

Holy Child

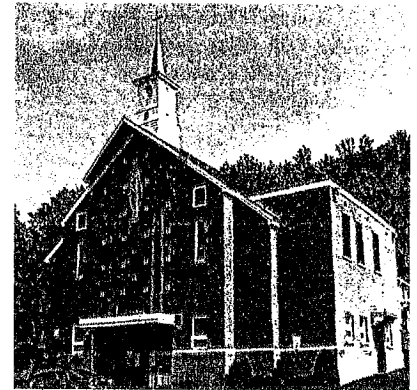
HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 13, 2015

3rd 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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Evangelization Committee:

Joan Miller 570-662-3594

Faith Sharing:

Alan Parrotte 570-549-2592

Good Neighbors:

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Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057

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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 12

4:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Joe Manikowski by Family

Sunday, December 13th, 2nd 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

Monday, December 14

12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's

Isabelle Harzinski by Floyd Harzinski

Tuesday, December 15

12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's

Carol Dalton by Family

Wednesday, December 16

No Mass

Thursday, December 17

6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Bill, Michael and Douglas Winder by Family

Friday, December 18

8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

Mary Wivell by Don Wivell Family

Saturday, December 19

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Paula Gerg by Bob and Lola

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

John and Veronica Manikowski by Family

Sunday, December 20

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Martha Kielty by Tom and Kate Phinney

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 is offered this week (December 13) in memory of Martha Fish and Rita Chamberlain by Leona Winder at St. Mary's in Blossburg and in memory of Harold Morley by

Family 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 19: Pat and Janet Metallo, Connie Williammee, Rita Hanson

Kitchen workers for December 19: PREP Parents: Minnich, Gutshall

Collection Counters:

December 13: Dick Colegrove, Francis Murphy

December 20: John and Eileen Ranck

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 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: Confirmation Class

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

Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend December 19 & 20

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Anna Marie Mimlitsch

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: Ron Becker

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Chris King

Servers: Nealens

E. Min: Cecelia Tokarz

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Connie Penner, Phil Foley

Servers: Will Brennan, Jon Baker

E. Min: Ann Vayansky

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Bob Wood

Servers: John Minnich

E. Min: Donna Brennan

Readings

December 13

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a

Psalm 1s 12:2-6

Phil 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

December 14

St. John of the Cross

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Matthew 21:23-27

December 15

Advent Weekday [3]

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Matthew 21:28-32

December 16

Advent Weekday [3]

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25

Luke 7:18b-23

December 17

Advent Weekday [3]

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Matthew 1:1-17

December 18

Advent Weekday [3]

Jer 23:5-8

Matthew 1:18-25

December 19

Advent Weekday [3]

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Luke 1:5-25

December 20

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mi 5:1-4a

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Heb 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

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 12

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

Sunday, Dec. 13th, 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 14

- ✦ 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's

Tuesday, December 15

- ✦ 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✦ 7:00 PM Faith Sharing

Wednesday, December 16

- ✦ No Mass
- ✦ 11:30 AM Good Neighbors Christmas Party at Penn Wells

Thursday, December 17

- ✦ 6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Friday, December 18

- ✦ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

Saturday, December 19

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

Sunday, December 20th, 3rd Sunday of Advent

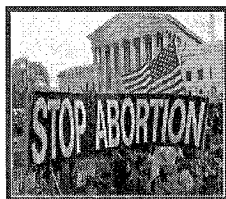
- ✦ 10:00 AM Religious Ed
- ✦ 12:30 PM Decorate Holy Child Church
- ✦ 3:00 PM Penance Service at Holy Child
- ✦ 7:00 PM Youth Christmas Party

Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal Report for Holy Child Parish



2015 Goal: \$30,000.00
 Total Raised to Date: \$28,553.00
 Over (Under): (\$1447.00)

Chemung County Right to Life sponsors an Annual January bus trip to our nation's capital on the anniversary date of the passing of Roe v. Wade. If you are interested in finding out more, please call 607-857-8479.



To date, Holy Child Parish has sold 268 tickets for a total of \$6700.00. Many more to be sold but only 2 ½ weeks left to go.

Gifts to Your Parish

December 5 & 6 and Holy Day



Sunday Envelopes: \$4469.00
 Loose: \$ 403.00

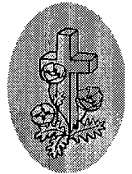
Initial Offering: \$20.00 Church Dues: \$70.00
 Fuel: \$5.00 Holy Day: \$569.75 Christmas: \$50.00
 Thanksgiving Charity: \$56.00 Advent: \$30.00
 Total: \$6694.75

Cemetery Maintenance: \$5.00

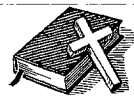
Thank you! Your stewardship and generosity to your parish are needed and greatly appreciated. \$4879.00 is the amount needed for our weekly collections to meet budgeted expenses .

In addition, we received \$651.32 for the Care and Education of Priests. 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 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

Campus Corner

-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



Hat and Mitten Tree

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

Please Note:

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



YOUTH GROUP

DECEMBER YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Dec. 20th – 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.

