



Holy Child

HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
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By Appointment

Thursday and 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.

November 27, 2016

1st 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:

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Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, November 26

4:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Bill, Doug and Mickey Winder by Family

Sunday, November 27th, 1st Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM at Holy Child

All Souls

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Floyd and Isabelle Harzinski by Eleanor Dahlgren and Raymond Harzinski

Monday, November 28

12:10 PM at St. Mary's

Margaret Tillinghast by Anna Bogaczyk

Tuesday, November 29

12:10 PM at St. Mary's

All Souls

Wednesday, November 30

9:00 AM Mass at Holy Child

Peg Padden by Kathy and Doug Draxler

Thursday, December 1

No Mass

Friday, December 2

8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

Carol Dalton by Family

Saturday, December 3

9:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's

Stanley Bombaski, Jr. by Christine Trevino

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Peg Horton by Holy Child Ladies Guild

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

All Parishioners

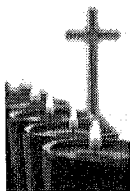
Sunday, December 4th, 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Jerry Cunningham by Linda Cloos

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Harry Serine by the Mizdail Family



The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the real presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.

The Sanctuary Light is offered this week (November 27) in memory of deceased members of Holy Child Parish at St. Mary's in Blossburg.

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

Bingo workers for December 3: Connie and Sara Williammee, Patty Hutcheson

Kitchen workers for December 3: Joe Welsh and Crew

Collection Counters:

November 27: Anna Marie Mimplitsch and Dawn Egan

December 4: Dave and Cathy Slusser

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 November 26 & 27

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Sue Nowak

Servers: Amanda Rutledge

E. Min: Phil Foley

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Chris King

Servers: Thomas King

E. Min: Cecelia Tokarz

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Connie Penner, Jim Weiskopff

Servers: Elena Hazelton, Tessa Mitchell

E. Min: Ann Vayansky

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Suzanne Case, Christina Jenkins

Servers: John Minnich

E. Min: Donna Brennan

Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend December 3 & 4

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Joe Maresco

Servers: Addison and Madalyn Farrer

E. Min: Maryann Maresco

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Chris King

Servers: Thomas King

E. Min: Cecelia Tokarz

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Jim Weiskopff, Anne Kaminski

Servers: Michael and Daniel Harman

E. Min: Alan Parrotte

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Darlene Buck, Liz Buck

Servers: John Minnich

E. Min: Bill Page

Readings

November 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5

Psalms 122:1-9

Rom 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

November 28

Advent Weekday [1]

Is 4:2-6

Matthew 8:5-11

November 29

Advent Weekday [1]

Is 11:1-10

Luke 10:21-24

November 30

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

Rom 10:9-18

Matthew 4:18-22

December 1

Advent Weekday [1]

Is 26:1-6

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

December 2

Advent Weekday [1]

Is 29:17-24

Matthew 9:27-31

December 3

St. Francis Xavier

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

December 4

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Rom 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

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, November 26

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

Sunday, November 27th, 1st Sunday of Advent

- ✦ 10:00 AM Religious Ed

Monday, November 28

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

Tuesday, November 29

- ✦ 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, November 30th

- ✦ 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Child

Thursday, December 1

- ✦ No Mass

Friday, December 2, First Friday

- ✦ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child
- ✦ 9-10 AM Holy Hour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- ✦ 10:00 AM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 3, First Saturday

- ✦ 9:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✦ 6:15 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall
- ✦ 2nd Collection for the Care and Education of Priest

Sunday, December 4th, 2nd Sunday of Advent

- ✦ 10:00 AM Religious Ed
- ✦ 2nd Collection for the Care and Education of Priests



Churches open:

Every day from 9 – 5

Penance Services:

Monday, December 12 at 7 PM
St. Peter's, Wellsboro

Monday, December 19 at 7 PM
Holy Child Church

"The season of Advent restores ... a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! ... Let us think about and feel this beauty." -Pope Francis



Gifts to Your Parish

November 19 & 20

Sunday Envelopes: \$3217.00
Loose: \$ 318.42

Fuel: \$483.00
Advent: \$15.00 Thanksgiving Charity: \$253.00

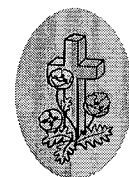
Total: \$4286.42

Cemetery Maintenance: \$25.00

Thank you! Your stewardship and generosity to your parish are needed and greatly appreciated. \$4890.38 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:

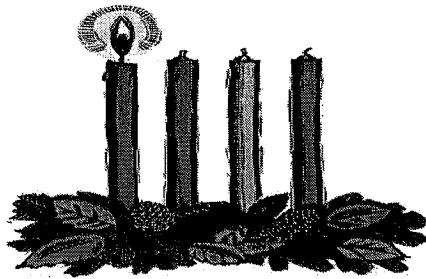
-Rhonda Longacre
-Desiree Blean

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.

