



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 24, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter

### 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:

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Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057  
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Linda Kichline 570-724-4255

## Mass Intentions for this Week

### Saturday, April 23

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Arlene Marcinkevicz by Sharon Davies & Ed Marcinkevicz

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Rita and Larry Edwards by Eleanor Brion and Dorothy Clark

### Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Ken Wynick by George and Anita Kump

11:15 AM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

### Monday, April 25

12:10 PM at St. Mary's

Bonnie Casselberry by Nancy & David Jaquish

### Tuesday, April 26

No Mass

### Wednesday, April 27

No Mass

### Thursday, April 28

6:00 PM at Holy Child

Carol Dalton by Family

### Friday, April 29

8:30 AM at Holy Child

Dorothy Hall by Rosemary Adele, Marsha, Scott, and Families

### Saturday, April 30

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Raymond Watkins by Wife

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Floyd and Genevieve Stachowski by Family

### Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM at Holy Child

John T. Baker by daughters

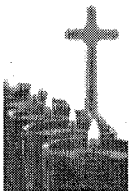
11:15 AM at Holy Child

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 24) in memory of deceased members of Holy Child Parish St. Mary's in Blossburg and in memory of Deceased members of Sabol

Family by Bernie and Marie Sabol at Holy Child in Mansfield.



**Bingo workers for April 30:** Linda Doud, Connie and Sara Williammee, Jean Leiboff

**Kitchen workers for April 30:** Good Neighbors

#### Collection Counters:

April 24: Anna Marie Mimplitsch & Dawn Egan

May 1: 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 April 23 & 24

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: Bridgette & Benjamin Wolf

E. Min: Cecelia Tokarz

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Connie Penner, Brenda Brewster

Servers: Bridger and Parker Brewster

E. Min: Nick Olson

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Suzanne Case, Rita Hanson

Servers: Roch Minnich

E. Min: Phil Foley

### Ministers of the Altar

#### for next weekend April 30 & May 1

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Joe Maresco

Servers: Amanda Rutledge

E. Min: Maryann Maresco

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Jan Yoder

Servers: Thomas King

E. Min: Cecelia Tokarz

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Brenda Brewster, Anne Kaminski

Servers: Isabella Hazelton

E. Min: Ann Monaghan

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Courtney Hull, Bob Wood

Servers: John Minnich

E. Min: Donna Brennan



## Readings

April 24

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14:21-27

Psalm 145:8-13

Rv 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

April 25

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Mark 16:15-20

April 26

Easter Weekday [5]

Acts 14:19-28

John 14:27-31a

April 27

Easter Weekday [5]

Acts 15:1-6

John 15:1-8

April 28

Easter Weekday [5]

SS Peter Chanel & Louis

Grignon de Montfort

Acts 15:7-21

June 15:9-11

April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 15:22-31

John 15:12-17

April 30

Easter Weekday [5]

St. Pius V

Acts 16:1-10

John 15:18-21

May 1

SIXTH SUNDAY OF

EASTER

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

### 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 23

- ✙ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at Holy Child
- ✙ 6:15 PM Bingo at Holy Child Hall
- ✙ 2nd Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal

## Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- ✙ 10:00AM Confirmation Meeting in Hall
- ✙ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal

## Monday, April 25

- ✙ 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✙ 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's
- ✙ 7:00 PM Health Ministry program on signals of a heart attack in Holy Child Vestibule

## Tuesday, April 26

- ✙ No Mass

## Wednesday, April 27

- ✙ No Mass

## Thursday, April 28

- ✙ 6:00 PM Mass followed by Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in HC Hall

## Friday, April 29

- ✙ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child
- ✙ 3:15 PM Altar Server Practice at Holy Child Church

## Saturday, April 30

- ✙ 11:00 AM Youth Group Clothing Giveaway and Bake Sale in HC Hall
- ✙ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✙ 6:15 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall
- ✙ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Care and Education of Priests

## Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- ✙ 10:00 AM Last Day of Religious Ed
- ✙ 12:30 PM Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social in Holy Child Hall
- ✙ 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree at 6:30 PM in HC Hall



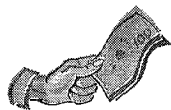
### SUPPORT



*Strengthening the Church at Home*

There will be a second collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal this weekend. The Church has great needs around the world, and the United States is no exception. Many dioceses here

at home face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal answers these needs and provides grants for projects to strengthen the faith of the people.



