

Holy Child

# HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

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**Rectory Office Hours: 9 AM – 4:00 PM**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
Office closed on Wednesday

**Cemetery Business Hours:  
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.**

## **December 18, 2016**

### **4<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Director of Religious Education

Sarah Hazelton 570-549-8174

Evangelization Committee:

Joan Miller 570-662-3594

Faith Sharing:

Alan Parrotte 570-549-2592

Good Neighbors:

Francis Murphy 570-835-5387

Good Samaritans:

Doris Partyka 570-324-2295

Health Ministry:

Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057

Knights of Columbus, MU Council:

Nick Musshafen 570-537-6620

Knights of Columbus, Blossburg Council:

Jim Weiskopff 570-662-7133

Ladies Guild:

Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2346

Medical Equipment Loaning Program:

Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057

RCIA: Parish Office

Youth Ministry:

Sarah Hazelton 570-549-8174

## Mass Intentions for this Week

### Saturday, December 17

4:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Bernard and Bill Stachowski by Bernadine

### Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Albert Musingo by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shaffer

11:15 AM at Holy Child

In honor of Frank Zdrojewski's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday by Francis

### Monday, December 19

12:10 PM at St. Mary's

Jack and Beth Mallon and Frank and Yolanda

Fiamingo by Tish and Tony Fiamingo

### Tuesday, December 20

12:10 PM at St. Mary's

Eugene Jessup and Margie and Louis Manikowski and deceased family members by Martha and Tom Jessup

### Wednesday, December 21

No Mass

### Thursday, December 22

6:00 PM at Holy Child

Harry Serine by Ann Vayansky

### Friday, December 23

8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

Patrick Davis by Ann Monaghan

### Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

8:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

All Parishioners

Midnights at Holy Child

All Parishioners

### Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day

10:00 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 (December 18) in memory of Deceased members of Holy Child Parish at St. Mary's in Blossburg.

The Sanctuary Light at Holy Child in Mansfield is for a special intention by Betty Silvaney.

**Bingo workers for December 24:** No Bingo

**Kitchen workers for December 24:** No Bingo

#### **Collection Counters:**

December 18: John and Eileen Ranck

December 26 (Monday): Delores Kostovick

Need another volunteer, please call the office so arrangements can be made. Please and Thank you ☺

## **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 December 17 & 18

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

Readers: Sue Nowak

Servers: Addison and Madalyn Farrer

E. Min: Scott DiMarco

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

Readers: Jan Yoder

Servers: Nealens

E. Min: Peter Lupkowski

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

Readers: Maryjane Seifried, Brenda Brewster

Servers: Michael and Daniel Harman

E. Min: Ann Monaghan

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

Readers: Darlene Buck, Liz Buck

Servers: Brendan Nash

E. Min: Bill Page

### Ministers of the Altar

#### for next weekend December 24 & 25

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

Readers: Bob Wood, Brenda Brewster

Servers: Parker and Bridger Brewster

E. Min: Ann Monaghan, John Ranck

#### 8:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Jan Yoder

Servers: Thomas King

E. Min: Chris King

#### Midnight at Holy Child

Readers: Sue Nowak

Servers: Need Volunteer

E. Min: Ann Vayansky

#### 10:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Anna Marie Mimitsch

Servers: Isabella and Elena Hazelton

E. Min: Bill Page

## Readings

### **December 18**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14

Psalm 24:1-6

Rom 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

### **December 19**

Advent Weekday [4]

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Luke 1:5-15

### **December 20**

Advent Weekday [4]

Is 7:10-14

Luke 1:26-38

### **December 21**

Advent Weekday [4]

St. Peter Canisius

Sg2:8-14

Luke 1:39-45

### **December 22**

Advent Weekday [4]

1 Sm 1:24-28

Luke 1:46-56

### **December 23**

Advent Weekday [4]

St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Luke 1:57-66

### **December 24**

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY

OF THE LORD

Is 62:1-5

Matthew 1:1-25

### **December 25**

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 52:7-10

Psalm 98:1-6

Heb 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

### 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, December 17

- ✙ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✙ 6:15 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall

## Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

- ✙ 9:00 AM Confirmation Class serving at Mass
- ✙ 10:00 AM Religious Ed
- ✙ 7:00 PM Youth Christmas Party, HC Hall

## Monday, December 19

- ✙ 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✙ 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's
- ✙ 7:00 PM Penance Service at Holy Child

## Tuesday, December 20

- ✙ 12:10 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✙ 7:00 PM Faith Sharing

## Wednesday, December 21

- ✙ No Mass

## Thursday, December 22

- ✙ 6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

## Friday, December 23

- ✙ 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child
- ✙ 4:00 PM Decorating Holy Child Church

## Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

- ✙ No Bingo
- ✙ 4:00 PM Mass at Holy Child
- ✙ 8:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- ✙ Midnight Mass at Holy Child

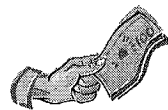
## Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

- ✙ 10:00 AM Mass at Holy Child

Please Note: The Good Samaritan meeting scheduled for January 11, 2017 has been cancelled.



Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Holy Child collected \$821.00.



