

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, July 23

4:00 PM at Holy Child

For all Parishioners

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Mary Jane Gruzlewski by Evie and Family

Sunday, July 24th, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Dee Borden by Holy Child Ladies Guild

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Channing Mullin

Monday, July 25

12:10 PM at St. Mary's

Chester and Roger Losinger by Family

Tuesday, July 26

12:10 PM at St. Mary's

Hazel Skullney by Martha and Tom Jessup

Wednesday, July 27

No Mass

Thursday, July 28

6:00 PM at Holy Child

Jean Milliken by Bernie and Marie Sabol

Friday, July 29

8:30 AM at Holy Child

Helen Manikowski by Yolanda and Frank Tacka

Saturday, July 30

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Thomas Dalton by Bob Dalton

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

John and Alice Boinske

by Joan, Howard, Ray and Loretta

Sunday, July 31 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Eugene Abrams by Sam and Rosemary Schappelle

11:15 AM at Holy Child

For 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 (July 24) in memory of deceased members of Holy Child Parish at St. Mary's in Blossburg.

The Sanctuary Light at Holy Child in Mansfield is offered in memory of deceased members of Holy Child Parish.

(The Sanctuary Light is available at both churches for the weeks of July 31, August 14, August 28.)

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

Kitchen workers for July 30: Good Neighbors

Collection Counters:

July 24: Anne Kaminski and Delores Kostovick

July 31: Dan and Sue Nowak

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 July 23 & 24

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Erin Griess

Servers: Need Volunteer

E. Min: Ron Becker

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Peter Lupkowski

Servers: Bill Lupkowski

E. Min: Cecelia Tokarz

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Brenda Brewster, Anne Kaminski

Servers: Parker and Bridger Brewster

E. Min: Alan Parrotte

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Suzanne Case, Christina Jenkins

Servers: Need Volunteer

E. Min: Bill Page

Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend July 30 and 31

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Sue Nowak

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: Phil Foley

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Pam Thomas

Servers: Thomas King

E. Min: Peter Lupkowski

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Jim Weiskopff, Maryjane Seifried

Servers: Michael and Daniel Harman

E. Min: Joan Miller

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Bob Wood

Servers: Brendan Nash

E. Min: Donna Brennan

Readings

July 24

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

Gn 18:20-32

Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8

Col 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

July 25

St James

2 Cor. 4 7-15

Matthew 20:20-28

July 26

Weekday [17]

SS Joachim and Anne

Jer 14: 17-22

Matthew 13: 16-17

July 27

Weekday [17]

Jer 15: 10, 16-21

Matthew 13: 44-46

July 28

Weekday [17]

Jer 18: 1-6

Matthew 13: 47-53

July 29

St. Martha

Jer 26: 1-9

John 11: 19-27

July 30

Weekday [17]

St. Peter Chrysologus

Jer 26: 11-16,24

Matthew 14: 1-12

July 31

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

Ecc 1: 2, 2: 21-23

Psalm 90: 3-6, 12-14, 17

Col 3: 1-5, 9-11

Luke 12: 13-21

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.**

Many a good man has failed because he had his wishbone where his backbone should have been.

If at first you don't succeed, try reading the instructions.

THIS WEEK HOLY CHILD PARISH

Saturday, July 23

- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at Holy Child
- ✦ 6:15 PM Bingo at Holy Child Hall

Sunday, July 24, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✦ 9:00 AM Installation of new altar servers

Monday, July 25

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

Tuesday, July 26

- ✦ 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, July 27

- ✦ No Mass

Thursday, July 28

- ✦ 6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Friday, July 29

- ✦ Parish Office is closed today

Saturday, July 30

- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✦ 6:15 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall
- ✦ 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services at all Masses

Sunday, July 31 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✦ 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services at all Masses

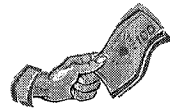


Each time we encounter a suffering person, we encounter Jesus in disguise. The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) funds six Catholic agencies that serve the disguised Jesus in our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. His disguise might be that of those suffering from natural disaster, those displaced by violence or war, or those migrants searching for a better life. Your support of this collection is an opportunity to help Jesus in disguise.

Next weekend, July 30 & 31, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.



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.



Gifts to Your Parish

July 16 and 17

Sunday Envelopes: \$3500.00
Loose: \$ 430.00

Church Dues: \$469.00 Summer Drive: \$160.00
Parish Charity: \$25.00

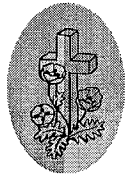
Total: \$4,584.00

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.

