

Holy Child

# HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

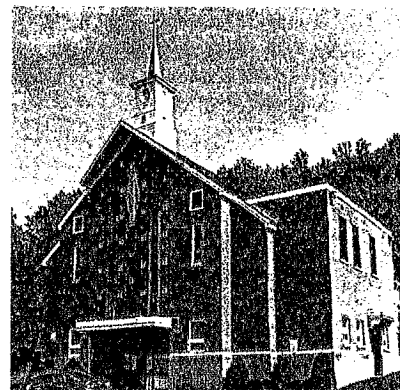
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St. Mary of Czestochowa

### 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.

## December 6, 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### 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:  
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Good Neighbors:  
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Courtney Hull 570-404-8435

Medical Equipment Loaning Program:  
Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057

RCIA: Ken Auker 570-529-1859 or  
Linda Kichline 570-724-4255

## Mass Intentions for this Week

### Saturday, December 5

4:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Bernard Stachowski by Family

### Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Jerry Cunningham by Linda Cloos

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Paul and Myra Mimplitsch by Mike and Anne Kaminski

### Monday, December 7, Holy Day Vigil

7:00 PM Mass at Holy child

Patricia Roupp by Ken and Vicki Simpson

### Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of

#### Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's

Fabian, Helen and Joan Manikowski by Family

### Wednesday, December 9

No Mass

### Thursday, December 10

6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Carolyn Jaquish Bond by Nancy & Dave Jaquish

### Friday, December 11

8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

Chester and Roger Losinger by Family

### Saturday, December 12

4:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Joe Manikowski by Family

### Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM at Holy Child

William, Douglas and Michael Winder by Family

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Anna Tokarz by Family

**The Sanctuary Light** burns to remind us of the real presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.



The Sanctuary Light is offered this week (December 6) in memory of Arlene VanValkner and Frank Frederick by the Family at St. Mary's in

Blossburg and in memory of Carolyn Jaquish Bond by Nancy and Dave Jaquish at Holy Child in Mansfield.

*If you would like to offer the Sanctuary Light for a loved one, please contact the parish office.*

**Bingo workers for December 12:** Linda Brown, Connie and Sara Williammee, Linda Brown

**Kitchen workers for December 12:** Terri, Patty, Anita

#### **Collection Counters:**

December 5: Dave and Cathy Slusser

December 13: Dick Colegrove, Francis Murphy

## 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 next weekend December 5 & 6

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

Readers: Joe Maresco

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: Maryann Maresco

**6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's**

Readers: Jan Yoder

Servers: Nealens

E. Min: Cecelia Tokarz

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

Readers: Phil Foley and Anne Kaminski

Servers: Grace & Sophia Scouten

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 this weekend December 12 & 13

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

Readers: Linda Brown

Servers: Need Volunteer

E. Min: John Ranck

**6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's**

Readers: Ray Brundage

Servers: Bill Lupkowski

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

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

Readers: Brenda B. and Jim W.

Servers: Parker and Bridger Brewster

E. Min: Alan Parrotte

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

Readers: Courtney Hull

Servers: Roch Minnich

E. Min: Donna Brennan

## Readings

December 6

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9

Psalm 126:1-6

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

December 7

St. Ambrose

Is 35:1-10

Luke 5:17-26

December 8

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION OF BVM

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Luke 1:26-38

December 9

Advent Weekday [2]

St. Juan Diego

Is 40:25-31

Matthew 11:28-30

December 10

Advent Weekday [2]

Is 41:13-20

Matthew 11:11-15

December 11

Advent Weekday [2]

St. Damasus I

Is 48:17-19

Matthew 11:16-19

December 12

OUR LADY OF

GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17

Luke 1:26-38

December 13

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a

Psalm Is 12:2-6

Phil 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

## Prayer for Advent

Look on us, Jesus, and let all the darkness of our souls disappear before the beams of your brightness.

Fill us with your holy love, and open to us the treasures of your wisdom.

You know all our desire, so bring to perfection what you have started, and what the Holy Spirit has wakened us to ask in prayer.

We seek your face, turn your face to us and show us your glory.

Then our longing will be satisfied and our peace will be perfect. Amen.

