

Holy Child Church 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Rev. Bryan Wright, Pastor Rita Hanson, Financial Secretary Cathy Asbury, Parish Secretary



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



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.

SACRAMENTS

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

Reconciliation: 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.

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.

Rectory Office Hours 9 AM – 2 PM Monday, Tuesday and Friday **Cemetery Business Hours: By Appointment** 237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933 Phone: 570-662-3568 Fax: 570-662-2113 Email: hlychild@ptd.net Web: holychildparish.com

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Child: 3:00 pm Saturday 10:45 am Sunday 5:15 pm Thursday



8:30 am Sunday 11:30 am Monday & Tuesday

PARISH CONTACTS

Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck: phone - 570-540-1332 email - catholic.dre.holychild@gmail.com Good Neighbors: Tom Wierbowski 570-404-3028 Good Samaritans: Parish Office (570) 662-3568 Health Ministry: Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057 Knights of Columbus, MU Council: Steve Boyce 570-835-4049 Knights of Columbus, Blossburg Council: Jim Weiskopff 570-662-7133 Ladies Guild: Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2034 Medical Equipment Loaning Program: Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057 "Spare a Prayer" Prayer Chain: Maryjane Seifried: phone - (570) 549-7550 email - seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com Dotty Welsh: phone - (570) 662-2057 email - dhjrw@ptd.net RCIA: Parish Office 570-662-3568 Holy Child Hall: 570-662-9996 St. Mary's Hall: 570-638-2783



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament prior to all weekend Masses



LITURGY SCHEDULE (THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.) Saturday, February 25 Saturday after Ash Wednesday VIGIL: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Adeline Cunningham (by Linda Cloos) Sunday, February 26 **1st Sunday of Lent** 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Mary Lubertine Jones (by The Yankowy Family) 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners Monday, February 27 Lenten Weekday 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † David Frye (by Maria Finch) Tuesday, February 28 Lenten Weekdav 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Pauline Morley (by George & Beverly (Knapp) Sullivan) Wednesday, March 1 Lenten Weekday No Mass Thursday, March 2 Lenten Weekday 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Living & deceased area Franciscans (by Gloria House OFS) 7:00 pm, Holy Child - Stations of the Cross First Friday, March 3 Lenten Weekday 8:30 am, Holy Child: † Ruth Danneker (by daughter Mary Kay) 3:30 pm, Holy Child - Stations of the Cross First Saturday, March 4 Lenten Weekday 9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Bernard & Mary Wierbowski (by Tom Wierbowski) VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Monica Leone (by Ken & Mary Kay) Sunday, March 5 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Marion Dzikowski (by Mike Dzikowski) 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 February 26 - March 4, 2023

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church burns this week in memory of members of St. Mary's, St. Stanislaus, St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches. The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church burns this week in memory of Monica Leone by Ken & Mary Kay. Call the parish office to request a Sanctuary Light



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 the prayer chain, or both.

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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*.

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"

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 February 13 - 19, 2023					
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,170.00				
Loose:	442.00				
Fuel:	5.00				
Ash Wednesday:	105.00				
Initial Offering:	5.00				
Total:	\$3,727.00				
Cemetery Maintenance:	46.00				
Care & Education of Priests:	10.00				
Aid to Eastern Europe:	365.00				
Thank you for your continued	Thank you for your continued support.				

2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are available by request. To request a statement, contact the parish office or write "*send statement*" on the front of your collection envelope.

LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS WITH DR. BRANT PITRE

Do you follow Jesus 'on the way'? Can we trust the Gospels? Do we really know who wrote them? Do the Gospels communicate truth – or fabricated fables? Who is Jesus? Who did



Jesus claim to be? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ's divinity.

Dr. Pitre's powerful presentation will strengthen your faith so that you can not only stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," but also confidently respond to any skeptics you encounter.

Father Bryan will be leading this study in Holy Child Hall following the 11:15 am Sunday Mass beginning February 26th. Light refreshments served.

Watch the trailer here: *https://watch.formed.org/lectio-the-case-for-jesus/videos/lectio-the-case-for-jesus-promo*

FROM YOUR HEALTH MINISTRY MEDICATION ADHERANCE

Taking your medication in the <u>right dose</u>, the <u>right way</u>, and at the <u>right time</u> is called adherence.

Helpful reminder tips to increase your level of adherence

- Set up reminders on your phone or computer.
- Make it a habit by taking your medication at the same time every day.
- Ask family or friends to help remind you a phone call or text from a family member or friend is all it may take.
- Try dosing containers to help you keep on track.
- Talk to your primary care provider about consolidating or changing medication to make adherence easier to achieve. "Drugs don't work in people who don't take them."

C. Everett Koop.

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



Edward Modrzejewski Father Michael Finn 2/11/2023 2/18/2023

DEANERY WIDE LENTEN HOLY HOURS

In conjunction with the National Eucharistic Revival taking place within our country since Corpus Christi Sunday, 2022, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will ... celebrate a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers and a homily on the Most Holy Eucharist during Lent, 2023.

7 pm, Wed, March 8, Our Lady of Lourdes, Montoursville 7 pm, Thursday, March 9, SS. Peter and Paul's, Towanda

Lent!

Lent began on Ash Wednesday and ends with Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6th. Mark your calendars now to take advantage of the many Lenten opportunities to help prepare yourself spiritually for the Triduum and Easter Season.

- Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 - * During Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays and First Saturdays
 - * During *The Light is ON for You* on Mondays during Lent from 5:30-7:00 pm in Holy Child Church (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held during The Light is ON for You)
 - * 2:30-3:00 pm on Saturdays in Holy Child Church.
 - * Communal Penance Services:
 - Sunday, March 19th, 3:00 pm, St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro
 - Sunday, March 26th, 3:00 pm, Holy Child Church, Mansfield
 - ◊ Wednesday, April 5th, 4 pm, St. Boniface Church, Williamsport
 - * By appointment (call the parish office)
- Stations of the Cross:
 - * 7 pm in Holy Child Church on March 2nd and 9th.
 - * 3:30 pm in Holy Child Church, followed by a Meager Meal in the church hall, on March 3rd and 10th.
 - * 3:30 pm in St. Mary's Church, followed by a Meager Meal in the church hall, on March 17th, March 24th and March 31st.
- Fasting and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (to abstain from eating meat).
 - * For Roman Catholics, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
- * The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Roman Catholics from age 14 onwards.
- Mansfield Ministerium Lenten Lunch: Noon on Thursdays in the First Baptist Church, Mansfield. Bring your own brown bag lunch, drinks & dessert provided.
- Adult Education: LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS. Beginning Sunday, February 26th in Holy Child Hall following the 11:15 am Mass.

The Blossburg Fire and Ambulance Department

is hosting fish fries on

three Fridays during Lent. DATES: March 3, March 17, March 31.



- TIME: 5 7 p.m.
- PLACE: Blossburg Fire Department, 324 Main Street, Blossburg.
- COST: \$12 per dinner.
- DINNER INCLUDES: Fried or broiled fish, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw and a roll.

All dinners are served as take out Proceeds benefit the BLOSSBURG FIRE AND AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

Daily Mass Schedule (subject to change) Mon & Tues, 12:10 pm, Saint Mary's Thurs, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Fri, 8:30 am, Holy Child		March	2023	1st Friday: 8 am Adoration, 8:30 am Mass, Holy Child Church, followed by Adoration. & Confessions, Benediction at 7:25 pm	 30 1st Saturday: 9:30 a 31- Saint Mary's Church, 1 hour of Adoration. available during Ador 	um Mass, , followed by Confessions ration
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 26: Lectio: The Case for Je-• sus, Holy Child following the 11:15 am Mass.



- February 27: 5:30 7:00 pm, FIRST Light is ON for You, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Child.
- March 2 & 9: 7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross, Holy Child
- March 3 & 10: 3:30 pm, Stations of the Cross, Holy Child
- March 5: 12:30 pm, Holy Child Hall, Lectio: The Case for Jesus
- March 5: 6:30 pm, Holy Child, 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus.
- March 8: Lenten Holy Hour, 7:00 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes, Montoursville.
- March 9: Lenten Holy Hour, 7:00 pm, Epiphany, Sayre.
- March 12: 12:30 pm, Holy Child Hall, Lectio: The Case for Jesus

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Month Six - Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies born at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for



your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mother might still feel pressure to abort.

Mary, our Mother in heaven Pray for us, and especially for your little ones in danger of abortion. Amen. Spiritual Adoption Warriors, continue to pray for my mother and me. Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written

your name. - Isaiah 49:15-16 (NAB)

2023 HOLY CHILD PARISH LOTTERY

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! TICKETS CONTINUE TO BE ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE! TICKETS ARE \$25 EACH WITH **STILL OVER 40 CHANCES TO WIN REMAINING!** The winners are based on the 7:00 pm drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery Pick 3 in January, February, and March, 2023 (number straight only; in the event of a double draw, only the first number drawn will be valid for this lottery). Monday - Friday winners receive \$50 Saturday winners receive \$150 Sunday winners receive \$200 Here's the Bonus: March 5th winner receives \$500!

Tickets are available for sale in the rectory office on Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 9 am - 2 pm. **CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!**

Day	Date	Ticket #	Winner	Amount Won		
Sunday	2/12/23	#697	Kelly Suhoke	\$200.00		
Monday	2/13/23	#766	no winner			
Tuesday	2/14/23	#928	Mickey Mastra	cchio \$50.00		
Wednesday	2/15/23	#567	no winner			
Thursday	2/16/23	#772	no winner			
Friday	2/17/23	#084	no winner			
Saturday	2/18/23	#660	no winner			

SCRIPTURE READINGS Sunday, Feb 26: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 Monday, February 27: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Matthew 25:31-46 Tuesday, February 28: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Matthew 6:7-15 Wednesday, Mar 1: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32 Thurs, March 2: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Matthew 7:7-12 Friday, March 3: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Matthew 5:20-26 Saturday, March 4: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, March 5: Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9



Don 't forget your food pantry donations Pantry of non-perishable items. Consider volunteering to help feed the hungry! Boxes are in both churches for nonperishable donations.

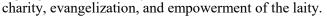


WEEK OF FEB 26 - MAR 4, 2023

Session 1

FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY: AN AMERICAN BLESSED

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal

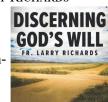


SESSION 1: JESUS: MODEL AND MASTER OF PRAYER

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.



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COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish, we collected \$365.00 to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

