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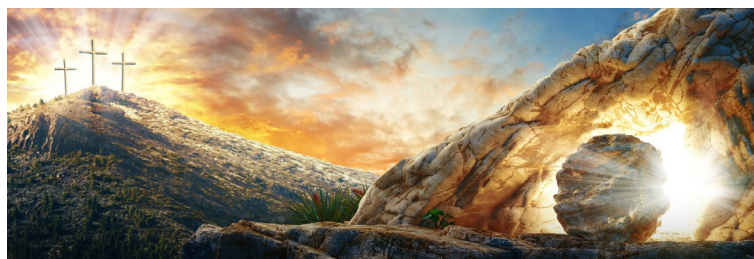


Rev. Bryan Wright, Pastor
Rita Hanson, Financial Secretary
Cathy Asbury, Parish Secretary



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

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 23, 2023



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

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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 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**

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Blessed Sacrament**



LITURGY SCHEDULE

(THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.)

Saturday, April 22 Saturday of the Octave of Easter
VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Joe McSparron (by Pauline McSparron)

Sunday, April 23 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Loretta Brundage
(by Theresa Staight Banik & Mark)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Monday, April 24 Easter Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Pauline Morley
(by Dennis & Rosemary (Beaderman) Chamberlain)

Tuesday, April 25 SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Stanley Mokrzyński
(by Sharon, Teresa, Maria & Families)

Wednesday, April 26 Easter Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, April 27 Easter Weekday
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Leo Frederick
(by Dave & Janie Hilfiger and Leona Frederick)

Friday, April 28 Easter Weekday
8:30 am, Holy Child † Peter Flisock (by Bob & Sophie Schwoyer)

Saturday, April 29 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin,
Doctor of the Church
VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Deceased members of the Sabol
Family (by Bernie & Marie Sabol)

Sunday, April 30 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Pauline Morley
(by Martha Aston & 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 April 23 - 29, 2023

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church
burns this week in memory of
Loretta Brundage by Theresa Staight Banik & Mark.

The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church
burns this week in memory of
Connie Leone by Ken & MaryKay.

*Call the parish office to request a Sanctuary Light.
intention. The donation is \$5 per candle.*



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 April 14th we are at 87.2% of
our \$28,000 parish goal! \$24,421 has been donated or
pledged thus far! Thank you for your continued support. We
couldn't do it without you!

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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:

- Lydia Brennan
- Richard Faber
- Bernice Frederick
- Catherine Gallagher
- Tom MacBlane
- Christopher Mortensen
- Howdy Moser
- Richard Niemczyk
- Ethel Sandstrom
- Lori Sherant
- Kenneth Simpson
- Yolanda Tacka
- Marion Vaughn



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 APRIL 9 - 16, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$5,387.00
Loose:	503.00
Love Him-Know Him-Serve Him 1-time gifts:	1,150.00
Church Dues:	68.00
Tax/Insurance:	116.00
Easter:	280.00
Holy Thursday:	30.00
Total:	<u>\$7,534.00</u>
Care & Education of Priests:	35.00
Good Friday:	35.00

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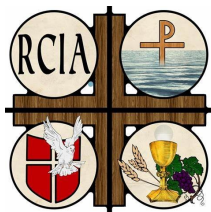
HOLY CHILD PARISH CONGRATULATES

Cassiel Benjamin Cyprian Wanesu

and

Jeffrey Daniel Gerard Tobey

On the event of their Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass in Holy Child Church on April 8th.



Congratulations also to

Avery Jane Hall

and

Jackson Scott Hall

and their family on the event of their April 15th Baptism in Holy Child Church.

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION - APRIL 29TH, 2023

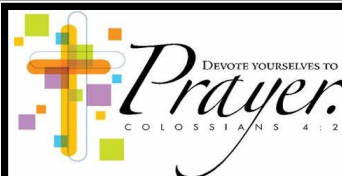
9AM-11AM, ST. PETER'S PARISH CENTER

April is **National Volunteers Month**. All current volunteers and anyone interested in becoming part of the Samaritan House family are invited to join us for a celebration in honor of this vital ministry. A local Hospice nurse will speak about care for the dying and answer frequently asked questions. We will honor Anna Dunlap's retirement and introduce our new Director, Mary G. Grab. Updates on our website and other important matters will be provided, along with light snacks and beverages.