## Gifts to Your Parish

April 16 & 17

Sunday Envelopes: \$4713.00  
Loose: \$ 338.00

Dues: \$451.00 Taxes/Ins: \$50.00  
Holy Day: \$5.00 Holy Thursday: \$5.00  
Easter: \$25.00  
Total: \$5587.00

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.

### 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:

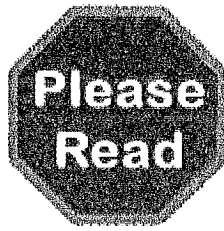
Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.  
For those who need special prayers:

-For the repose of the soul of Joan O'Donnell and for her loved ones as they grieve their loss.  
-Paul Harzinski  
-Elijah Dalton  
-Pat Cole

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.



## Justice Out of Balance State Lawmakers Vote for Legislation that Could Bankrupt Catholic Parishes, Schools & Ministries

**By A. B. Hill Pennsylvania Catholic Conference HARRISBURG** – Parish volunteers and employees who work with children know firsthand the measures now in place to protect the children in their care from abuse, including background checks and safe environment training about recognizing and reporting signs of abuse. However, state lawmakers are considering amendments to legislation that could lead to the closure of parishes, schools, and ministries of today's Catholics, who are in no way responsible for abuse that occurred decades ago.

The proposal would retroactively nullify the statute of limitations for filing a civil lawsuit alleging childhood sexual abuse. It would force parishes, dioceses, schools, and charities to defend cases that are 30, 40, or 50 years old, long after the perpetrator and possible witnesses have died or clear evidence is gone. "Every nonprofit organization is at risk," says Robert J. O'Hara, Jr., executive director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. "Nothing in the proposed Pennsylvania legislation would send any perpetrators to jail. Rather, it will put individual parishes and neighborhood Catholic schools in the firing line for lawsuits that are nearly impossible to defend against." O'Hara acknowledged that the Church has learned hard lessons regarding child sexual abuse. In recent years, the prevalence of adult misconduct with children has been revealed in nearly every institution and organization that serves children. He added that the Church has responded accordingly with compassionate assistance, including financial support, for survivors and comprehensive education and training to identify and prevent abuse. "No other institution has done more in recent years to help survivors of abuse and put in place policies to prevent abuse from happening in the first place," O'Hara said. "And yet, there are some legislators who continue to aim devastating legislation, like this current proposal, directly at the Church."

As proposed, this "window" legislation would open up a period of time for lawsuits against private and nonprofit organizations, no matter when the offense occurred. It would not apply to public schools or government agencies. Public entities would still be able to claim sovereign immunity from lawsuits, even though the vast majority of Pennsylvania students – 83 percent – attend public school. Survivors abused in public schools, juvenile detention facilities, or county foster care programs could not bring suits under the legislation. A fundamental principle of American law, statutes of limitations set time frames within which parties need to take action to ensure fairness in our legal system. Simply put, statutes of limitations encourage lawsuits to be filed when witnesses are available, memories are fresh, and evidence is intact.