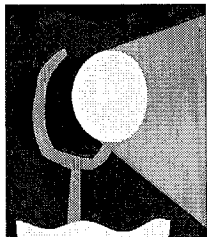


If you have a loved one who has passed away or is sick, please contact the office so that we can remember you in our prayers.



First Sunday in Advent

Advent is beginning. . .every year. . .we begin once again. In our spiritual lives, it is the time of active waiting, preparing, rejoicing, and journeying. Is the gospel passage today just meant to be a warning and nothing else? Each passage of the gospels contains some good news for us. So, where's the grace, the good news, in today's? The message of Christ coming is good news, for it is not simply a warning, but an announcement that the Christ who is to come is the one proclaimed in the gospel - the merciful Lord who is a friend to sinners and outcasts. (First Impressions)



Confirmation Candidate Spotlight

Name: John Minnich
Grade: 10th
Favorite Saint: St.

Augustine

Best Service Project: Clothing Drive

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving

Hobbies: Sports

Best Vacation Spot: Rhode Island

Favorite Food: Chinese

Future Goals: Graduate College and own a sports restaurant in Philadelphia

Seeds of Hope needs our help! There is a great need for Diapers, sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5. Also in need of cleaning supplies. Call Lillian Fox for more information at 570-772-3792.

Health Ministry is requesting photos of babies to be made into ornaments for the Tree of Life. Any new additions to families, children, grandchildren, etc. are eligible.

Health Ministry Meeting Tuesday, December 6th at 10 AM.



Help us reach our Annual Appeal goal of \$30,000. Watch the thermometer in the back of both churches for a weekly update of our progress.

Our pledge total to date is \$29,575.00. (98% of our goal)

Holy Child Lottery

\$25.00

Drawing January – March 2017

Payouts:

Monday – Friday: \$50.00

Saturday: \$150.00

Sunday*: \$200.00

*except dates listed below

Sunday, January 1 - \$1000

Sunday, February 5 - \$500

Sunday, March 5 - \$500

Tickets are on sale now; after Mass or at the Church office.

Let us Pray for Each Other

This weekend, Nov. 26 & 27, pick a name from the basket in the vestibule and begin to pray for your Advent Prayer Partner.



Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

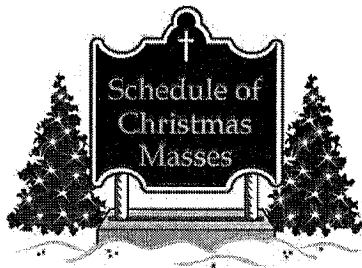
Wednesday, December 7

6 PM at Holy Child

Thursday, December 8

12:10 PM at St. Mary's

6 PM at Holy Child



Saturday, December 24

4 PM at Holy Child

8 PM at St. Mary's

Midnight at Holy Child

Sunday, December 25

10 AM at Holy Child

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Decorating Holy Child scheduled for Friday,
December 23rd at 4 PM; help is needed to
beautify the Church

Copies of *the devotional The Little Book for Lent* are available on the small table in the back of each church. These are provided by the Health Ministry



Mansfield University
cookie/snack giveaway
for students studying for
finals. Please have food
donations to Holy Child

Hall by 1 PM on Sunday, December 11th.

Check out Books and Videos in vestibule. Do you need some reading for Advent? Two new books have been added to the bookcase in the vestibule of Holy Child: "Feeding Your Family's Soul" by Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle and "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" by Michael E. Gaitley, MCI (Now is the Time of Mercy)

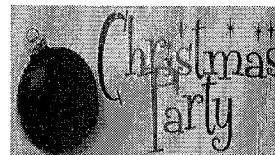
Epiphany Parish in Sayre invites you:

Advent Lessons and Carols

Epiphany Parish will hold their yearly *Advent Lessons & Carols* on Sunday, November 27th, at 2PM. A reception of light refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

Advent Lessons and Carols, Sunday, November 27th, 2PM at Epiphany Parish

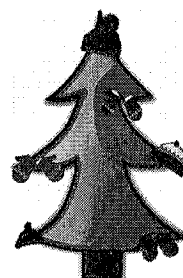
Epiphany Parish will hold their third *Advent Lessons & Carols* on Sunday, November 27th at 2:00 PM. A reception of light refreshments will follow.



