifried, Jim Weiskopff

Servers: Michael and Daniel Harman

E. Min: Alan Parrotte

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Courtney Hull

Servers: Roch Minnich

E. Min: Donna Brennan

Readings

October 4

27th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
Gn 2:18-24
Psalm 128:1-6
Feb 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16

October 5

Weekday [27]
Jon 1:1 - 2:1,11
Luke 10:25-37

October 6

Weekday [27]
*St. Bruno, Blessed Marie-
Rose Durocher*
Jon 3:1-10
Luke 10:38-42

October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary
Jon 4:1-11
Luke 11:1-4

October 8

Weekday [27]
Mal 3:13-20b
Luke 11:5-13

October 9

*St. Denis & Companions
and St. John Leonardi*
Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Luke 11:15-26

October 10

Weekday [27]
Jl 4:12-21
Luke 11:27-28

October 11

28th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
Wis 7:7-11
Psalm 90:12-17
Heb 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

Prayer for Life

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, October 3

- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall
- ✦ 2nd Collection for Care and Education of Priests

Sunday, October 4th, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✦ 10:00 AM Religious Ed and Meeting with 1st Comm. Students & Parents
- ✦ 12:30 PM Youth Group
- ✦ 2nd Collection for Care and Education of Priests

Monday, October 5

- ✦ 12:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's
- ✦ 7:00 PM RCIA in Parish Center

Tuesday, October 6

- ✦ 12:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✦ 9:00 AM Health Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, October 7

- ✦ No Mass

Thursday, October 8

- ✦ 6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child
- ✦ 6:45 PM Finance Council Mtg in Hall

Friday, October 9

- ✦ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

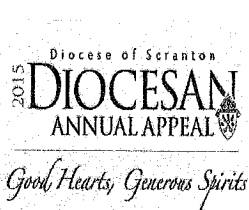
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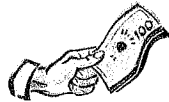
- ✦ 10:00 AM Religious Ed

CARE AND EDUCATION OF PRIESTS:



"Answering God's call to a life of service to His people"... Our priests and deacons unconditionally answer the call to serve God's people meeting increasing needs throughout our Diocese. Contributions to the

Annual Appeal fund ongoing formation of our priests, permanent deacons, seminarians and deacon candidates. These funds also help us care for and support our 91 retired or ill priests, many of whom continue to generously assist with the celebration of Masses, the visitation of the sick and by offering spiritual guidance to all in need. Appeal gifts also assist the Vocations Office, which has been blessed with encouraging growth, in guiding those who are considering priesthood through a comprehensive discernment process. We are grateful to currently have 10 seminarians pursuing the priesthood in the Diocese of Scranton and 29 candidates to the permanent diaconate. Your gift Annual Appeal directly supports the celebration of the Eucharist, proclamation of the Gospel, administration of the Sacraments and devotions within our parish communities.



Gifts to Your Parish

September 26 & 27

Sunday Envelopes: \$2995.75
Loose: \$ 424.99

Fuel: \$659.62

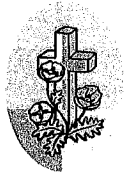
Church Dues: \$101.00

Total: \$4181.36

Thank you! Your stewardship and generosity to your parish are needed and greatly appreciated. \$4879.00 is the amount needed for our weekly collections to meet budgeted expenses.

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 need special prayers:

Elsa Di Bernardo
Edwin Rosa

Please call the office to add names of those who are in need of prayer due to sudden illness, upcoming surgery, hospital stay or those who are experiencing a hardship. We would like to keep the names on our prayer list for a few weeks so that parishioners can pray for those individuals especially.

To respect our parishioners' privacy, please ask and specify if their names are to be put in the bulletin or added to the prayer chain or both.



If you have a loved one who has passed away or is sick, please contact the office so that we can remember you in our prayers.

Please see the bulletin each week for any unexpected changes to the Daily Mass Schedule. It is there that you will find the Mass intentions listed.

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FUNDRAISING

This fundraiser will be used to raise money for our Parish Building Fund. For every purchase made, Flower Power Fundraising will give 50% back to Holy Child Parish! In this campaign, with any order of \$40 or more, you will receive a FREE BONUS of 35 Rock Garden Allium - a \$12 value!