-St. Augustine

# THIS WEEK HOLY CHILD PARISH

## Saturday, December 5

- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall
- ✦ 8:00 PM Drawing for Ladies Guild  
Raffle in HC Hall
- ✦ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Care and Education of Priests

## Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- ✦ 10:00 AM Religious Ed
- ✦ 1:00 PM MU Cookie Giveaway items  
due in HC Hall
- ✦ 1:30 PM VIRTUS in HC Hall
- ✦ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Care and Education of Priests

## Monday, December 7, Holy Day Vigil

- ✦ 7:00 PM Mass at Holy Child
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's

## Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ✦ 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✦ 10:00 AM Good Neighbors, HC Vestibule
- ✦ 7:00 PM Ladies Guild Christmas Party

## Wednesday, December 9

- ✦ No Mass
- ✦ 6:00 PM VIRTUS in St. Mary's Hall
- ✦ 7:00 PM RCIA in Parish Center

## Thursday, December 10

- ✦ 6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bldg and Maint. Committee

## Friday, December 11

- ✦ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

## Saturday, December 12

- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall  
(Christmas Door Prizes)
- ✦ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Retirement for Religious

## Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- ✦ 10:00 AM Religious Ed
- ✦ 3:00 PM Penance Service at St. Peter's
- ✦ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Retirement for Religious

### Looking ahead:

The Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is as follows:

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at Holy Child

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:10 PM at St. Mary's

*This is a Holy Day of Obligation*

## Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal Report for Holy Child Parish

2015 Goal: \$30,000.00

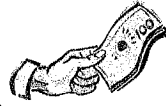
Total Raised to Date: \$22,746.00

Over (Under): (\$7254.00)



## Gifts to Your Parish

November 28 & 29



Sunday Envelopes: \$3524.96  
Loose: \$ 689.00

Fuel: \$60.00 Christmas Flowers: \$113.00  
Thanksgiving Charity: \$214.00 Advent: \$702.00

Total: \$5302.96

Cemetery Maintenance: \$25.00

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  
Ken Riseborough  
Dennis Bogaczyk  
Loretta Brundage

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.



## Campus Corner

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



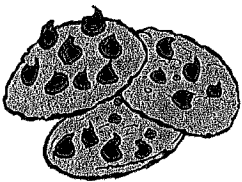
**FMI about Campus Ministry, contact Courtney Hull: [chull@mansfield.edu](mailto:chull@mansfield.edu)**

**ALL** are welcome to attend any or all RCIA sessions. The topics for November are...

Dec. 9 – Mary, Introduction to the Sacraments of Initiation.

### **Cookies and goodies giveaway for Mansfield University Students on December 6, 2015!!**

It's time for finals so won't you consider helping to provide snacks for MU Students. Homemade or purchased snacks will be appreciated. Bring to Holy Child Church Hall by 1:00 pm on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>.



### **Hat and Mitten Tree**

Please help decorate the Christmas Tree at St. Mary's with hats and mittens for those in need this winter.



**The readings today** for the Second Sunday of Advent provide some "Advent practice" for us, and is not going to be easy. "The Word of God came to John, the son

of Zechariah, in the desert." Deserts are empty, quiet and austere places. In the biblical tradition they are also places one encounters temptation, wild animals and various other dangers. But in Luke the desert is a place Jesus will go for prayer and reflection before starting his mission. Here is the hard part: is there any way, amid the noise and commercialism that we can build into our Advent days our own "desert?" – quiet prayer, scripture reading, some solitude, to help us turn our attention to what God has to say us. God's Word is active and alive and God is ready to speak to any of us who find some way to go to a desert of our own making. We believe that when God speaks, God does what God says in the hearts of faithful listeners.

In the quiet of our desert God may speak a word of peace and create a peaceful spirit in us. God may utter a word of hope to lift our spirits. God may speak a word of healing to mend past hurts. God may speak a word of strength giving us the courage to face present difficulties. God may proclaim a word of justice standing us on our feet to set things right in the world.

Baruch and John the Baptist remind us that through God's word God can accomplish healing and justice. John's voice from the desert urges us this Advent to open our ears and hearts to put aside obstacles and make room to receive God's gift of salvation that comes with Jesus Christ.

Paul brings Advent assurance to us today: that God is at work in us and will bring to completion what God has begun. There is the Advent promise again: God is coming to set things right in the world. That's the hope God's Word stirs up in us; the word we hear in our desert hearts when we clear away obstacles so that we can listen with ears and hearts turned in God's direction.

