

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.

## April 3, 2016

### Divine Mercy Sunday

#### 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/Youth Director  
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Joan Miller 570-662-3594

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Jim Weiskopff 570-662-7133

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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 Auker 570-529-1859 or  
Linda Kichline 570-724-4255

## Mass Intentions for this Week

### Saturday, April 2

**4:00 PM at Holy Child**

Bonnie Casselberry by JoAnn Wemesfelder

**6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa**

Joseph and Celia Swinsick by Ike and Karen Fry and Family

### Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Divine Mercy Sunday

**9:00 AM at Holy Child**

Marge Davies by Family

**11:15 AM at Holy Child**

All Parishioners

### Monday, April 4

**12:10 PM at St. Mary's**

Betty Jean Stachowski by Bernadine Youmans

### Tuesday, April 5

**12:10 PM at St. Mary's**

Fabian, Helen and Joan Manikowski by family

### Wednesday, April 6

No Mass

### Thursday, April 7

**6:00 PM at Holy Child**

Paul Mimplitsch by Sis Seiser

### Friday, April 8

**8:30 AM at Holy Child**

Joe Dinan by Ann Vayansky

### Saturday, April 9

**4:00 PM at Holy Child**

Barbara Gaugler by Rich and Ann Marie Vacula

**6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa**

Lorelei Rae Grohman by Grandmother Jan Yoder

### Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**9:00 AM at Holy Child**

Rita Chamberlain by Leona Winder

**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 (April 3) in memory of deceased members of Holy Child Parish at St. Mary's in Blossburg and in memory of deceased members of Holy

Child Parish at Holy Child in Mansfield.



**Bingo workers for April 9:** Connie Williammee, Sara Williammee, Anne Harman, Rita Hanson

**Kitchen workers for April 9:** Terri, Patty, Anita

#### **Collection Counters:**

April 3: Dave and Cathy Slusser

April 10: Dawn Egan and Rob Minnich



**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.**

## **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 April 2 & 3

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

Readers: Sue Nowak

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: Ron Becker

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

Readers: Jan Yoder

Servers: Thomas King

E. Min: Chris King

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

Readers: Bob Wood

Servers: Grace and Sophia Scouten

E. Min: Ann Vayansky

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

Readers: Phil Foley, Rita Hanson

Servers: Brendan Nash

E. Min: Bill Page

### Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend April 9 & 10

**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: Chris King

Servers: Bill Lupkowski

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

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

Readers: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Servers: Michael and Daniel Harman

E. Min: Francis Murphy

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

Readers: Dick Colegrove, Bob Wood

Servers: Patricia Minnich

E. Min: Donna Brennan



Altar Servers

## Readings

**April 3**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Acts 5:12-16

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

**April 4**

THE ANNUNCIATION OF

THE LORD

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Luke 1:26-38

**April 5**

Easter Weekday [2]

St. Vincent Ferrer

Acts 4:32-37

John 3:7b-15

**April 6**

Easter Weekday [2]

Acts 5:17-26

John 3:16-21

**April 7**

St. John Baptist de la

Salle

Acts 5:27-33

John 3:31-36

**April 8**

Easter Weekday [2]

Acts 5:34-42

John 6:1-15

**April 9**

Easter Weekday [2]

Acts 6:1-7

John 6:16-21

**April 10**

THIRD SUNDAY OF

EASTER

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

Rv 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

## 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, April 2

- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✦ 6:15 PM **Double Jackpot Bingo** in Holy Child Hall

## Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Divine Mercy Sunday

- ✦ 10:00 AM Religious Ed
- ✦ 2:00 PM Diving Mercy Chaplet at St. Mary's, Confessions to follow
- ✦ 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus

## Monday, April 4

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

## Tuesday, April 5

- ✦ 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's

## Wednesday, April 6

- ✦ No Mass

## Thursday, April 7

- ✦ 6:00 PM Youth Mass and Adoration at Holy Child

## Friday, April 8

- ✦ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

## Saturday, April 9

- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at Holy Child
- ✦ 6:15 PM Bingo at Holy Child Hall
- ✦ 2nd Collection for Victims of Natural Disasters

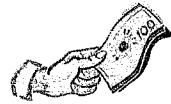
## Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

- ✦ 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Child
- ✦ 11:15 AM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✦ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Natural Disasters

## 2016 Holy Child Parish Lottery Winners

Date	Winning #	Name	Payout
3/21	910	No Winner	-
3/22	683	Leonard Mahosky	\$50.00
3/23	707	No Winner	-
3/24	889	No Winner	-
3/25	914	No Winner	-
3/26	470	Matthew Bogaczyk	\$200.00
3/27	576	No Winner	-

**There will be a collection for the Victims of Natural Disasters on the weekend of April 9 & 10.** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that dioceses throughout the United States conduct a one-time special appeal for victims of numerous 2015 storms and other natural disasters as well as those that are likely to affect our country in 2016.