It's time for the parish calendar! Next week's bulletin will include the parish calendar for August. Please e-mail or call the parish office and tell us of your group's meetings, events or planned usage of any parish buildings for August. Thank you.

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:

-Thomas LaDalia

-Anna Marie Mimlitsch

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.

Your temper is like a fire.

It gets very hot when it is out of control.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to
St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton

September 24, 2016

Leaving from St. Thomas, St. Peter's and
Holy Child

Only \$40 for the bus and lunch at the
Cathedral Pastoral Center.

Stop at Steam Town Mall afterward,
then Cracker Barrel for dinner on your
own.

Please call Valerie Smith at
814-258-5032 to reserve by August 15th.



Donations to the
local food
pantries have
been down in
recent months.

There are boxes
in back of both

churches for your donations. The food
pantries located within our parish serve
several hundred families each month,
including many children.

One small donation from each family once a
month would make a big difference in
answering our call to feed the hungry. If you
would like to make a cash donation, you can
place an envelope marked "FOOD
PANTRY" into the collection basket and the
office staff will gladly pass it on to the
appropriate location.

Forming
Consciences



for
Faithful
Citizenship

The Catholic bishops of the
United States are pleased to
offer once again to the Catholic
faithful **Forming Consciences
for Faithful Citizenship**, our
teaching document on the
political responsibility of
Catholics. This statement

represents our guidance for Catholics in the
exercise of their rights and duties as
participants in our democracy. We urge our
pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people
of good will to use this statement to help form
their consciences; to teach those entrusted to
their care; to contribute to civil and respectful
public dialogue; and to shape political choices
in the coming election in light of Catholic
teaching. The statement lifts up our dual
heritage as both faithful Catholics and
American citizens with rights and duties as
participants in the civil order. Go to
www.usccb.org under issues and actions.

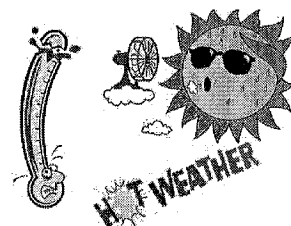


There will be a joint meeting
for the Knights of Columbus
Mansfield University and
Blossburg Chapters on Sunday,
August 7, at 6:30 PM at St. Mary's
Parish Hall.

THOUGHTS FOR
JULY...

As another heat wave is
forecast,
I try my best to remember
That this is what I was
longing for

While freezing last December!



OUR PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY HAS MANY
ITEMS YOU CAN BORROW:

Wheel chairs and walkers, canes and crutches, raised
toilet seats and shower chairs to help you after an
injury or for your post-surgical needs.

Have children coming to visit? They have a pack and
play and other items to help you deal with your
young visitors without having to make a purchase for
short term use.

If you have questions as to what is available, please
call Dotty Welsh at 570-662-2057.

These items are available for parishioners as well as
members of our communities. These medical
supplies can be very expensive. Why not let the folks
from our parish Health Ministry program help you
out free of charge?

Once each year, every parish in our diocese is visited by a priest, sister or lay person involved in missionary activity throughout the world.

On the weekend of August 6 – 7, please join us in welcoming Fr. Vidal Ludan, CICM, a Missionhurst – CICM (the congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) missionary who will be visiting our parish the weekend of August 6-7 to present a mission appeal. Fr. Vidal is from the foreign mission Province of Brazil and will be sharing his life and dedication to the people he serves with us.

Missionhurst – CICM was originally founded in 1862 for the conversion of China. Today, Missionhurst – CICM serves in some of the most remote places of Mongolia, Indonesia, Africa, Asia and Latin America. Unlike some relief organizations that come only when there is a news-making crisis, Missionhurst – CICM missionaries come prepared to stay, living among the people, sharing in their privations, and participating in the day-to-day effort needed to achieve life-long spiritual and material changes. In response to the people's most urgent need, Missionhurst – CICM missionaries may start a new farming project, build a new chapel or school or lay clean water supply lines.