To register for this event, email samaritan.house.3@gmail.com or call Mary Grab at 607-857-3447.



Seated: Laurie Coffee (Volunteer Recruitment)
Mary D. Grab (Administrator)
Back Row: Mel Rupert (Building & Grounds)
Michele Comes,
Linda Sampson (Volunteer Scheduler) and Coleen Evert.
Missing from photo: Julie Stager and Lillian Fox.



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

SILENCE AND REVERENCE

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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



Thomas Stich - March 31, 2023

Rose Mahosky - April 14, 2023

33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE A CONSECRATION TO DIVINE MERCY

All parishioners of St. Peter's, St. Thomas', St. Catherine's, Holy Child, and St. Mary's Churches are invited to participate in *33 Days to Merciful Love*, a consecration to Divine Mercy that begins on *Friday, April 28th*, and ends on *Wednesday, May 31st*. Participants will receive daily emails and are encouraged to share their thoughts and prayer requests with each other.

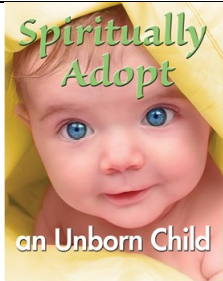
The group will journey for 33 days in the company of St. Therese, reflecting on *What is Trust?*, *"The Little Way,"* the *Offering to Merciful Love*, and *Into the Darkness*. Each daily reading is brief but powerful. So, whether you want to deepen your love of Divine Mercy or have a devotion to St. Therese, *33 Days to Merciful Love* is the book to transform you.

Copies of the book can be purchased at St. Peter's or Holy Child Rectories for \$12.00 each, or contact Laurie Coffee (570) 549-2210 or Linda Sampson (570) 404-2180. **Books will be available the week of April 17th.** To join the group, send an email to marian-ministries@outlook.com or use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at St. Peter's. A special ceremony in June will commemorate the consecration.



Spiritual Adoption Program

Month Eight - Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week.



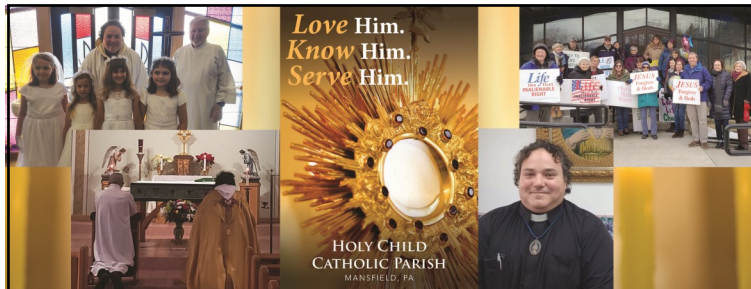
God, author of all life, bless, we pray, this unborn child; give constant protection and grant a healthy birth that is the sign of our rebirth one day into the eternal rejoicing of heaven. Amen.

Spiritual Adoption Warriors, continue to pray for my mother and me.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well". - Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)

On the weekend of May 5 - 22nd, baby boxes will be set up in front and back of Holy Child Church for your donations. New, unwrapped, baby gifts up to two years of age will be accepted and will be delivered to *Heart of Tioga*.

A poster board will be set up for you to put a babies name tag on. Thank you from health ministry in advance to celebrate the new lives. We all prayed for over the last nine months for mothers and babies to prevent abortion.



LOVE HIM. KNOW HIM. SERVE HIM.

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by:

- mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- or bringing it to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at <https://holychildparish.com> and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, April 23.

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an **easy, safe** and **secure** way to support Holy Child Catholic Parish. To set-up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please contact your financial institution. **We are grateful for your support!**

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2023 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 4. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception.

The registration deadline for this event is May 7, 2023. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/wedding-anniversary-2023-registration-form/> or contact Bridget Guarnieri (570-207-2213 x 1133 or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org). Those celebrating couples who speak Spanish may contact Jose Flores (570-207-2213 x 1130 or jflores@dioceseofscranton.org).

