

Holy Child

HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
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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.

January 3, 2016 The Epiphany of the Lord

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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Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057
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Courtney Hull 570-404-8435
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Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057
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Linda Kichline 570-724-4255

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, January 2

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Thomas Dalton by Family

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Patricia Roupp by Anna Bogaczyk

Sunday, January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Chester and Roger Losinger by Family

11:15 AM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

Monday, January 4

12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's

Fabian, Helen and Joan Manikowski by Family

Tuesday, January 5

12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's

Carol Dalton by Family

Wednesday, January 6

No Mass

Thursday, January 7

6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Marie Gilder by Leonard and Frances Jerzak

Friday, January 8

8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

Special Thanksgiving for Clement and Tanya Lisitski

Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Maurice Copello by Family

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Theresa Carlson by Lenny and Rose Mahosky

Sunday, January 10th, The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Hugh Cunningham by Linda Cloos

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 (January 3) in memory of living and deceased members of Holy Child Parish at St. Mary's in Blossburg and in memory of Martha and Rita by Sister Leona at Holy Child in Mansfield.



Bingo workers for January 9: Linda Doud, Sara Williammee, Anne Harman, Jean Leiboff

Kitchen workers for January 9: Terri, Patty, Anita

Collection Counters:

January 3: Anne Kaminski, Dawn Egan

January 10: Jim and Joann Weiskopff

The Wise
Still Seek Him



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 January 3 & 4

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Anna Marie Mimplitsch

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: Ron Becker

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Chris King

Servers: Thomas King

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Anne Kaminski, Phil Foley

Servers: Will Brennan, Jon Baker

E. Min: Ann Vayansky

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Bob Wood, Kayla Nash

Servers: Brendan Nash

E. Min: Donna Brennan

Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend January 9 & 10

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Bob Wood

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: Bill Page

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Jan Yoder

Servers: Nealens

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Jim W., Maryjane Seifried

Servers: Isabelle Hazelton, Will Brennan

E. Min: Joan Miller

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Courtney Hull

Servers: Patricia Minnich

E. Min: Donna Brennan

Readings

January 3

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Is 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Matthew 4:12-17

January 5

St. John Neumann
1 Jn 4:7-10
Mark 6:34-44

January 6

Christmas Weekday; St. Andre Bessette
1 Jn 4:11-18
Mark 6:45-52

January 7

Christmas Weekday; St. Raymond
1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Luke 4:14-22a

January 8

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Luke 5:12-16

January 9

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21
John 3:22-30

January 10

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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, January 2

- ✙ 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, January 3rd, The Epiphany of the Lord

- ✙ No Religious Ed
- ✙ 2nd Collection for Care and Education of Priests

Monday, January 4

- ✙ 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✙ 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's
- ✙ 7:00 PM RCIA

Tuesday, January 5

- ✙ 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, January 6

- ✙ No Mass

Thursday, January 7

- ✙ 6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Friday, January 8

- ✙ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child
- ✙ 6:00 PM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in Holy Child Hall

Saturday, January 9

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

Sunday, January 10th, Baptism of the Lord

- ✙ 10:00 AM Religious Ed

Children's Collection Envelopes for 2016 are available in the back of both churches. We encourage parents to teach their children to support their parish by using weekly envelopes. If your child would like to start using them, you will find boxes of children's envelopes with no names. Feel free to take one for each child and please remember to write your child's first and last name on the front of the envelope to ensure proper credit for your family.



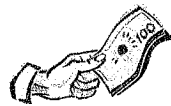
If you have a loved one who has passed away or is sick, please contact the office so that we can remember you in our prayers.

LOTTERY UPDATE

To date, Holy Child Parish has sold 434 tickets for a total of \$10,850.00. If you've won, the check's in the mail!

Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal Report for Holy Child Parish

2015 Goal: \$30,000.00
 Total Raised to Date: \$29,263.00
 Over (Under): (\$737.00)



Gifts to Your Parish

Christmas

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 201.00
 Loose: \$1170.37

Christmas Envelopes: \$4769.40
 Initial Offering: \$10.00 Flowers: \$25.00

Total: \$6175.77

December 26 & 27

Sunday Envelopes: \$2594.00
 Loose: \$ 455.00

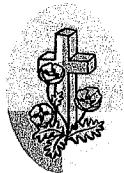
Church Dues: \$20.00 Holy Day: \$17.00
 Christmas: \$190.75 Thanksgiving: \$10.00
 Advent: \$10.00 Initial Offering: \$58.00
 Flowers: \$5.00

Total: \$3359.75

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.