Catalogs and order forms are in the back of both churches. You can save on shipping by combining orders and having them sent to one address. On the order form, please put your name on the line behind "SELLER'S NAME". Make checks payable to "Holy Child Parish". No information is needed on the envelopes. Simply place them in the weekend collection. This Fundraiser will continue through Oct. 15.

For those wishing to place an order online, you may follow these simple directions:

- 1) Go to <http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/>
- 2) Click on 'Find a Group', top right corner
- 3) Under 'Find a Group', type 'Holy Child Parish' in the box behind 'Organization Name' (no city!)
- 4) Click on 'Search', then follow the directions below 'Search' (Yes, it says "Wellsboro" because the address of the contact person is Wellsboro. No fear!!)
- 5) You are now on our Fundraiser page and the online catalog page! Just scroll down the page and follow the directions.
- 6) Choose your items and place your order!! Please share this opportunity with your friends. You can follow our progress on this site! Thank you for your support of our Parish!!



Cemetery Committee
Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 11 AM in St. Mary's Hall.



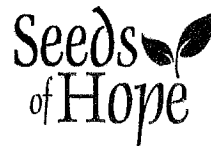
The Life Chain is Sunday Oct. 4th. We will stand at the intersection of Rt 6 and Main St. in Mansfield from 2:15 to 3:30 PM. Signs will be

provided along with a few chairs for those unable to stand. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

For further information call Dotty 570-662-2057.



WANT To LOSE WEIGHT? Empty your change from pockets and purses into the **PENNIES FROM HEAVEN** container in the back of the church. The Mansfield and Blossburg food pantries will benefit from your contributions. This is a great way for children to participate in giving. Paper money is also accepted.



Seeds of Hope Ministry Update... Do you want to know what your donations to SOHP are used for? Or do you want to know how you can help the children in Tioga County who are in need? Come to Holy Child on Thursday, October 15th at 7 PM to hear the story.

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Campus Corner

-The Catholic Student Association (CSA) meets every Thursday at 5 PM in 112 Pinecrest Manor. Everyone is welcome!

-Find our table at LUMA on October 10th.

-Movie Night: Heaven is for Real on October 22 at 7 PM in Sycamore Multipurpose Room.

-St. Francis Inn Weekend Service Experience:

Friday, October 23 to Sunday, October 25.



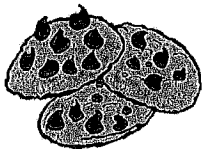
For more information about Campus Ministry, contact Courtney Hull: chull@mansfield.edu



TEEN YOUTH GROUP NATURE HIKE

Holy Child Teen Youth Group will meet this Sunday, Oct. 4th at 12:30 pm in the Holy Child Parish Hall. We will enjoy a light lunch, followed by a short nature hike. In the event of rain, an alternate activity will take place.

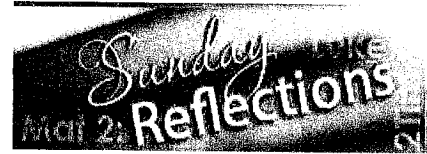
As always, new members welcome!



Goodies for Troops... will be packaging for Christmas. Please write a note in a Christmas Card and

drop it in the bin in the vestibule of the church.

As Christians, we know that suffering is not the end of the story; it can be the path by which the Lord perfects us in love and leads us to Heaven.



In today's gospel, it could be useful to imagine the setting in which Jesus calls the little children to himself. He has just had an encounter with the Pharisees enquiring about details of the Law governing marriage - and gone on to explore that further with the disciples.

Jesus tries to take his questioners beyond the letter of the Law - with its human interpretations - to the spirit in which it was given. The basic law from the beginning, he says, is that humankind was created in the image of God and that, in marriage, a man and woman have an equality and create a fullness that neither can achieve on their own. Because this was not always convenient, new laws had been implemented which offered a way out of it - at least, for one party.

Despite what they had just heard, the disciples did not translate it into action. As far as they were concerned, the children and their caregivers were not as important as they were and should not be allowed to disturb the Master.

Jesus is indignant that they have not understood what he was saying. For him, the women and children had as much right to see him as those who saw themselves as more important. In fact, he points to the children gathered around him and says that they are the example the self-important should emulate. Young children (generally!) accept the rules of living without quibbling about every detail. They are open to the love of their parents and know that rules are imposed for their well-being - even if they do not fully understand them.

