

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

<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.

<u>New Parishioners:</u> 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 8:00 am Feiday



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

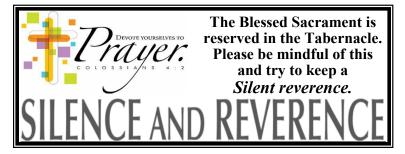
Adoration



LITURGY SCHEDULE (THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.) Saturday, March 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners Sunday, March 26 **5th Sunday of Lent** 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Stanley Banik (by Theresa Staight Banik & Mark) 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Betty Jeanne Robbins (by John & Susan Sleboda) 3:00 pm, Holy Child: Lenten Penance Service Monday, March 27 Lenten Weekday 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Florence McNeal (by Jane Mahonski) Tuesday, March 28 Lenten Weekday 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Christine Frederick (by Sister) Wednesday, March 29 Lenten Weekday No Mass Thursday, March 30 Lenten Weekday 5:30 pm, Holy Child - Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Pauline Mizdail (by Her Children) Friday, March 31 Lenten Weekday 8:30 am, Holy Child: † Marcella Williams (by Anita) 3:30 pm, St. Mary's - Stations of the Cross First Saturday, April 1 Lenten Weekday 9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Frank & Martha Tacka (by Yolanda & Frank Tacka) VIGIL: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Brad Brown (by Family) Sunday, April 2 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Loretta Brundage (by Clarence & Angela Lienhard) 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 March 19 - 25, 2023

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church burns this week for members of St. Mary's, St. Stan's, St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches. The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church burns this week in memory of Betty Jeanne Robbins by John & Susan Sleboda.



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:



- Bernice Frederick - Tom MacBlane

- Richard Faber

- Rose Mahosky
- Christopher Mortensen

- Catherine Gallagher

- Howdy Moser
- Richard Niemczyk
- Ethel Sandstrom
- Lori Sherant
- Kenneth Simpson
- Yolanda Tacka
- Marion Vaughn
- 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"

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 March 13 - 19, 2023			
Sunday Envelopes:	\$4,144.00		
Loose:	552.00		
Church dues:	25.00		
Love Him-Know Him-Serve Him 1-time gifts:	1,920.00		
Easter Flower Donations:	170.00		
Total:	<u>\$6,811.00</u>		
Catholic Relief Services:	266.00		
Care & Education of Priests:	40.00		

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.



LENT!

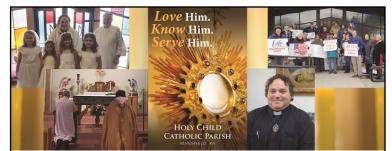
Lent began on Ash Wednesday and ends with Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6th. Mark your calendars now to take advantage of the many Lenten opportunities to help prepare yourself spiritually for the Triduum and Easter Season.

- 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*)
 - On March 27th, the Knights of Columbus will lead a Rosary beginning at 6:00 pm.
 - * 2:30-3:00 pm on Saturdays in Holy Child Church.
 - * Communal Penance Services:
 - Sunday, March 26th, 3:00 pm, Holy Child Church, Mansfield
 - Vednesday, April 5th, 4 pm, St. Boniface Church, Williamsport
 - * By appointment (call the parish office)
- Stations of the Cross:
 - * 5:30 pm in Holy Child Church on Thursdays.
 - * 3:30 pm in St. Mary's Church, followed by a Meager Meal in the church hall, on 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. Father Bryan leads this program in Holy Child Hall following the 11:15 am Mass.

FROM YOUR HEALTH MINISTRY

Hypertension or high blood pressure is defined as blood pressure with the systolic number (upper) greater than 140 and the diastolic number (lower) greater than 90. This needs to be a consistent reading for more than three times. If using a home blood pressure machine, be sure the cuff is large enough for your upper arm and is in the proper position. Blood pressure machines at the pharmacy are not the most accurate. Having someone take your blood pressure with a sphygmomanometer is the most accurate.

If you are diagnosed with high blood pressure, here are some things that will help you control it: Medication adherence, decreased salt intake and regular exercise. Even a short walk to the mailbox or walking around a store (not buying anything) can help.



LOVE HIM. KNOW HIM. SERVE HIM.

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to reflect upon and renew your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of Holy Child Catholic Parish. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please visit the parish website at *https:// holychildparish.com*.

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Ave. Scranton, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. At this Mass, priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed and consecrated. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support our priests and to express our unity as the Diocese of Scranton.

For reserved seating, please contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or email

oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org.

The BLOSSBURG FIRE AND AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT has one remaining Fish Fry for this Lent.

- • DATES: March 31st.
- • TIME: 5 7 p.m.
- • PLACE: Blossburg Fire Dept, 324 Main St, 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

Son of the Father - A Men's Retreat Sponsored by: Be a Catholic Man, Inc. March 31 and April 1, beginning at 6:00 pm Cost is only \$75.00 Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center 1000 Seminary Rd., Dalton, PA Spiritual Guidance given by:



Bishop Joseph Bambera, Monsignor John Esseff, Father Pio Mandato, Father Kevin Miller, and Jesse Martin Info at beacatholicman.com or call (570) 351-6256

GUIDE TO CONFESSION

BEFORE CONFESSION

Confession can seem intimidating for a lot of people, but with some simple preparation, it can be a healing encounter with Christ that will leave you filled with peace.

<u>Pray</u>: Pray that God will give you peace and help you make a good confession.

<u>A Prayer Before Confession</u>

Dear Jesus, help me to make a good Confession, Help me to find out my sins, Help me to be sorry for them, Have mercy on me, O Lord, and forgive me. Mary, my mother, pray for me.

<u>Reflect</u>: Reflect on ways you have harmed your relationship with God, yourself & others. Consider using an *Examination of Conscience* to reflect in preparation for your confession.