Celebrate



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

With the Diocese of Scranton
Sunday, June 4th 2023
2:30pm

To register, please visit
<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/wedding-anniversary-2023-registration-form/>

Heart of Tioga

Pregnancy and Parenting Support

Heart of Tioga Baby Bottle Campaign is underway!
Please take a bottle home.
Fill it with your loose change and return it by April 30th.
Bottles are in both churches.
Thank you for your generosity!

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 (Homeless Initiative current needs: House cleaning supplies, paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper) and deodorant.)

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- April 23: NO LECTIO
- April 29 & 30: Knights of Columbus to lead a Rosary during pre-Mass adoration at all weekend Masses
- April 30: 12:30 pm, Holy Child Hall, Lectio: The Case for Jesus
- May 4: Finance Council meetings beginning with 6 pm Mass, Holy Child
- May 7: 12:30 pm, Holy Child Hall, Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Last Session for this series.
- May 7: 6:30 pm, 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, Holy Child Hall
- May 9: 7:00 pm, Ladies' Guild, Holy Child Hall
- May 10: 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall, Health Ministry
- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 14: First Holy Communion during 11:15 am Mass
- May 18: 4th Degree Knights of Columbus following 6:00 pm Mass, Holy Child Hall
- May 21: First session of *Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre* - see next column

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"



WEEK OF APRIL 23 - 28, 2023

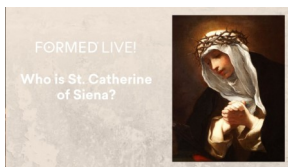
EPISODE 1: SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.



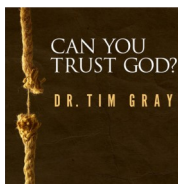
WHO IS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



CAN YOU TRUST GOD? BY DR. TIM GRAY

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.



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To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://watch.formed.org/signup) and use zip code 16933 to search for and select our parish.

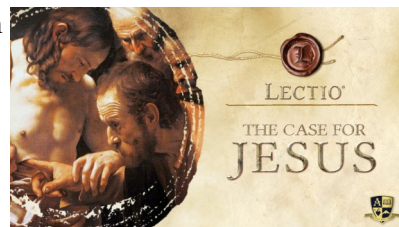
SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Sunday, April 23: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
1 Pt 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35
- Mon, April 24: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
John 6:22-29
- Tuesday, April 25: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mark 16:15-20
- Wednesday, April 26: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a
John 6:35-40
- Thursday, April 27: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
John 6:44-51
- Friday April 28: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2
John 6:52-59
- Saturday, April 29: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17
John 6:60-69
- Sunday, April 30: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6
1 Pt 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10

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.

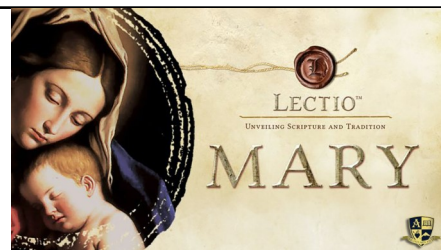
Father Bryan is leading this study in Holy Child Hall following the 11:15 am Sunday Mass.

Light refreshments served.

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

LECTIO: MARY: THE BIBLE AND THE MOTHER OF GOD WITH DR. BRANT PITRE

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.



Father Bryan will lead this study beginning May 21st in Holy Child Hall following the 11:15 am Sunday Mass .

Light refreshments served.

View the trailer here: <https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mary-with-dr-brant-pitre/videos/lectio-mary-trailer-1>

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Thomas F. Stich, aged 86, passed away on March 31st. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patricia Stich, his sons Thomas (Susan) and Timothy (Sarah), and his grandchildren: Joseph, Annie, and Noah. Thomas was a long-time parishioner and loved Holy Child Parish. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and taught at Mansfield University in the Special Education Department and was also a guest professor at the University of Alaska - Anchorage and Fairbanks.

The Funeral Mass for Mr. Stich will be on Saturday, April 29th at 11:00 am in Holy Child Church.

After 28 years in the PA Game Commission,

Rob Minnich is retiring!!!

Please join us to celebrate and wish him well!

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Holy Child Church Hall

240 South Main Street, Mansfield, PA

Drop in anytime from 1 - 5