## Gifts to Your Parish

### Holy Thursday & Easter Weekend

Holy Thursday: \$ 766.00  
 Sunday Envelopes: \$1593.00  
 Easter Loose: \$ 723.00  
 Easter: \$3344.00

Flowers: \$20.00

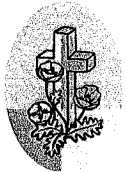
Total: \$6446.00

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 \$750.00 for Good Friday's Collection 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

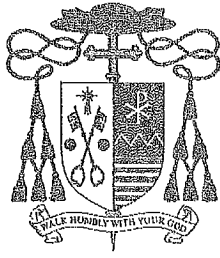
the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

For those who need special prayers:

Elsa Di Bernardo  
 Laura Williams  
 Peg Horton  
 Edwin Rosa  
 Ken Riseborough  
 Dennis Bogaczyk  
 Loretta Brundage  
 Bill Brennan  
 Anna Marie Mimplitsch  
 Joanne Wemesfelder  
 Joan O'Donnell  
 Gabe Partyka  
 Jeff Winder

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.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In early March of this year, the Pennsylvania Attorney General released a report from a Statewide Investigating Grand Jury regarding sexual abuse by clergy in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The report detailed horrendous acts of child sexual abuse and how church officials in that diocese and local civil officials did not respond adequately when they had the opportunity and duty to do so.

The abuse of children is one of the darkest chapters in the life of the Church and in our world. We know, unfortunately, that child abuse occurs throughout society and is far too prevalent. To those of us who profess our faith in God, it is particularly disturbing when it is perpetrated by a member of the Church.

In addition to the terrible harm done to survivors and their families, it also tears at the very fabric of our Church, even causing some to question the worthiness of the Church as an institution. At the very least, all of us are disgusted and saddened by these sinful, inexcusable acts.

This most recent report involving a diocese in our own state serves as a painful step in addressing the evils of child sexual abuse and the harm inflicted by those who attempt to cover up such inappropriate behavior. Hopefully, this report will also serve to promote the healing of survivors and fortify the efforts of all those committed to bringing such abhorrent behavior to an end.

I want to assure you that our commitment to the well-being of all children has been and will continue to be unwavering. Over the past 14 years, the Diocese of Scranton and dioceses throughout the United States have implemented policies to ensure accountability to victims and to keep children safe from any type of abuse. If the Diocese learns of an incident of abuse, it responds swiftly through the provisions of church and civil law and fully cooperates with civil authorities so that justice is served.

The Diocese of Scranton maintains a zero tolerance policy for clergy, lay employees and volunteers who engage in misconduct with minors and takes immediate action when an accusation is made. Any allegation of abuse is reported immediately to law enforcement and any substantiated allegation against a member of the clergy results in immediate and permanent removal from ministry.

The Diocese retains a Victim Assistance Coordinator who coordinates assistance for the immediate pastoral care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy. Each year this program offers substantial support to survivors and their families by underwriting expenses related to counseling, medication and other forms of care.

All employees in parishes, schools and Diocesan run facilities - clergy, religious and laity - as well as volunteers, including teachers and coaches, must have up-to-date criminal background and child abuse clearances. In addition, all employees and volunteers receive training on the nature of child sexual abuse and how a parish/school community can work together proactively to prevent it. Since 2003, the total number of adults trained by the Diocese now stands at 26,000. The Diocese has also implemented a safe environment program for students in grades K-12 in Catholic schools and parish religious education programs to teach

them how to recognize and avoid situations that could lead to sexual abuse. It also encourages communication between children and their parents so that potentially dangerous situations and incidents are reported promptly.

Our website ([www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)) contains comprehensive information about our Child Protection/Safe Environment policies and procedures. In every edition of *The Catholic Light*, we publish a notice about reporting sexual abuse of a minor. We also urge anyone to report incidents of child abuse immediately to the 24-hour PA Child Abuse Hot Line. The toll-free number is 1-800-932-0313.

The goal of these endeavors is to create safe environments for children through education and prevention programs, establishing policies that clearly set standards of behavior regarding contact with minors, and offering support to those who have suffered abuse so that they and their families can experience healing. This is not simply a matter of policy or legal requirements, it is our solemn moral obligation and we take it seriously.

This month, we again observe Child Abuse Prevention Month. While it is fitting that a month is dedicated to this special cause, it is also important to remember that vigilance must be maintained every single day - by all of us. We remain firmly committed to doing everything we can to prevent abuse within our Church, parishes, school communities, and Diocesan run facilities. Most importantly, we are resolved to supporting victims with our compassion and assistance in order to help them achieve healing.