DURING CONFESSION

<u>Greeting</u>: The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.

Sign of the Cross: Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (give weeks, months, or years) since my last confession."

<u>Confession</u>: Confess all your sins aloud to the priest, who listens lovingly on behalf of Christ & the Church. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: "I am sorry for these and all my sins."

<u>Penance</u>: The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

<u>Act of Contrition</u>: A simple expression to expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to leave sin behind and live more like Jesus Christ!

An Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy.

<u>Absolution</u>: The priest then blesses you in the person of Christ as he says the prayer of Absolution which frees you from your sins.

AFTER CONFESSION

<u>Rejoice</u>: Through the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God has reminded you of His unending love!

<u>Resolve</u>: Resolve to leave sin behind and live in the Light!

<u>Respond</u>: Follow through with the penance the priest gave you and share the mercy you received with others.

"With the help of Your grace"

These words in an act of contrition remind you that when avoiding sin seems too difficult, you can rely on God by turning to Him in prayer and the Sacraments.

In large part from: https://thelightison.org/guide-to-confession/



APRIL 6TH - HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Holy Child Church <u>APRIL 7TH - GOOD FRIDAY</u> The Passion of The Lord 1:00 pm Solemn Services, Holy Child Church 3:00 pm Stations of The Cross & Divine Mercy Novena,

St. Mary's Church (No Meager Meal) <u>APRIL 8TH - HOLY SATURDAY</u> 10:30 am Blessing of The Baskets & Divine Mercy Novena, St. Mary's Church 8:00 pm Solemn Easter Vigil Mass, Holy Child Church



<u>APRIL 9TH</u> 9:00 am Mass, St. Mary's Church 11:15 am Mass & Divine Mercy Novena, Holy Child Church

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina and invited her to spread the message of His Divine Mercy to the world. He gave her the Divine Mercy Novena, which starts on Good Friday and goes for 9 days, leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday.



Holy Child Parish offers the following schedule to complete the Divine Mercy Novena:

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Day	Date	Time	Church				
Good Friday	April 7th	3:00 pm	St. Mary's				
Holy Saturday	y April 8th	10:30 am	St. Mary's				
Easter Sunday	y April 9th	12:30 pm	Holy Child				
April 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th, private devotion							
Friday	April 14th	7:00 pm	Holy Child				
Saturday	April 15th	5:00 pm	Holy Child				
Sunday	April 16th	2:30 pm	St. Mary's				

NOTE: Times are approximate. When the Novena follows a Mass, it will start immediately after the Mass.

On April 16th, Divine Mercy Sunday, Holy Hour with Adoration & Confessions begins at 2:30 pm followed by the final Novena chaplet. A reception will be offered in the Hall following the conclusion of the Novena

The Novena can always be said in private. *Everyone* is welcome to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and attend the reception.

Înstructions for the Divine Mercy Novena can also be found at:

https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/divine-mercy-novena/#

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 26: 12:30 pm, Holy Child Hall, • Lectio: The Case for Jesus



- March 26: 3:00 pm Penance Service, Holy Child
- March 27: 5:30 7 pm, Holy Child Church, The Light is ON for You - Knights of Columbus lead Rosary @ 6pm.
- March 30: Pastoral Council beginning with 6:00 pm Mass, Holy Child
- March 31, Stations of the Cross, St. Mary's.
- April 2: 12:30 pm, Holy Child Hall, Lectio: The Case for Jesus
- April 2: 6:30 pm, 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, Holy Child Hall
- April 5: 10:30 am, Health Ministry, Holy Child Hall
- April 11: 7:00 pm, Ladies' Guild, Holy Child Hall
- April 13: 7:00 pm, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Holy Child Hall

Almsgiving to Those Less Fortunate

Almsgiving opportunities in Holy Child Parish include:

- Mansfield & Blossburg Food Pantries *
 - Seeds of Hope
- * Goodies for the Troops
- Homeless Shelter

Bins for these charities are in the vestibule of Holy Child Church. If you are willing and able to occasionally volunteer with transporting donations, contact the parish office.

The bin for donations to the Blossburg Food Pantry is in St. Mary's Church.

FORMED WEEK OF MAR 26 - APR 1, 2023

THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH | ETERNAL REST | EPISODE 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' DEATH &

RESURRECTION Through Jesus's Death on the

Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love.

Christ's sacrificial love saves us from

sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness. We are made to live like Christ: in total, self-giving love.

LIVING LENT AS A FAMILY (PART 4 OF 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Kevin and Lisa Cotter to discuss liturical living during Lent as a family. They discuss together about a variety of topics, including having a prayer space in the home and decorating the home according to the liturgical season.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription! *To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and use* zip code 16933 to search for and select our parish.

Sunday, March 26: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 John 11:1-45 Monday, March 27: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6 John 8:1-11 Tuesday, March 28: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 John 8:21-30 Wed, March 29: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 John 8:21-30 Thursday, March 30: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 John 8:51-59 Friday March 31: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 John 10:31-42

Saturday, April 1: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 John 11:45-56

Sunday, April 2: Matthew 21:1-11 (procession) Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

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 is leading this study in Holy Child Hall following the 11:15 am Sunday Mass. Light refreshments served.

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

2023 HOLY CHILD PARISH LOTTERY

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).

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

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	Day	Date	Ticket #	Winner	Amount Won
	Sunday	3/12/23	#281	no winner	
	Monday	3/13/23	#322	Maria Mastracch	nio \$50.00
	Tuesday	3/14/23	#274	no winner	
	Wednesday	3/15/23	#411	no winner	
	Thursday	3/16/23	#918	Joey Crochet	\$50.00
	Friday	3/17/23	#554	no winner	
	Saturday	3/18/23	#415	no winner	

SCRIPTURE READINGS