Such simplicity and trust should characterize those to whom the Kingdom belongs. There will always be things that we do not understand and it is right to question and reflect on such issues. It should, however, be done in the spirit of the child and an acceptance that the Kingdom goes beyond human law and understanding and can only be welcomed as an unmerited gift from a loving Father. (Wellspring)



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“Every Life is Worth Living” Reflections for Respect Life Month, October 2015

My dear friends in Christ:

One of the deepest desires of the human heart is to discover our identity. So often, as a society and as individuals, we identify ourselves by what we do. We base our worth on how productive we are at work or at home, and we determine our lives to be more or less good depending on the degree of independence or pleasure. We may even begin to believe that if our lives, or those of others, don't “measure up” to a certain standard, they are somehow less valuable or less worth living.

Respect Life Month is a fitting time to reflect on the truth of who we are.

Our worth is based not on our skills or levels of productivity. Rather, we discover our worth when we discover our true identity found in the unchangeable, permanent fact that we are created in God's image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with him.

Because of this, absolutely nothing can diminish our God-given dignity, and therefore, nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives. Others may fail to respect that dignity—may even try to undermine it—but in doing so, they only distance themselves from God's loving embrace. Human dignity is forever.

Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love.

An elderly man whose health is quickly deteriorating; an unborn baby girl whose diagnosis indicates she may not live long; a little boy with Down syndrome; a mother facing terminal cancer—each may have great difficulties and need our assistance, but each of their lives is worth living.

When we encounter the suffering of another, let us reach out and embrace them in love, allowing God to work through us. This might mean slowing down and taking the time to listen. It might mean providing respite care or preparing meals for a family facing serious illness. It might mean simply being present and available. And of course, it always means prayer--bringing their needs before the Father and asking him to work in their lives.

Experiencing suffering—or watching another suffer—is one of the hardest human experiences. Fear of the unknown can lead us into the temptation of taking control in ways that offend our dignity and disregard the reverence due to each person.

But we are not alone. Christ experienced suffering more deeply than we can comprehend, and our own suffering can be meaningful when we unite it with his. Especially in the midst of

trials, we are invited to hold fast to the hope of the Resurrection. God is with us every step of the way, giving us the grace we need.

In times of suffering, let us have the courage to accept help that others genuinely want to give, and give the help that others need. We were made to love and be loved; we are meant to depend on one another, serving each other in humility and walking together in times of suffering. Our relationships are meant to help us grow in perfect love.

Let us learn to let go of our own standards of perfection and instead learn more deeply how to live according to God's standards. He does not call us to perfect efficiency or material success; he calls us to self-sacrificial love. He invites us to embrace each life for as long as it is given—our own lives and the lives of those he has placed in our paths. Every life is worth living.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap." in a cursive script.


Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Boston
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 **VIRTUS**[®] There will be training for VIRTUS on Sunday, October 18th in Holy Child Hall at 1:00 PM. VIRUS training is necessary for all employees in addition to adults who work with children in the Diocese of Scranton. If you have any questions, please contact the office at: 570-662-3568.

POPE FRANCIS RAISED A CHALLENGING QUESTION THAT WE EACH NEED TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY:

"[I]N RECOGNIZING THE INESTIMABLE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE, WE MUST ALSO REFLECT ON HOW WE USE IT. LIFE IS FIRST AND FOREMOST A GIFT." GOD HAS GIVEN US EACH THE GIFT OF LIFE.

HOW WILL WE LIVE IT?

Come, Look and Learn!

DVD's and books to borrow found in the back of the church...

DVD's:

- Faustina – Visionary of Divine Mercy
- Journey of the Heart – Life of Henry Nouven
- Pornography – Addictive – Progressive – Deadly
- The Passion of Christ
- Heroic Journey of Solanus Casey
- The Chastity Lady – Molly Kelly

Books:

- Saint John-Paul the Great – His Five First Loves
- The Cube and the Cathedral – Europe, America, and Politics Without God
- The Heart Aflame – Devotion to the Sacred Heart
- Christ Among Us – Modern Presentation of Catholic Faith for Adults