Campus Corner Campus Corner

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

We will meet again on January 1st.



FMI about Campus Ministry, contact Courtney Hull: chull@mansfield.edu



DECEMBER YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

January 15th – Catholic Trivia Night, 7 PM in Holy Child Hall

January 30th – Ice Skating, 1:00 PM at Corning Civic Center



STEBENVILLE

It is time to plan for next summer's Catholic Youth Conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio next summer. Youth who will be going into 9th

grade next year or who are graduating seniors are invited to attend. Please go to <http://steubenvilleconferences.com/> to find out more. We will be reserving our weekend in January; more information will follow. We only need to know if you are likely to attend. Contact the office or Sarah Hazelton to reserve your spot.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



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

Mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel" Pope Francis writes: "It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy." Mercy, he says, is "the beating heart of the Gospel" (*Misericordiae Vultus*). To live mercy, we must rediscover both the spiritual works of mercy (counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead), and the corporal works of mercy (feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead). Which spiritual works of mercy might Christ be calling you to practice? Which corporal works of mercy?

Mass Intentions

The Mass Intention Calendar for 2016 is now available.

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. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact office personnel.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. This is the great observance of God's all-inclusive love. At Christmas, Jesus came to the chosen people. At Epiphany, we celebrate Christ's first manifestation to non-Jews: to the Magi, foreigners. The lesson is that by God's grace, we all have become God's chosen people.

Epiphany means "to make known." Each of us is called by this solemnity to be bearers of the light of Christ and to make known his Good News to our world.

Proclamation: 2016

We have just experienced, dear friends, the joy with which we celebrated, by the favor of a merciful God, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. In that same joy, we now proclaim his new birth, the resurrection of that same Lord and Savior, and our reliving of it throughout the Year of Our Lord, 2016.

The tenth day of February
will be Ash Wednesday. This will
mark the beginning of the Lenten Season.

On the twenty-seventh day of March,
we will exult in the full celebration of
the resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The fifth day of May
will be the Ascension of Our Lord,
Jesus Christ.

On the fifteenth day of May
we will celebrate the Solemnity of
Pentecost.

The twenty-seventh day of November
will be the First Sunday of Advent
when we shall look forward again to
the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Thanks to Nadine Fafard (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-24-2001

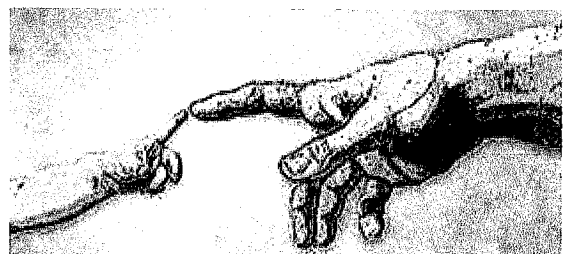
THAT'S THE BEST ONE-STAR HOTEL THAT
I'VE EVER SEEN

9 DAYS FOR
THE
PRAYER • PENANCE • PILGRIMAGE

On January 22 our nation will mark the 43rd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the U.S.

Since that tragic decision, more than 57 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss -- often in silence. Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a Culture of Life from Saturday, January 16, 2016 ~ Sunday, January 24, 2016.

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.



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Through their generosity, they make our bulletin possible. Thank them in person.

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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.

<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/about/compliance-office/>

Do you own a business?

If you don't already, won't you consider advertising in our parish bulletin? The cost of an ad is \$5.00 per week and helps to cover costs to produce the weekly bulletin. Please call or email the office if interested.

2015 Financial Statements will be prepared during the month of January for those parishioners who request them. Your statement will cover all donations made through December 31, 2015. If you would like a financial statement, please write "send statement" on the front of your collection envelope, send us an e-mail, or call the parish office. Keep in mind, donations made on or after January 1, 2016 will not be included in this report.