## Gifts to Your Parish

December 10 & 11

Sunday Envelopes: \$3275.00  
Loose: \$ 247.50

### Immaculate Conception

Envelopes: \$670.50  
Loose: 148.75

Fuel: \$6.00 Christmas Flowers: \$255.00  
Initial Offering: \$6.00 Thanksgiving Charity: \$100.00  
Christmas: \$30.00

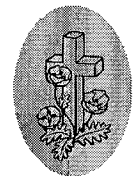
Total: \$4738.75

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.

In addition, we received \$821.00 for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. 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 DiBernardo

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.



### Fourth Sunday in Advent

The gospel today shows us that once again God is keeping God's word: a child is given to us to assure us that God is doing what the angel told Joseph: "fulfilling" what had been spoken through the prophets. God asked a difficult thing of Joseph and he accepted what was being asked of him in trust. Today's gospel reassures us all that, even in situations of conflict and confusion, God is faithful. Despite all our uncertainties and difficulties God is born again into our lives, builds us up and stays with us. For our God is named Emmanuel – truly God is with us.

(Preacher's Exchange)



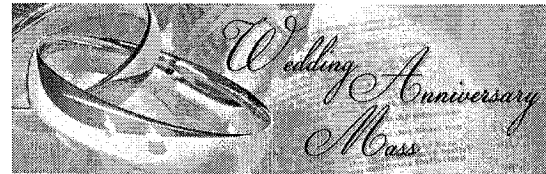
Thank you to all our adult volunteers who have given the gift of your time over the past year. If you have helped in any capacity whether it is serving on a committee, volunteering for fundraisers, charity events, Religious Ed or helping at Mass, in the cemeteries or keeping our churches beautiful, please attend an appreciation dinner in your honor.

Holy Child Parish Hall

Friday, January 6, 2017

Social Time starts at 6 PM followed by dinner. RSVP to the Parish Office and let us know how many (including spouses) will be attending by Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

*We must have a count for the caterer.*



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through the parish office before March 13.

**Help is needed...** Holy Child Bingo is in need of people to work the Bingo Kitchen one time per month. Bingo is our biggest fundraiser and the kitchen is a necessary part of the Bingo experience for our players. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time each month.

## 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.

### Bingo Schedule for December

December 24 No Bingo

December 31 Double Jackpot Bingo

\$1000 and \$500 Jackpot guaranteed

*Scheduled games may be postponed due to inclement weather. Call 570-662-3568 or 570-662-9996 to verify.*



Churches open:

Every day from 9 – 5

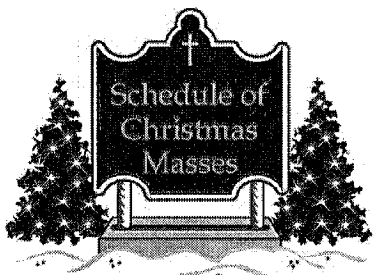
Penance Services:

Monday, December 19 at 7 PM

Holy Child Church

Church Decorating at Holy Child:

Friday, December 23 at 4 PM



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

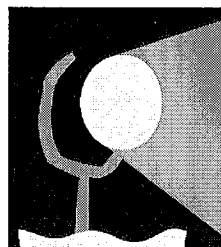
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

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



**Thank you** for all the delicious baked goods and treats for the MU students. They were very grateful.



### Confirmation

### Candidate Spotlight

**Name:** Reece White

**Grade:** 8th

**Favorite Saint:** St. Jacob

**Best Service Project:** Helping a neighbor move in

**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas

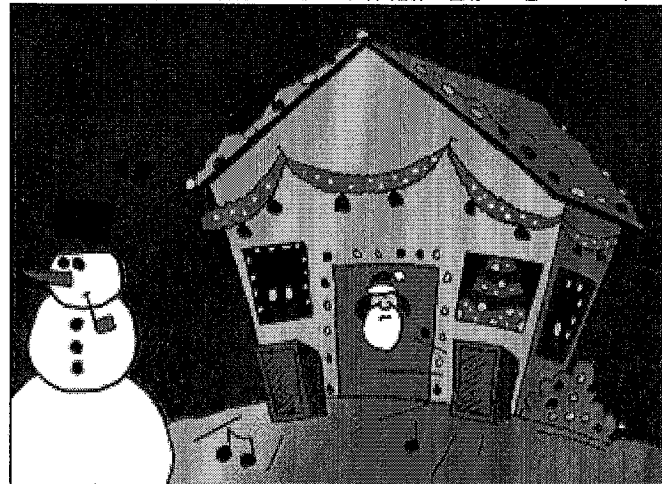
**Hobbies:** golf

**Best Vacation Spot:** Florida

**Favorite Food:** Chinese

**Future Goals:** Become a Marine Biologist

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NOT SO SILENT NIGHT



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 \$28,860.00.

(96% of our goal – almost there!)

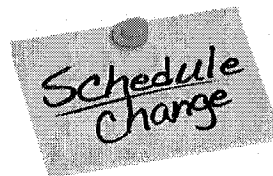
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**December 18:** 7 PM in Holy Child Hall.  
Bring a \$10 (or under) gift to exchange and a snack to share.



**Attention Good Neighbors:** We will be switching our night for the Bingo Kitchen. We will work the Bingo kitchen on January 7<sup>th</sup> instead of the December 31<sup>st</sup>.