

Holy Child Church 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

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Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church 144 St Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 18, 2022

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Child: 3:00 pm Saturday

10:45 am Sunday 5:15 pm Thursday 8:00 am Friday

Saint Mary's: 8:30 am Sunday

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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,

MISSION STATEMENT: HOLY CHILD PARISH

and to encourage, through works of love and faith, the unity of the Church.

Sacraments:

<u>Baptism</u>: Please call the church office to make arrangements to meet with the pastor and schedule the time and date of the ceremony.

<u>Reconciliation</u>: Confessions are heard on Saturday from 2:30 to 3:00 pm in Holy Child Church, on First Friday from 9 to 10 am in Holy Child Church, and on First Saturday from 10 to 11 am in Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church. For other times, call the office to make an appointment.

<u>Matrimony</u>: Couples planning to marry should contact their Pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.

<u>Anointing of the Sick</u>: 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament prior to all weekend Masses.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

(The daily Mass schedule is subject to change.)

Saturday, December 17 Late Advent Weekday

VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Bob Swinsick (by Helen)

Sunday, December 18
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Joe Granville (by Tom Wierbowski)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Monday, December 19 Late Advent Weekday 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Marie Moroschok (by Ron & Sue Signor)

Tuesday, December 20 Late Advent Weekday 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Gerald Dalton (by Robert Dalton)

Wednesday, December 21
No Mass

Late Advent Weekday

Thursday, December 22

Late Advent Weekday

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Gregory Mizdail

(by Mr. & Mrs. David Colegrove)

Friday, December 23

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Robert Houser (by Track Officials)

Saturday, December 24

Late Advent Weekday

VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, December 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN HOLY CHILD CHURCH AT 2:30 PM ON SATURDAYS.

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

Week of December 18 - 24, 2022
The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church

burns this week in memory of Eugene Jessup by Sharon.

The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church burns this week for living and deceased members of Holy Child Parish.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

There are free rosary beads available in the vestibule of Holy Child Church. FORMED has a wealth of information on the Rosary. Check out the 30 minute video, "How and Why to Pray the Rosary"



PRAYER LIST

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:

- Catherine Gallagher
- Richard Faber
- Bernice Frederick
- Tom MacBlane
- Rose Mahosky
- Christopher Mortensen
- Howdy Moser
- Richard Niemczyk
- Ethel Sandstrom
- Lori Sherant
- Kenneth Simpson
- Yolanda Tacka
- Nancy Winslow

Please contact the parish office to add names of those who are in need of prayer due to sudden illness, upcoming surgery, hospital stay or those experiencing a hardship.

To respect our parishioners' privacy, please ask and specify if their names are to be put in the bulletin, added to

To make a request on our "Spare a Prayer" prayer chain, contact: Maryjane Seifried at seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com or 549-7550 or Dotty Welsh at dhjrw@ptd.net or 662-2057 To add a name to the bulletin Prayer list, contact the parish office by phone, email or regular mail.

Our Lord is always listening.

If you or someone you know cannot get to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion or a pastoral visit, please contact the parish office.



Parish Offerings Received December 5 - 11, 2022

Sunday Envelopes: \$9,788.00 Loose 186.00 Holy Days: 967.46 Christmas: 170.00 Thanksgiving Charity: 10.00 Advent: 10.00 Initial Offering: 20.00 Christmas Flower Donation: 180.00



Total: \$11,331.46
Care & Education of Priests: 95.00
Campaign for Human Development: 10.00
Religious Retirement Fund: 533.21

Thank you for your continued support.

THE 7 SPIRITUAL & 7 CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities (cf. Isaiah 58:6-7; Hebrews 13:3). Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead (cf. Matthew 25:31-46). Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God (cf. Tobit 4:5-11; Sirach 17:22; Matthew 6:2-4).

He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise (Luke 3:11). But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you (Luke 11:41). If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? (James 2:15-16; cf. 1 John 3:17)

THE 7 SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are oriented toward the soul. Though ideally applicable for all faithful, not everyone is considered capable or obligated to perform the first three Spiritual Works of Mercy before they possess the proper tact, knowledge or canonical training to do so. The remaining four Spiritual Works of Mercy are considered to be an obligation of all faithful to practice unconditionally.

THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY AND THEIR HOLY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES ARE:

- Admonish the Sinner
 - Proverbs 27:17
 - * Luke 15:7; 17:3
 - * 2 Timothy 4:2
- Instruct the Ignorant
 - * Matthew 28:19-20
 - * Mark 16:14-18
 - * Luke 24:47-49
 - * John 20:21
 - * 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 4:1-5
- Counsel the Doubtful
 - * Matthew 13:18-23
 - * Mark 4:13-20; 9:14-29
 - * Luke 8:11-15
 - * John 14:27
- Bear Wrongs Patiently
 - * Matthew 5:38-48
 - * Luke 6:27-36
 - * 1 Peter 2:18-19
- Forgive Offenses Willingly
 - * Matthew 6:14-15; 18:15-35
 - * Mark 11:25
 - * Luke 11:1-4; 17:1-4
- Comfort the Afflicted
 - * Psalms 9:8-11; 22:23-27,
 - * Psalms 27:4-5; 30:2-4,
 - Psalms 46:2; 55:22,
 - * Psalms 56; 71:20-22,
 - * Psalms 116; 119:49-50

- * Jeremiah 29:11-14
- * Lamentations 3:21-24, 31-33
- * Nahum 1:7-8
- * Matthew 11:28-30
- * John 14:15-18, 27; 16:22-23
- * 2 Corinthians 5:17
- * 1 Peter 5:5-11
- * Revelation 21:4
- Pray for the Living and the Dead
 - * 2 Maccabees 38-46

THE 7 CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Corporal Works of Mercy are oriented toward the body. Six of the seven are mentioned in Matthew 25:31-40 – although not precisely – as the reason for the salvation of the saved, while Matthew 25:41-46 exhorts the omission of them as the reason for damnation. As deprivation of burial was viewed with horror by the Jews, the seventh Corporal Work of Mercy (Tobit 1:17-19) was later added.

THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY AND THEIR HOLY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES ARE:

- Feed the Hungry
 - * Proverbs 22:9
 - * Isaiah 58:10
 - * 2 Kings 4:42-44
 - Matthew 14:15-21; 25:35
 - * Luke 3:11; 9:12-17
 - * John 6:35
- Give Drink to the Thirsty
 - * Isaiah 55:1
 - * Matthew 25:35
 - * John 6:35
 - * John 7:37-39
 - * Revelation 21:6; 22:17
- Clothe the Naked
 - * Matthew 25:36
- Shelter the Homeless
 - * Matthew 25:35
- Visit the Sick
 - * Matthew 25:36
- Visit the Imprisoned
 - * Matthew 25:36
- Bury the Dead
 - * Tobit 1:17-19

Please pray for our recently deceased. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

 Peter Flisock
 12/10/2022

 Gary Ruberto
 12/04/2022

 Dorothy Lutomski
 12/04/2022

 Robert Wood
 11/29/2022

 Marcella Williams
 11/10/2022

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS THAT INSPIRE

Contact Linda Sampson at 570-404-2180 or email marian -ministries@outlook.com to discuss any of these programs.

BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST

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MY ONE WORD

My One Word is simple: lose the long list of changes you want to make this year and instead pick ONE WORD. Just one word that centers on your character and creates a vision for your future. Choose one of the Catholic virtues highlighted in Mary's Mantle, words like trust, surrender, kindness, courage, gratitude, whatever word will help you focus and grow in faith and service to God. Visit: https://myoneword.org/ Personal Testimony: I've practiced this for about 10 years and testify that it really works!

LIVING ROSARY EVALUATION

As we approach the New Year, it is my hope that the Living Rosary will continue in our parishes. The devotion has been a source of grace and peace to the participants and a beautiful offering to our Blessed Mother. We need at least 20 participants to continue the devotion. Please be in touch if you wish to take a break or pray a different decade for the new year. If you haven't been a participant but would like to pray one decade with the group beginning in January, let me know and I will add your name to our email group.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If the local schools are delayed or closed, for the safety of our parishioners, daily Mass will be said by Father in Holy Child Church during that day. Office hours may also

FROM YOUR HEALTH MINISTRY

RSV - (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) is one of the most commonly contracted viruses. The majority of people will have been infected by the time they are toddlers. RSV causes cold-like symptoms and children will recover in a week or two. It can cause more serious infections in the lungs as well.

Prior infection does not prevent you from getting infected again. Subsequent episodes tend to be milder.

RSV is spread through coughing or sneezing or touching a contaminated surface and then touching your nose or

Handwashing is the best way to stop the disease spread. Also sneezing into a tissue or your shirt sleeve, not your hands.

There is no vaccination for the disease. Any medication given is for children with heart or lung disease to prevent development of more severe illness.



Giving Trees are in both of our churches. Unwrapped gifts need to be in the rectory office by December 19th. Thank you for your generosity to local famílies in need.



WEEK OF **DECEMBER 18, 2022**

CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus.



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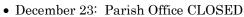
This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

• December 18: 3:00 pm, Advent Penance Service, Holy Child Church, Mansfield

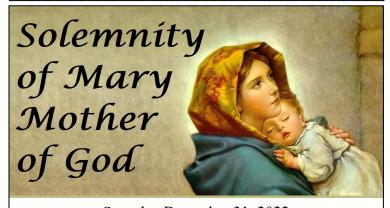


• December 26: Parish Office CLOSED





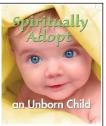
Saturday December 24, 2022 4:00 pm Holy Child Church Sunday December 25, 2022 9:00 am Saint Mary's Church 11:15 am Holy Child Church



Saturday December 31, 2022 4:00 pm Holy Child Church Sunday January 1, 2023 9:00 am Saint Mary's Church 11:15 am Holy Child Church

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

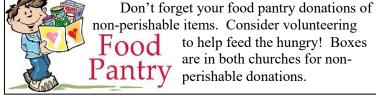
Month Four—Developing Baby Well, your little baby now weighs 6 ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has is own unique fingerprints which will remain unchanged throughout his life. His tastebuds are working. His sense of hearing is present at 14 weeks. There are no major



bodily developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All he needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for creating me with every little feature and characteristic that makes me special. "We are the clay, You are the potter, the work of Your hand." Please continue praying for me and my mother.



to help feed the hungry! Boxes are in both churches for nonperishable donations.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, December 18: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24

Mon, Dec 19: Jgs 13:1-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17 Luke 1:5-25

> Tuesday, December 20: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 21: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45

Thursday, December 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Luke 1:46-56

Friday, Dec 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14 Luke 1:57-66

Saturday, Dec 24: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1:1-25

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Night: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 John 1:1-18





Visit www.annualappeal.org to make your gift and view the Diocesan Annual Appeal videos, which highlight the wonderful work your gifts support.

As of December 12th we are at 77% of our \$28,000 parish goal! \$21,562 has been donated or pledged thus far!

Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!



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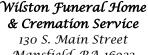
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