Measures that nullified the civil statute of limitations in other states drained billions of dollars from current ministries, parishes, schools and dioceses. The Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware, paid out \$77.4 million in bankruptcy. The Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, was ordered to pay \$8.1 million to just one child abuse survivor. The dioceses in California paid out \$1.2 billion for more than 1,000 claims, some involving alleged abuse as far back as the 1930s. Bankruptcy and severe debt was the only option for most dioceses in the states with retroactive windows. Justice Out of Balance State Lawmakers Vote for Legislation that Could Bankrupt Catholic Parishes, Schools & Ministries In Delaware, where a retroactive law was adopted,

more than half of the individual parishes in the state were sued. One parish in Delaware was hit with a verdict of over \$3 million. Very few could afford to go to court; none were able to defend themselves on their own. Financially, they had no choice but to join a group settlement without establishing the facts of individual cases. The Diocese of Wilmington had to close two struggling inner-city Catholic schools because diocesan funds were drained paying out settlements. The diocese had to lay off 10 percent of its workforce, and shut down or severely cut back on its Catholic Charities programs that help all people regardless of creed. Diocesan resources, which had kept struggling parishes and schools open and filled the gaps for ministries that feed the hungry and serve those in need, were depleted to satisfy costly settlements and attorneys' fees as part of the bankruptcy proceeding.

"In every Catholic diocese in Pennsylvania, there are numerous parishes and schools that are struggling to stay afloat," says O'Hara. "A retroactive change in the law will hit these parishes and schools the hardest, jeopardizing their existence." "We can all agree that anyone who sexually abuses a child should be severely punished by the law," added O'Hara. "Sexual predators should be locked behind bars and removed from society so they cannot hurt anyone else; but opening the floodgates for decades-old civil lawsuits will not put one pedophile in jail." More than two-thirds of the accused perpetrators [68 percent] were already dead or very old and long removed from ministry at the time claims were made under California's statutes of limitations "window." Plaintiffs' attorneys filed so many cases in California, Delaware, and Minnesota that out-of-court settlement and bankruptcy were the only way to manage the numbers. Very few victims or defendants had their day in court; guilt or innocence was not the deciding factor in settlements – but crippling financial ramifications for the defendant parishes and dioceses were the result.

Since 2002, the Catholic Church has worked to end child sexual abuse by aggressively responding to allegations and educating adults and children about the signs of abuse. Today, the dioceses have one-strike-you're-out policies for clergy and employees credibly accused of misconduct with children. As a matter of policy, any allegation of child sexual abuse must be immediately reported to the proper law enforcement agency. In Pennsylvania, over 450,000 Catholics have been trained to identify signs of abuse and are mandated to make a report when they suspect wrongdoing. All clergy, staff and volunteers who work with children are carefully screened for any past transgressions against children. Ironically, these long-time practices put in place by the Church are now state law for all adults who work with children, following reforms made in 2014. The Catholic Church has also been a leader in providing abuse survivors with counseling and other forms of assistance. The dioceses in Pennsylvania have committed significant resources to help sexual abuse survivors and their families obtain counseling, support groups or other social and material services to assist them in their healing and recovery from the traumatic experience of abuse. This is not the first time Pennsylvania has addressed the statute of limitations issue. As recently as 2008, Pennsylvania increased the statute of limitations on sexual abuse cases from age 20 to age 50 for criminal prosecutions and age 20 to 30 for civil actions. A task force that was appointed in the wake of the sexual abuse revelations at Penn State reviewed the law and recommended a sweeping overhaul of state child protection statutes. It also addressed Pennsylvania's statute of limitations and did not recommend any changes. They cited fairness as a major concern, especially "the potential for staleness of evidence and possible constitutional concerns." The report states, "The Task Force believes that the current statute of limitations is adequate, given that Pennsylvania is one of the most 'generous' states in terms of the length of time within which an action may be commenced." (Report of the Task Force on Child Protection, pg. 28) "Sexual abuse is a serious crime that affects every institution and community in Pennsylvania, public and private," O'Hara said. "Because of its gravity, it needs to be dealt with comprehensively and fairly. Any discussion of a legislative remedy must protect all children, not simply penalize some institutions."

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## 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 ("The Way" starring Martin Sheen) to follow in the hall. Everyone is welcome!