PLEASE SUPPORT

HOLY CHILD PARISH Building and Maintenance Fund

Lottery 2016

(SGOC License #1630)

\$25.00

Winner based on 7:00 PM Drawing of Pennsylvania Lottery Pick 3 Number straight only When double draw occurs, winner is first number drawn

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!



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

Good Neighbors Christmas Dinner

Dec. 16th at Penn Wells
11:30 AM

Call Francis Murphy
at 570-835-5387

by December 12, 2015



EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."
POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis wants us to live this Holy Year, started on December 8th, 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.



Pope Francis desires that this Jubilee Year "will be steeped in mercy, an extraordinary time of grace, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers

and those far away, as a sign that the kingdom of God is already present in our midst!"

A Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees God.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: Let the Church be your visible face in the world.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

Amen.

(Pope Francis)

Thank You

The Ladies Guild would like to thank members of Holy Child Parish for supporting their raffle and the MU Cookie Give-away.

Both were a great success!

THE WORD BECAME FLESH - FOR YOU!

Unite with Christians around the globe in the celebration of Christmas! Attend Mass in Vatican City with Pope Francis, enjoy beautiful musical concerts from Europe and travel to the sacred sites of the Holy Land - all by watching EWTN! Find EWTN in your area by visiting www.ewtn.com and enrich your Faith this Advent and Christmas season!

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 ones. Feel free to use a plain envelope if you do not receive packets.



An Advent Examination

Edward Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*, p. 196

"Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. Advent is a winter training camp for those who desire peace. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place.



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 13th. You may bring them to the office or leave them under the Christmas Tree. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Help is needed to decorate Holy Child Church for the coming Christmas Season immediately following the 11:15 AM Mass Dec. 20. Because of the Penance Service, we will be finished by 2:30. Thank you for your help!!

On Christmas Day, we will sing familiar carols before the Mass, beginning at 9:30AM. ALL who would like to be a part of our Christmas Choir are invited to come up to the choir loft at that time. Please join us in this special gift of song to Jesus on His birthday! Thank you for sharing your talents.

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.

First United Methodist Church, Mansfield
invites you:

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

St. James Episcopal Church in Mansfield
invites you:

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

Alternative Christmas Gifting

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.

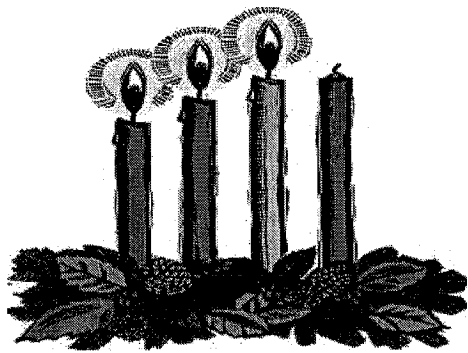
Dear Holy Child Parish Community:
TSO (Transfer Student Organization) of Mansfield University wishes to thank you for your overwhelming response to our "Totes of Hope" personal care collection campaign. The American Red Cross representative met with our members this week to collect the 200+ items that will be distributed to homeless veterans. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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DON'T YOU ALL UNDERSTAND ... IT'S ONLY A FEW WEEKS UNTIL JESUS' BIRTHDAY AND HOW WOULD IT LOOK IF I DIDN'T HAVE THE NEW FUZZBO2000 FOR LITTLE BILLY???



Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

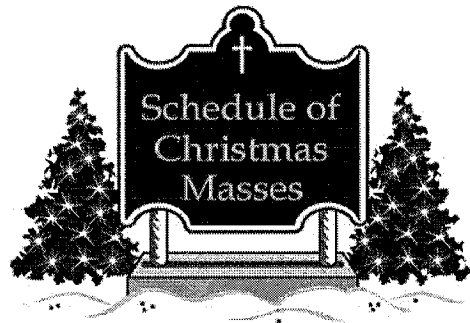
Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

On Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas.

For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.

Advent *for kids!* **Activities**

Sometimes the holidays feel hectic and rushed rather than filled with peace. Ask each family member to think of one activity everyone can do together at home, like a boardgame. Place the ideas in a container and draw one out to do on the days there is time between now and Epiphany!



Thursday, December 24th

4:00 PM at Holy Child
8:00 PM at St. Mary's
Midnight at Holy Child

Friday, December 25th

10:00 AM at Holy Child

Area Penance Services

Tioga County:

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

Sunday, December 20th, @ 3:00 PM at Holy Child in Mansfield

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

Williamsport Area:

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

Thursday, December 17th @ 6:30 PM at St. Boniface

Sunday, December 20th @ 3:00 PM at Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 22nd @ 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes

Penance is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy

The Sacrament of Penance is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy. Not only does it free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned."

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A Brief Examination of Conscience Based on the Ten Commandments

**I am the Lord your God: you shall not have
strange Gods before me.**

Have I treated people, events, or things as more
important than God?

**You shall not take the name of the Lord your
God in vain.**

Have my words, actively or passively, put down
God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil)
and on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I avoid, when
possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for
the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and
body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family
or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to
maintain good communication with my parents
where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking
skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or
emotional means, including gossip or manipulation
of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of
others and of myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that
belonged to another?

**You shall not bear false witness against your
neighbor.**

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at
the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection
and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I
compare myself to others unnecessarily?