(First Impression Friars)

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**HOLY CHILD PARISH  
Building and Maintenance Fund**

**Lottery 2016**

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**January, February and  
March of 2016**

**Payouts:**

**Monday-Friday: \$50**

**Saturday: \$200**

**Sunday\*: \$250**

**\*except dates listed below**

**Sunday, January 31--\$1000**

**Sunday, February 28--\$1000**

**Sunday, March 27--\$1000**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE AFTER  
WEEKEND MASSES!**



**DECEMBER YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party at 7pm in Holy Child Parish Hall. Bring a wrapped \$10 (or under) gift for the gift exchange and a snack to share.



Oplatki are now available in the back of our churches. A minimal donation of \$2.00 per packet is requested.

**IMPORTANT!!!**



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Anyone who received clearance papers to fill out due to employment or volunteering and has *not*

attended VIRTUS training must make plans to do so. There will be two trainings offered in December:

Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 PM in Holy Child Hall in Mansfield

and

Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM in St. Mary's Hall in Blossburg

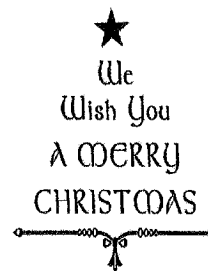
**Good Neighbors Christmas Dinner**



Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at Penn Wells  
11:30 AM

Call Francis Murphy  
at 570-835-5387

by December 12, 2015



The Parish Wishing Tree is in the back of both churches this weekend. The need is great. If you are able, please take a tag from the tree and return

all unwrapped gifts by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. You may bring them to the office or leave them under the Christmas Tree. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Good Samaritans Christmas Party

Please join us at Lambs Creek Restaurant on Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. Call Doris Partyka by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 570-324-2295 and let her know you'll be there.



Volunteers needed to decorate Holy Child Church for Christmas after 11:15 Mass Sunday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Christmas Carol Singing - ALL invited to be in the choir! (More information closer to Christmas)

### First United Methodist Church, Mansfield invites you:

The Jacobs Brothers' Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.  
No Reservations needed.

### St. James Episcopal Church in Mansfield invites you:

"Advent Service of Lessons and Carols"  
Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM  
No Reservations needed

**PHOTOS OF THOSE NEW** BABIES, GRANDBABIES, NIECES, NEPHEWS, ETC. ARE REQUESTED. GET PHOTOS (NON-RETURNABLE) TO THE OFFICE OR INTO THE COLLECTION BASKET TO BE MADE INTO ORNAMENT FOR OUR TREE OF LIFE.



RONALD MCDONALD  
HOUSE CHARITIES

Girl Scout Troop 40802 is collecting soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Please bring your tabs in every week from home. They will be collected weekly.

## Safe Environment for Children:

Holy Child Parish is committed to ensuring a safe environment for children.

- ❖ Holy Child Parish is committed to uphold the "national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" as established by the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops.
- ❖ All adults who work with our children are trained in the "VIRTUS, Protecting God's Children" Program.
- ❖ All adults who work with our children are screened by law enforcement.

All adults who work with our children acknowledge and accept the "Diocese of Scranton Volunteer Code of Conduct."

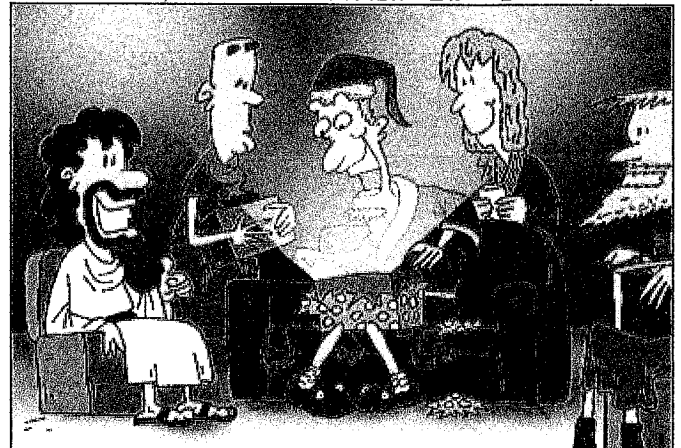
### **NOTICE REGARDING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BY ORDAINED OR LAY PERSONNEL OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON**

Such an act should be reported to local law enforcement and the Diocese by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator (570-862-7551) or the Chancellor (570-207-2216) or the Vicar General/Director of Clergy Personnel (570-207-2269).