To that end, I ask you to join me in praying first of all for all survivors of abuse. Their suffering is beyond imagining.

I also ask you to pray for dedicated clergy and religious throughout the Church and in our Diocese. Finally, please try to find it within your hearts to pray for the perpetrators of such horrendous acts. Forgiveness and reconciliation, as difficult and demanding as they may be, are the cornerstones of our faith.

Despite the failings of our human nature and the evil that exists in our world, let us not despair. As a People of God, we are a people of hope. Continuing to celebrate Easter and the boundless love and grace offered to us by the Risen Jesus, may we take comfort in his words which assure us, "I am with you always."

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton



## Campus Corner

**-The Catholic Student Association (CSA) meets every Tuesday at 4 PM in 314 Alumni Hall. Everyone is welcome! You don't need to be Catholic.**

**-The CSA will be involved at the 6 PM Mass at Holy Child on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a movie to follow in the hall. Everyone is welcome!**

**-The CSA will be painting Peace Rocks on South Hall Mall on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.**

**Chow with the Chaplains – Every Tuesday and Friday in Upper Manser from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Meet and have lunch with local clergy.**

***Everyone is welcome to all our events!***

**Check here each week for a list of meetings and events.**



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



### APRIL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM – Mass and Adoration at Holy Child Church

April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM – Clothing Swap/Bake Sale in Holy Child Hall

## EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016

"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."

### Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

The message of **The Divine Mercy** is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A. – Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B. – Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C. – Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Sunday, April 3**

**2 PM at St. Mary's**

**Confessions to follow**

**There has been a schedule change for Religious Ed:** The last day of Religious Ed will be on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please plan on attending the hot dog and ice cream social after the 11:15 AM Mass.

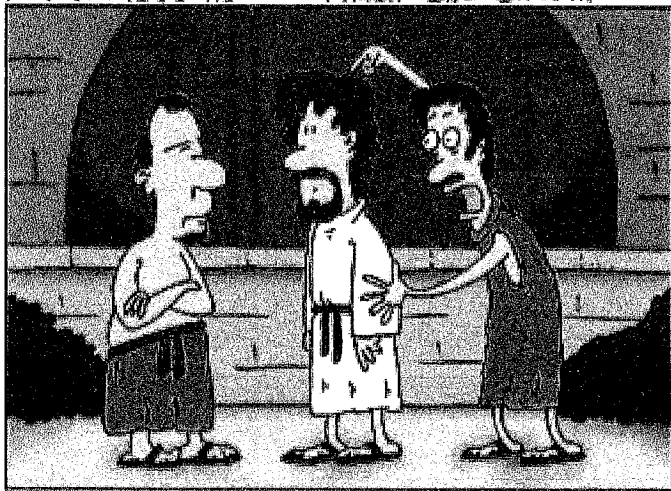
**St. Thomas in Elkland** invites you on a Casino Trip to Salamanca, NY on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$40.00, please call Carol Harkenrider at 814-258-5352.



Youth Group is collecting gently used clothes (all sizes newborn - adult) for our

community clothing giveaway at the end of the month. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center.

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HOW CAN YOU NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS?!? HE IS STANDING ... RIGHT ... HERE!

With the purchase of the shelter, **Tioga County Homeless Initiative** is looking to organize and structure committees to help us grow into a stronger organization. Would anyone like to join the following committees?

Planning, Fundraising, Grant and Funding, Construction and Maintenance, and Communication.

If you are interested in joining our mission: Please call Monday thru Friday at 570-724-9001 or 570-439-9383 and talk to Abby or Jackie.

**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/>

**Pro Life Advocacy Seminar**

May 14, 2016  
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM  
Towanda Assembly of God Church



Contact Rob Howard,  
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for more information and to RSVP

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The Ladies Guild is asking for your help in collecting new items for newborns and their mothers at Soldiers and Sailors Hospital. They will be collecting through March and April and dispersing your donations in May. There will be a box in the vestibule of both churches.

**Holy Child Health Ministry** purpose is to promote holistic health through educational and supportive programs. We meet the first Tuesday of the month in the morning. Historically, we have provided visits to the ill and nursing home parishioners, meals to families with new babies and in illness or recuperating, medical equipment and baby items through our lending "closet", "hospitality", co-sponsorship of the Veterans' Mass and potluck supper, transportation to medical and treatment appointments, the organizing of Pro-Life demonstrations, monetary support of the local food pantries, and a variety of educational lectures. New members are MOST welcome and NEEDED.

**Please remember to include Holy Child Parish when you are preparing your will. Your generous bequests will enable Holy Child Parish to continue sharing its many ministries with our parishioners and those in our communities.**

"I wish to endow Holy Child Parish, Mansfield PA, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (or a certain percentage of my estate) that it may continue to live and spread the Good News of the Gospel."