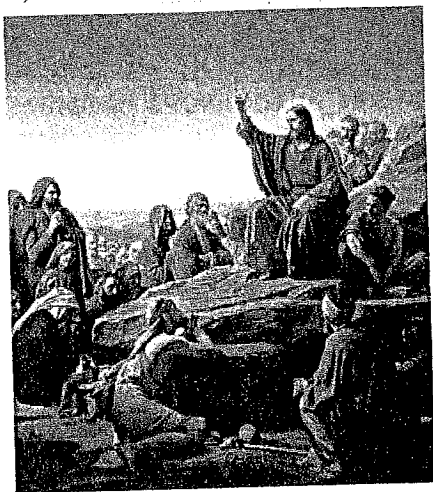
Fr. Vidal will be preaching at all the masses and a second collection will be taken with proceeds going to Missionhurst – CICM.

Please make checks payable to Holy Child Parish; all donations will be sent to the diocese and then disbursed to Missionhurst.

It's not too early to begin thinking about RCIA.

When the summer ends and school begins, our parish also begins the RCIA process through which new Catholics are welcomed into our parish family. This begins with a *period of inquiry*, during which the individual learns about the Catholic Faith. There is no commitment required at this time.

If you know of someone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic, please have him or her call the parish office,



“Lord, teach us to pray...”

-Luke 11:1

St. Augustine:

“He whose attitude towards Christ is correct does indeed ask ‘in His Name’ and receives what he asks for, if it is something which does not stand in the way of his salvation. He gets it, however, only when he ought to receive it, for certain things are not refused us, but their granting is delayed to a fitting time.”

St. Josemaña Escrivá

“You don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ you can be sure you’ve already begun.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church Summary of the Gospel

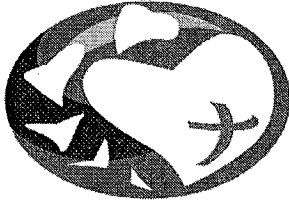
2773 In response to his disciples’ request “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1), Jesus entrusts them with the fundamental Christian prayer, the Our Father.

2774 “The Lord’s Prayer is truly the summary of the whole gospel” (Tertullian, *De orat.*), the “most perfect of prayers” (St. Thomas Aquinas). It is at the center of the Scriptures.

2775 It is called “the Lord’s Prayer” because it comes to us from the Lord Jesus, the master and model of our prayer.

2776 The Lord’s Prayer is the quintessential prayer of the Church. It is an integral part of the major hours of the Divine Office and of the sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Integrated into the Eucharist it reveals the eschatological character of its petitions, hoping for the Lord, “until he comes” (1 Cor 11:26).

The Gospel reminds us of three things. First of all, the disciples asked Jesus how to pray and he gave them a model we call the “Our Father.” Jesus gave the disciples a form of prayer that praises and petitions God. Next, there was the example of a friend who came in the middle of the night to another’s house asking for bread. The visitor awoke his friend with a plea for bread, but the sleeping friend did not want to be disturbed. Perhaps it would not be their friendship that got the first man his loaf of bread, but his persistence. So, the only way to continue his night’s sleep was for the second man to give his friend the bread. In this parable, Jesus made clear that we need to be persistent in prayer. Finally, Jesus asked what father would hand his son a snake when asked for a fish, or a scorpion when asked for an egg. The point of this illustration was to show the disciples that God would give us the most important gift, the Holy Spirit.



Revolution of Tenderness

Diocesan Congress

Diocese of Scranton

October 8, 2016

Workshops, Speakers, Prayer

For more information and to register, please go to the Diocese

of Scranton Website at:

www.dioceseofscranton.org

If you do not have a computer but still wish to attend, contact the parish office staff.

ON SERVICE:

It is not enough merely to exist! It's not enough to say, "I'm earning enough to live and support my family. I do my work well. I'm a good father. I'm a good husband. I'm a good churchgoer."

That's all very well, BUT YOU MUST DO SOMETHING MORE.

Seek always to do some good, somewhere. Every man has to seek in his own way to make his own self more noble and to realize his own true worth. You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have need of a man's help, something for which you get not pay but the privilege of doing it. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. YOUR BROTHERS ARE HERE TOO.

Albert Schweitzer



"Because he didn't even change your name. That's how I know he was talking about you."

Fundraisers are an important part of life in our parish.

These include weekly Bingo games

■ At St. Mary's Hall on Monday at 6:30 PM

■ At Holy Child Hall on Saturday at 6:15 PM,

our annual parish lottery which runs from January through March, our upcoming parish picnic in August.

These events raise many thousands of dollars on which the parish relies.

However, to make these events a success, whether weekly or for one day, we need the input of parishioners. When the request for help comes for parish fundraisers, please give it some serious, prayerful thought.