Upon receiving a report of this kind, the Diocese of Scranton is committed to assisting victims or survivors of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being.

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## Alternative Christmas Gifting at Holy Child Parish

Please consider alternative gifting to friends and family on your Christmas gift list. Make your gift to them a gift to organizations who serve those who are in need. You may come to the Parish Office during regular business hours to make donations to...Mansfield Food Pantry, Blossburg Matthew 25, Food Pantry, Seeds of Hope, Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center, Goodies for our Troops, Tioga County Homeless Initiative, St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen in Williamsport, Samaritan House Parish Health Ministry...in honor of your loved ones. You will receive an acknowledgement of that gift to include in a Christmas card. Your support of these organizations and the many people they help is greatly appreciated. Donations may be made with cash, or a check **made out to the desired organization.**

### Area Penance Services

#### Tioga County:

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, @ 3:00 PM at St. Peter's in Wellsboro

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, @ 3:00 PM at Holy Child in Mansfield

Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, @ 7:00 PM at St. Thomas in Elkland

#### Williamsport Area:

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, @ 12:30 PM at St. John Neumann (at St. Boniface)

Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM at St. Boniface

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM at Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes

#### **Please Note:**

**We are using Option 2 on page 4 for the Penitential Rite during Advent.**

## EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016

"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."

POPE FRANCIS

On April 11, 2015, Pope Francis announced "an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy that is to have God's mercy at its center." (*Misericordiae Vultus*). He wants us to live this Holy Year in the light of Jesus' words: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36.) Thus *Merciful like the Father* is the motto of this Holy Year. Our task is to contemplate, imitate and adopt God's mercy as our lifestyle.

The Holy Year will begin December 8, 2015 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which recalls God's merciful actions from the very beginning of mankind's history to draw us all back into the right relationship with God and others that was lost because of sin. When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy, which will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive.



## Advent Activities for kids!

Make a Christmas card for a friend, neighbor or family member. Think of the things that make you glad this person is part of your life and tell them about it in your card!

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Thank you Bob Wood for all your work -again- in selling our home.

God bless you and your staff.

*Peg and Jim Padden*



If you would like to help beautify our churches for Christmas while remembering a loved one, please use your Christmas Flower envelope and include the names of your loved one. Feel free to use a plain envelope if you do not receive packets.



## Holy Child Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 19, 2015

**In Attendance:** Fr. Bryan Wright, Sarah Hazelton, Ken Mitchell, Stephanie DiCamillo, Courtney Hull, Kathryn Wasowicz, Jim Weiskopff and Raymond Brundage.

**Absent:** Jen Minnich, Suzanne Case and Terry Morgan-Grala.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. We began with an Opening Prayer, and then the minutes of the previous meeting (October 15, 2015) were read and accepted.

### Old Business:

I. Cemetary Update: Fall cleanup happened at St. Joe's. Setting prices and standards so our procedures are in line with the Diocese. Once they are complete, copies will be sent to funeral homes.

II. Building and Maintenance Committee: Update: They met and an engineer assessed the buildings. The plan is to address the drainage issue and then look at other issues. Kneelers: looking at bids to remove old, make and install new. We will revisit this next mtg.

III. Storage/Bulletin Board for back of Holy Child Church: Looking in to storage solutions. We will revisit this next meeting.

IV. Bingo Procedures: Fr. Bryan met with the bingo reps and everything is in place.

### New Business:

I. Fundraisers: Lottery totals to date: \$1,475 (166 tickets sold). Diocesan: \$22,181 pledged (\$7,819 away from goal).

II. Religious Ed/Youth Group: SAFE environment trainings done. Events like bingo at Broad Acres, handing out candy on Halloween and pizza party went great. They plan to make decorations for the Thanksgiving dinner.

III. ARISE: Like RENEW, these are small faith sharing groups for adults. They have been well received in the past. We may look at doing some when Lent starts.

IV. Phone in St. Mary's Sacristy: No phone will be installed. Fr. Bryan will get the numbers of several parishioners to call in case of emergency.

V. Alternative Christmas Gifting: Giving gifts to charities in the name of others for Christmas

VI. Floor open to members: Virtus: choir members at St. Mary's were not sure if they had to attend the training. Christmas: there will be a mass at midnight this year.