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. This will end this week.

The Great Cookie Giveaway will be held on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8PM in the main lounge of YOUR Residence Hall. (For Commuters: the Game Room of Alumni Hall) Come enjoy cookies and other snacks provided by local churches in Mansfield!

Good luck with your final exams! Have a wonderful Summer!!!

Our last meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Best of Luck and Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

*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



## APRIL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

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

\*\*\*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 on the side porch.* \*\*\*

**Note for Religious Ed: Our last class will be on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, NOT on the 8<sup>th</sup> as originally scheduled. All are welcome to a hot dog and ice cream social after the 11:15 AM Mass.**

## Altar Server Training

There will be Altar Server Training for those kids from second grade and up who are interested in becoming an Altar Server. Please meet in Holy Child Church on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 PM. If you are already an Altar Server and would like a refresher, you are welcome to join us!

The Ladies Guild's last meeting until Fall is on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Perkins in Mansfield. Please call Patty to RSVP at 570-662-2034.

**Health Ministry** is sponsoring a presentation at 7PM on Monday April 25 on SIGNALS OF HEART ATTACK . Free & all are welcome.

## EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016

"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."

### Becoming Mercy-filled Disciples

Pope Francis tells us that Jesus does not want to do his work alone but wants to involve us too in the mission the Father entrusted to him. After the resurrection, he told his disciples: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven" (John 20:21-22). Let us too have greater courage in witnessing to our faith in the risen Christ! We must not be afraid of being Christian and living as Christians! We must have the courage to go and proclaim the risen Christ, for he is our peace. He made peace with his love, with his forgiveness, with his blood and with his mercy.  
(Seasons of Mercy)

Here are two great opportunities to help and donate your delicious baked goods:

- 1) **Youth Bake Sale:** Please bring your baked donations to Holy Child Hall on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) **MU Cookie (and snack) Giveaway:** Please bring your donations to Holy Child Hall on the weekend of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Items will be picked up for delivery at 1 PM on Sunday.

On the **FIRST WEEKEND** of each month, there will be a garbage can on the porch of Holy Child Church for 'DEAD' shoes for a program 'Soles for Souls' which recycles the usable parts of shoes. **Shoes will not be collected at the parish office; please deposit them in the garbage can at Holy Child Church on the designated weekend. Thank you.**

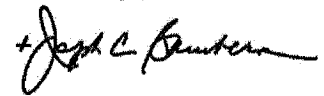
Dear Friends in Christ,

I wish to offer my personal appreciation and congratulations to you for your wonderful efforts in support of the 2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Because of your generosity, I am pleased to announce that this year's Appeal has surpassed our goal of \$5 million and that 78 parishes are over their Annual Appeal goal.

Your good hearts and generous spirits bring alive the words of Pope Francis when he calls us to "make our hearts open to goodness, make our hearts open to the beauty of God every day."

Working together for the benefit of our local church, we continue to build strong parish communities of faith and service to the Lord and to each other.

Thank you and God bless you,



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

*Congratulations!*

Congratulations to the Bishop's Youth Award recipients. They are: Parker Brewster, Matthea Mitchell and William Brennan



Thank you from the children who received the bedding donated to the Seeds of Hope. The need continues. Maybe neighbors or a family could donate a "Bed in a Beg?" New or gently used blankets, sheets and new pillows are also needed. Again, thanks from the kids!

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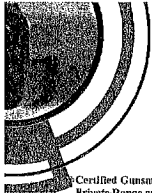
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## St. Mary's

### DOUBLE JACKPOT BINGO

**\$1000.00 AND \$500.00**

6:00 pm Friday, May 6, 2016  
(Doors open at 4:30 PM)

\$25.00 in advance - \$30.00 at the Door  
Meal included

St. Mary's Church Hall  
Blossburg

For more information, please call  
570-412-2361



"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus...  
but not on Twitter."