

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19, 2023



Rectory Office Hours

9 AM – 2 PM Monday, Tuesday and Friday
Cemetery Business Hours: By Appointment
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

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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

<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.

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

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 18

Weekday

VIGIL: 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Dominick Leone (by Ken & Mary Kay)

Sunday, February 19

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Loretta Brundage

(by Sue Signor & the former St. Mary's Choir)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Monday, February 20

Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Ann Dorsey (by Jane Mahonski)

Tuesday, February 21

Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Frank Tokarz (by Family)

Wednesday, February 22

ASH WEDNESDAY

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † James Rieppel (by JoanMiller)

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † David Jaquish (by Nancy Jaquish)

Thursday, February 23

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Robert Wood

(by Anna Bogaczyk & Family)

7:00 pm, Holy Child - Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 24

Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Raymond Lamonski (by Family)

3:30 pm, Holy Child - Stations of the Cross

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

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 19 - 25, 2023

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church burns this week in memory of Pauline Morley by Family.

The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church burns this week in memory of Merton & Theresa Saunders by The Family.

Call the parish office to request a Sanctuary Light

intention. The donation is \$5 per candle.



The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle. Please be mindful of this and try to keep a Silent reverence.

SILENCE AND REVERENCE

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.

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.

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"

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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 6 - 12, 2023

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$3,076.00

 Loose:
 430.00

 Fuel:
 20.00

 Ash Wednesday:
 9.00

 Total:
 \$3,535.00

 Care & Education of Priests:
 195.00

 Thank you for your continued support.

2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are available by request.

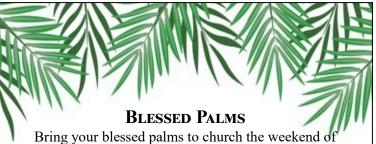
Statements will cover all donations made from 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022. To request a statement, contact the parish office or write "send statement" on the front of your collection envelope.



who brought Food Pantry donations for Souper Bowl Sunday as well as those who support the Food Pantry throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and does a lot of good in the community.







February 18 & 19, place them in the box in the vestibule and they will be properly disposed of.

FROM YOUR HEALTH MINISTRY

Humidify Your Home

As we batten down the hatches against the bitter sting of winter's cold and wind we create a cozy and warm home. At this we can also create a dry and unhealthy environment. We've all experienced the effects of dry air - static cling, that familiar zap you get when touching something after walking across the carpeted floor, or the occasional nosebleed. Humidification can help reduce these problems. A humidity level of 40-60% is recommended. Most of us will find 40-50% makes the house feel warmer and more comfortable. Humidity also reduces viral activity and minimizes the risk of infection. Modern home heating units have built-in humidification. We all remember the humidifier that mother would put in our bedroom when we had a bad cold. This helped to keep nasal secretions loose, making it easier for the sick child to breathe. Room humidifiers can also make any room more comfortable to be in.

Your Health Ministry is in Need of Wheelchairs. If you borrowed one and no longer need it or have one to donate, please call Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057.

Homeless Shelter Donations

There is a new collection bin in the vestibule of Holy Child Church for donations to the homeless shelter. Personal hygiene items like shampoo, deodorants, soap, feminine hygiene supplies, are in demand along with canned foods. Help fill the bin, please! Thanks!

ARE YOU REALLY A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Adult children should register as an independent member in the parish. You are not automatically registered when you reach adulthood. The general guideline is either the age of 24 or when your parents can no longer claim you as a dependent on their taxes, even if you are living in the same home. To register, contact the parish office.

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LENT!

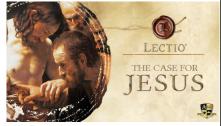
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and ends with Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6th. Mark your calendars now to take advantage of the many Lenten opportunities to help prepare yourself spiritually for the Triduum and Easter Season.

- Ash Wednesday (February 22nd): Mass with distribution of Ashes will be held at 12:10 pm in St. Mary's Church and 6:00 pm in Holy Child Church.
- 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: The schedule is:
 - * 7 pm in Holy Child Church on February 23, March 2nd and March 9.
 - * 3:30 pm in Holy Child Church, followed by a Meager Meal in the church hall, on February 24th, March 3rd and March 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
 - * 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. (Holy Child will provide the drinks & dessert on Feb. 23rd.)
- Adult Education: Lectio: The Case for Jesus. Beginning Sunday, February 26th in Holy Child Hall following the 11:15 am Mass. 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.

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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.

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



The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations is hosting a Young Adult Retreat March 3-4 at Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center in Nanticoke. The retreat is open to young adults ages 18-35, and the registration fee is \$20. To register, please visit https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/word/young-adult-ministry/young-adult-retreat/.

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 visit each of the 12 deaneries in the Diocese of Scranton to celebrate a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers and a homily on the Most Holy Eucharist during Lent, 2023.

EVENTS IN THIS AREA

Williamsport Deanery
7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 8
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Montoursville

Sayre Deanery
7:00 pm
Thursday, March 9
SS. Peter and Paul Parish
Towanda



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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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- February 18-19: Blessed Palms collection, both churches
- February 22: Ash Wednesday See the Liturgy Schedule for times & places.
- February 23: 12 pm, Mansfield Ministerium Luncheon, First Baptist Church, Mansfield, drinks & dessert provided by Holy Child Parish.
- February 23: 7 pm Stations of the Cross, Holy Child
- February 24: 4:00 pm, Stations of the Cross, Holy Child followed by a Meager Meal in the hall.
- February 26: Lectio: The Case for Jesus, Holy Child hall following the 11:15 am Mass.

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)

FORMED WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19 - 25, 2023

Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



THE SPIRIT AND THE DESERT

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



Love—Sacrifice—Trust: He Showed Us the Way BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!



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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun, Feb 19: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

Monday, February 20: Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mark 9:14-29

Tues, Feb 21: Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, Feb 22: Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, Feb 23: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 24: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 25: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Luke 5:27-32

Sun, Feb 26: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11



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.

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!

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Day	Date	Ticket #	Winner	Amount Won
Sunday	2/05/23	#797	Ann Vayansky	\$500.00
Monday	2/06/23	#794	no winner	
Tuesday	2/07/23	#399	no winner	
Wednesday	2/08/23	#285	no winner	
Thursday	2/09/23	#768	no winner	
Friday	2/10/23	#220	no winner	
Saturday	2/11/23	#154	no winner	

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This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

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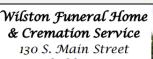
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