--Can I help one night a month at our parish Bingo games?

--Will I sell some lottery tickets to family and friends or volunteer to sell them in church after weekend Masses?

--Can I donate a basket for the basket raffle?

--Can I help prepare, serve or clean up after the Roast Beef Dinner in August?

--Can I make a dessert for the dinner?

Many of these suggestions seem like "little things," but when many parishioners volunteer to do little things, big things get done.

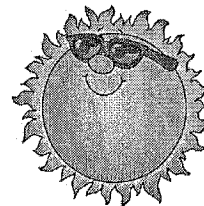
Offer to help when asked. You will make new friends, and there's a good feeling that comes from knowing you have done something good for your parish.

Holy Child Nurse's Notes

Giving is Good for the Heart! Whether you give from your pocket or give of your time, research indicates that giving to others produces changes in the brain, known as a "helpers high." Researchers at the National Institute of Neurological disorders and Stroke found that the act of making a donation activated the mesolimbic pathway, which is the brain's reward center. Researchers also found that volunteering your time produced a heightened sense of purpose and a lessening of depression. Those factors translated into a lower mortality rate.

SUMMER SUNSHINE IS GREAT....

BUT IT DOESN'T PAY THE BILLS!



....and so we ask that before you vacation this summer you consider the ongoing needs of the church and offer your gifts of thanks and support for the time you will be away. We'll all enjoy the vacation that much more!

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with!

He who is waiting for something to turn up might start with his own shirt sleeves.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY
DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



Encouragement for the Year of Mercy

In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid and love. May she never tire of extending mercy and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: "Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old." (*Psalm 26:6*) (Seasons of Mercy)

Holy Child Youth Group Summer 2016 Schedule

Aug. 6
Bonfire Party, 7:30PM
Minnich House, Mainesburg

Aug. 19
Mass and Breakfast, 8:30 AM
Holy Child Church



Installation for new Altar Servers will take place this Sunday, July 24th at the 9 AM Mass. We thank them for their hard

work and dedication as they prepared to participate in of our liturgy. Thanks too to parents and Father Bryan for their dedication.

A sincere Thank You is extended to the Manikowski Family, Sharon, Jeffrey, Ron and Eugene, for their generous donation for landscaping done at St. Joseph Cemetery in Morris Run.

Mark Your Calendars...

It's time for
Holy Child's Annual Parish Picnic

**Sunday, August 28, 2016
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
St. Mary's Hall**

This event is a great opportunity for all of us to come together to enjoy a great meal and the fellowship of our parishioners and members of the local communities while raising funds for the parish.

RAFFLE: We will be having a cash raffle with a grand prize of \$500.00

ROAST BEEF DINNER: A Roast Beef Dinner with beverage and dessert will be served. If you would like to help Peter Lupkowski in the kitchen, please contact Peter or the office staff. We will be asking for food donations closer to the event.

BASKET AUCTION: Every year we have over 30 baskets up for auction. If you would like to donate a basket for this year's event, please fill out the form below and *attach it to your basket*. Baskets can be turned into the parish office by Tuesday, August 16th.

HOLY CHILD BASKET RAFFLE DONATION

Basket Theme:

Donated By:

Please Patronize Our Sponsors....

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



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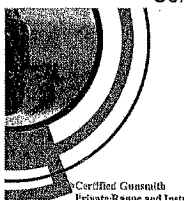
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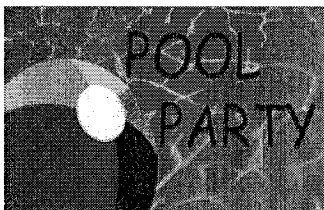
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Mansfield
Community Pool.
Sunday, August
14th from 5 – 7...

All youth of the parish are welcome;
cost is \$3.00 per person; Altar Servers
are free. Snacks will be provided.
Please contact Sarah Hazelton if you
plan on attending @ 570-549-8174



The Mansfield Lions Club is sponsoring a

FREE CONCERT AT SMYTHE PARK

On Saturday, July 30, 2016

Opening Set:

4:30 Penny Eckman sings Patsy Kline

Featured Group

7:00 PM The Isaacs

Gospel/Bluegrass Mix

There will be vendors on site

WELCOMING...

We all long to be accepted by others.

Feeling welcome, we feel accepted.

Feeling accepted, we feel more worthwhile,

because we can see that someone believes in us.

When we welcome others, God's welcome to us is
passed on.