

Holy Child

HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

Rev. Bryan Wright, Pastor

Rita Hanson, Financial Secretary

Jen Minnich, Parish Secretary

Sarah Hazelton, DRE

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.

January 1, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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 31

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Peggy Padden by Holy Child Ladies Guild

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

John and Veronica Manikowski by Family

Sunday, January 1st, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Robert Ahern by Rita Hanson and Ian

Monday, January 2

12:10 PM at St. Mary's

Eugene Warnecki by Family

Tuesday, January 3

12:10 PM at St. Mary's

Stanley Bombaski Jr. by Jim and Jeanne Osterman

Wednesday, January 4

No Mass

Thursday, January 5

6:00 PM at Holy Child

Carol Dalton by Family

Friday, January 6, First Friday

8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child

Steve Bencetic by Joan Miller

Saturday, January 7

4:00 PM at Holy Child

Maurice Copello by Brad and Linda Brown

6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

All Parishioners

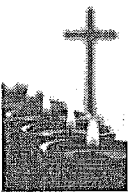
Sunday, January 8th, The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Albert Musingo by Tom and Marie Musingo

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Adeline Lisitski by Rita Hanson and 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 (January 8) 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 health and blessings for Elsa and Tom DiBernardo.

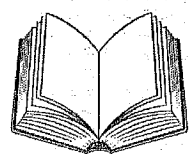
Bingo workers for January 7: TBA

Kitchen workers for January 7: Good Neighbors

Collection Counters:

January 2: Linda Brown and Jen Minnich

January 8: Anne Kaminski and Delores Kostovick



January 1st is the first page of a 365 page book. Make it a good one.

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 31 & 1/1

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Ron Becker

Servers: Marissa and Aubrey Griess

E. Min: Donna Brennan

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Ray Brundage

Servers: Bill Lupkowski

E. Min: Peter Lupkowski

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Maryjane Seifried, Jim Weiskopff

Servers: Michael and Daniel Harman

E. Min: Alan Parrotte

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Kayla Nash, Christina Jenkins

Servers: Brendan Nash

E. Min: Bill Page

Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend January 7 & 8

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Bob Wood

Servers: Addison and Madalyn Farrer

E. Min: Ron Becker

6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Jan Yoder

Servers: Bridgette & Benjamin

E. Min: Chris King

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Readers: Anne Kaminski, Connie Penner

Servers: Grace and Sophia Scouten

E. Min: Ann Vayansky

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Liz Buck, Darlene Buck

Servers: Roch Minnich

E. Min: Donna Brennan

Readings

January 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF
GOD

Nm 6:22-27

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

Gal 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

January 2

SS Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28

John 1:19-28

January 3

Christmas Weekday

*The Most Holy Name of
Jesus*

1 Jn 2:29-3:6

John 1:29-34

January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10

John 1:35-42

January 5

St. John Neumann

1 Jn 3:11-21

John 1:43-51

January 6

Christmas Weekday

St. Andre Bessette

1 Jn 5:5-13

Mark 1:7-11

January 7

Christmas Weekday

*St. Raymond of
Penafort*

1 Jn 5:14-21

John 2:1-11

January 8

The Epiphany of the
Lord

Is 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

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, December 31

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

Sunday, January 1st, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

- ✙ No Religious Ed

Monday, January 2

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

Tuesday, January 3

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Wednesday, January 4

- ✙ No Mass

Thursday, January 5

- ✙ 6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Friday, January 6, 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
- ✙ 6:00 PM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in Holy Child Hall

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- ✙ 10:00 AM Religious Ed

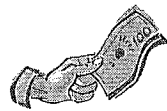
Please Note: The Good Samaritan meeting scheduled for January 11, 2017 has been cancelled.

My Dear Friends:

I want to express my gratitude for the many cards and gifts I received this Christmas Season. I continue to be overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity I have been shown here at Holy Child Parish. May the blessings you receive in 2017 be abundant and may you always find peace in the presence of Christ in your life.

Sincerely,

Fr. Bryan



Gifts to Your Parish

December 24 & 25

Sunday Envelopes: \$1954.00

Christmas

Envelopes: \$4622.00

Loose: 1180.00

Christmas Flowers: \$25.00 Holy Days: \$10.00

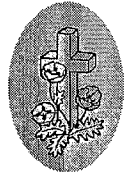
Initial Offering: \$25.00 Fuel: \$5.00

Total: \$7821.00

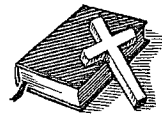
Thank you! Your stewardship and generosity to your parish are needed and greatly appreciated. \$4890.38 is the amount needed for our weekly collections to meet budgeted expenses.

