



Holy Child Church
240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Rev. Bryan Wright, Pastor
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Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church
144 St Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 2023



Rectory Office Hours

9 AM – 2 PM Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Cemetery Business Hours: By Appointment

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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

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.

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

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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

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Dotty Welsh: phone - (570) 662-2057

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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**

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

(THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.)

First Saturday, February 4 Weekday

9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Jim & Betty Rieppel
(by Rosemary, Adele, Marsha & Families)

VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Leo Frederick
(by Dave & Janie Hilfiger & Leona Frederick)

Sunday, February 5 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Elena Nicholas (by The Nortons)

Monday, February 6 Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Tyler Alexander (by Bill Slatie)

Tuesday, February 7 Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Joe McSparron (by Pauline McSparron)

Wednesday, February 8 Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, February 9 Weekday

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Raymond Lamonski (by Family)

Friday, February 10 Saint Scholastica, Virgin

11:00 am, Holy Child: † Carolyn Folcarelli Funeral Mass

Saturday, February 11 Weekday

VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, February 12 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Sue Dzikowski (by Mike Dzikowski)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Patrick Kump (by Mom)

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 5 - 11, 2023

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church
burns this week in memory of
deceased members of Holy Child Parish.

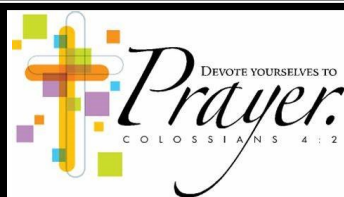
The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church
burns this week in memory of

David Wigglesworth by Rita Hanson & 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.
Amen.

For those who need special prayers:

- Catherine Gallagher
- Richard Faber
- Bernice Frederick
- Tom MacBlane
- Rose Mahosky
- Christopher Mortensen
- Howdy Moser
- Deacon Howard Page
- 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.

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 JANUARY 23 - 29, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,099.00
Loose:	588.50
Church Dues:	30.00
Fuel:	80.00
Holy Days:	2.00
Initial Offering:	3.00
Total:	<u>\$3,802.50</u>
Care & Education of Priests:	10.00

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.



DON'T FORGET THE FOOD PANTRY!

Our local food pantry accepts donations all year long and your support is always greatly appreciated.

On Super Bowl weekend, February 11th & 12th, we ask that you bring a can of soup, with a dollar attached to it, for the local food pantry.

Souper Bowl Sunday



BLESSED PALMS

Bring your blessed palms to church the weekend of 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
 - * By appointment (call the parish office)
- Stations of the Cross: The schedule is:
 - * Following the Thursday 6 pm Mass in Holy Child Church on February 23rd and March 2nd & 9th.
 - * 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 meal.
 - * The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Roman Catholics from age 14 onwards.
- There will be a Community Lenten observance at noon in the Baptist Church on Thursdays during Lent. On February 23rd Holy Child will provide the refreshments.
- 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.*



DEANERY WIDE LENTEN HOLY HOURS

7:00 P.M. IN EACH LOCATION



Thursday, Feb. 23
Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale

Tuesday, Feb. 28
Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco

Wednesday, March 8
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Montoursville

Thursday, March 9
SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Towanda

Monday, March 13
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre

Tuesday, March 14
Mary Mother of God Parish, Scranton

Monday, March 20
St. Gregory Parish, Clarks Green

Wednesday, March 22
Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston

Thursday, March 23
SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Hazleton

Monday, March 27
Queen of Peace Parish, Hawley

Tuesday, March 28
SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore

Wednesday, March 29
St. John the Baptist Parish, Larksville

Save the Dates!

St. Boniface FISH DINNER



TAKE OUT FISH DINNER ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22nd 5-6:30 pm

There will only be 450 tickets sold.

Must buy/order your tickets by February 19th

\$12/adult and \$6/child

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses.

(or call Deb 570-220-2303 or Lenny 570-772-0722)

MENU: baked fish, Tony's macaroni and cheese, green beans, coleslaw, roll, and brownie.

Dinners can be picked up in the Bell Tower parking lot off of Franklin St.

Directions for Pick Up:

Please enter the alley (East 7th Street) off Penn Street. Continue going down this alley, turn right onto Franklin Street. Pull into the parking lot located on Franklin Street on the side of the school. We will get the number of dinners needed, bring them to your car, and then you will exit the parking lot onto Washington Blvd.



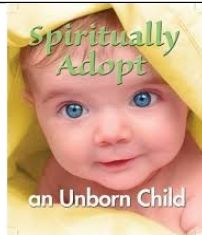
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- February 14: 7 pm Ladies Guild, Holy Child
- February 11-12: Souper Bowl
- February 18-19: Blessed Palms collection, both churches
- February 22: Ash Wednesday
- February 23: Stations of the Cross following 6 pm Mass, Holy Child
- February 24: 4:00 pm, Stations of the Cross, Holy Child



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.

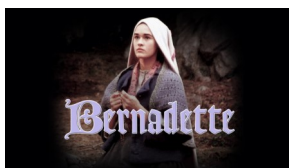
Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name. - Isaiah 49:15-16 (NAB)



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5 - 11, 2023

BERNADETTE

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



BAKHITA: FROM SLAVE TO SAINT

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.



HOW AND WHY TO PRAY THE ROSARY

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!



Our parish has a FORMED subscription!

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, February 5: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Mon, Feb 6: Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 7: Gn 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-9
Mark 7:1-13

Wed, Feb 8: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2, 27-30
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 9: Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5
Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 10: Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 11: Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6, 12-13
Mark 8:1-10

Sun, Feb 12: Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Cor 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37



Food
Pantry

Don't forget your food pantry donations 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!

TICKETS ARE \$25 EACH WITH

STILL OVER 50 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:

February 5th & March 5th
winners receive **\$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	1/22/23	#585	no winner	
Monday	1/23/23	#359	no winner	
Tuesday	1/24/23	#404	no winner	
Wednesday	1/25/23	#614	John Ranck	\$50.00
Thursday	1/26/23	#883	no winner	
Friday	1/27/23	#598	no winner	
Saturday	1/28/23	#972	no winner	

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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 January 30th we are at 81.2% of our \$28,000 parish goal! \$22,736 has been donated or pledged thus far! Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!



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