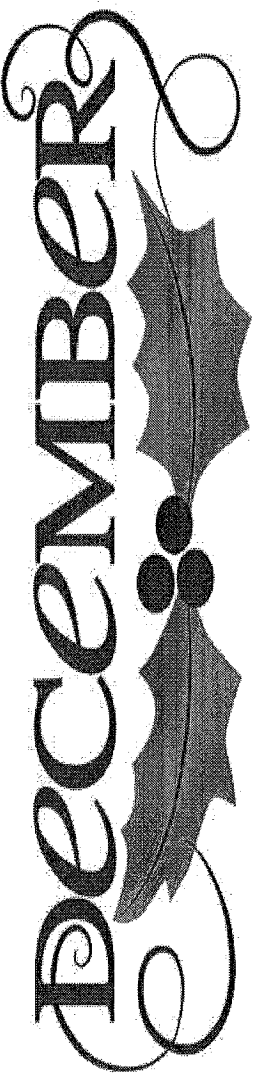
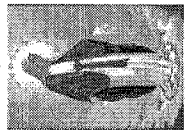

Ladies Guild Christmas Party: Lambs Creek 6 PM on Tuesday, December 12th. Please call Patty to RSVP @ 570-662-2034.



The Wishing Tree will be in the back of both churches this weekend. Please take a tag to help out our area's children and adults in need. **Please pay attention to the due dates on the tags** as some are due in sooner than others. Thank you for your generosity; you may return the gifts to the office or put them under the tree.



The Hat and Mitten Tree will be in the back of St. Mary's Church. Feel free to hang unused hats and mittens on the tree to be donated to area families in need.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
4 2nd Sunday of Advent 10 AM Religious Ed 6:30 PM K of C in Holy Child Parish Center 2 nd Collection for Care and Education of Priests	5 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's Hall	6 No Mass 10 AM Health Ministry	7 6 PM Mass at Holy Child 	8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's 6 PM Mass at Holy Child	9	10 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at Holy Child 6:15 PM Bingo at Holy Child Hall Christmas Door prizes at Bingo 2 nd Coll. Retirement Fund for Religious/Priests
11 3rd Sunday of Advent 10 AM Religious Ed 1 PM MU Cookie giveaway donation due in Holy Child Hall 2 nd Coll. Retirement Fund - Religious/Priests	12 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's Hall 7 PM Penance Service at St. Peter's	13 6 PM Ladies Guild Christmas Party at Lambs Creek	14 No Mass	15	16 If you have a meeting or event for January's calendar, please notify the office by Wednesday, December 21	17 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at Holy Child 6:15 PM Bingo at Holy Child Hall Christmas Door prizes at Bingo 2 nd Coll. Retirement Fund for Religious/Priests
18 4th Sunday of Advent 9 AM Confirmation Class serving at Mass 10 AM Religious Ed 7 PM Youth Christmas Party, HC Hall	19 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's Hall 7 PM Penance Service at Holy Child	20 7 PM Faith Sharing in Parish Center	21 No Mass	22 The parish calendar is for planning purposes only. Mass times are subject to change. Please check the parish bulletin or web page each week.	23	24 No Bingo 4 PM Mass at HC 8 PM Mass at St. Mary's Midnight Mass at HC
25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 10 AM Mass at Holy Child 	26 No Mass 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's Hall	27 No Mass 4 th Degree Knights of Columbus in Parish Center	28 No Mass	29	30	Confessions heard on Saturdays at the following times: 3:30 PM at Holy Child in Mansfield 7:00 PM at St. Mary's in Blossburg For other times, please call the church office.

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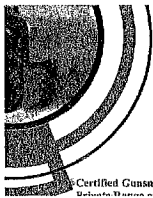


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UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE REST OF THE CREW NOAH HAD BEEN WORKING AS A GAME WARDEN ON THE SIDE

Gracious Thanks



Thank you to everyone who helped with our 14th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner! Over 200 meals were served and appreciated by all who attended, came for take-outs and were delivered to. It takes many dedicated people to make this happen - thank you!



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN IS BACK FOR ADVENT

Please drop your loose change in the container in the back of Church. Thanks for GIVING!