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:
-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.



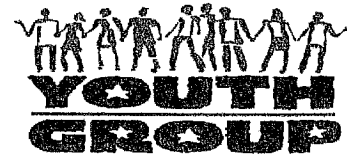
His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the

Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th 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.

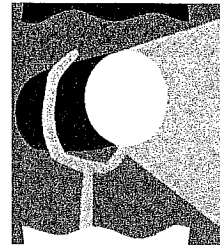
Did you know? Bingo is the major fundraiser in our parish, raising over \$70,000 per year. If our Saturday game is to continue, we need parishioners to volunteer to work once a month or every 6 weeks. **Many of those who volunteer now have been involved for ten, fifteen, FORTY years; can you spare one evening per month or every six weeks to offer some relief to our current volunteers?** Please call the office and offer to help. *If not you, then who???*

There are boxes of collection envelopes for children in the back of the church. There are no names on the boxes. Be sure to write the child's name on the front of the envelope for the first few weeks they are used to ensure that your family receives credit for your donation.

Donations to the parish received beginning this Sunday are credited to 2017. If you would like a report of your donations to Holy Child Parish in 2016 please write "send report" on the FRONT of your collection envelope or call or e-mail the parish office.



Jan. 20 - Mass/Rosary for Life, 6 pm Holy Child Church
Jan. 29 - Catholic Trivia, 4 pm Holy Child Hall



Confirmation
Candidate Spotlight

Name: Amanda Rutledge
Grade: 10th
Favorite Saint: St.

Catherine of Bologna

Best Service Project: Goodies for our Troops

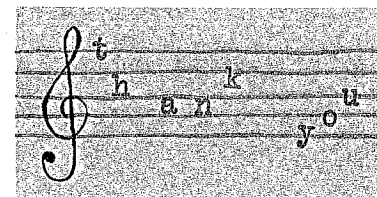
Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Hobbies: Drawing, reading, cosplay

Best Vacation Spot: Jerusalem

Favorite Food: Spaghetti


Future Goals: Attend college and become a multi-media artist



After so many years, our organist, Sue Signor, is retiring. We thank Sue for her dedication and sharing her talents with Holy Child Parish. Sue writes:

"For the past forty-one years, I have served as organist for the various churches of this parish - St. Stanislaus, St. Joseph, St. Andrews, St. Mary and Holy Child. It has been a great honor and privilege. It is now time for me to retire. I want to thank Father Bryan, the very dedicated choir, and every one of you for this wonderful experience."

God bless you all!
Sue Signor

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule) No Religious Ed 2 nd Collection for Care and Education of Priests	2 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's Hall	3	4 No Mass	5 Jan. 6 → 6 PM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in HC Hall	6 First Friday 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Child 9 AM – 10 AM Holy Hour – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 AM – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	7 9:30 AM First Saturday Mass at St. Mary's 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at Holy Child 6:15 PM Bingo at Holy Child Hall
8 The Epiphany of the Lord 10 AM Religious Ed 6:30 PM K of C in Holy Child Parish Center	9 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's Hall	10	11 No Mass	12 	13	14 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at Holy Child 6:15 PM Bingo at Holy Child Hall
15 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 AM 7 th Grade Involvement in Mass 10 AM Religious Ed	16  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's Hall	17 7 PM Faith Shairing in Parish Center	18 No Mass	19 6 PM Parish Pastoral Council beginning with Mass, followed by meeting in HC Hall	20 If you have a meeting or event for February's calendar, please notify the office by Tuesday, January 24 th .	21 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at Holy Child 6:15 PM Bingo at Holy Child Hall
22 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 AM Religious Ed	23 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's Hall	24 	25 No Mass	26 The parish calendar is for planning purposes only. Mass times are subject to change. Please check the parish bulletin or web page each week.	27	28 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at Holy Child 6:15 PM Bingo at Holy Child Hall 2 nd Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development
29 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 AM Religious Ed 2 nd Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development	30 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's Hall	31	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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We would know if it was advertised in our weekly bulletin. Do you know someone who is having a birthday, anniversary or celebrating a special event? Remember them here, in the weekly bulletin; only \$5.00 per week. Again, advertising helps us defray the costs of printing and may put a smile on the face of that special someone.