



**Holy Child Church**  
240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

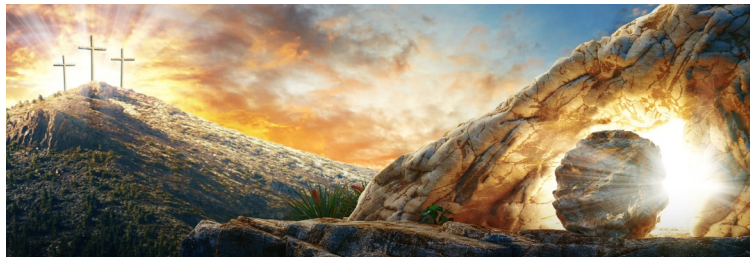


**Rev. Bryan Wright, Pastor**  
**Rita Hanson, Financial Secretary**  
**Cathy Asbury, Parish Secretary**



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

## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 30, 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

237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

Phone: 570-662-3568 Fax: 570-662-2113

Email: [hlychild@ptd.net](mailto:hlychild@ptd.net)

Web: [holychildparish.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com)

Dotty Welsh: phone - (570) 662-2057

email - [dhjrw@ptd.net](mailto: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  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament**



**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

(THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.)

**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

**Monday, May 1** Easter Weekday

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

**Tues, May 2** Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: IHO The Bruce & Mary Nance Family  
(by Kyle & Rebecca Chamberlain)

**Wednesday, May 3** SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

No Mass

**Thursday, May 4** Easter Weekday

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Dennis Mizdail (by his children)

**Friday, May 5** Easter Weekday

8:30 am, Holy Child † Ruth Danneker (by daughter Mary Kay)

**First Saturday, May 6** Easter Weekday

9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Robert Dalton (by the Family)

VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

**Sunday, May 7** 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Living & Deceased members of the  
Miller & Nance Families

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 30 - May 6, 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. Andrews Churches.

The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church  
burns this week in memory of deceased members of  
The Sabol Family by Bernie & Marie Sabol.

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



Visit [www.annualappeal.org](http://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!

Diocese of Scranton  
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ANNUAL APPEAL

**PRAYER LIST**

PLEASE PRAY... We pray, always, for deceased pa-  
rishioners, 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 lov-  
ing 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, con-  
tact: Maryjane Seifried at [seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com](mailto:seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com) or  
549-7550 or Dotty Welsh at [dhjrw@ptd.net](mailto: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:	\$2,316.00
Loose:	505.00
Church Dues:	30.00
Tax/Insurance:	370.00
Easter:	225.00
Holy Thursday:	15.00
Total:	<u>\$3,461.00</u>
Good Friday:	10.00
Mission Sunday:	1.00
Rice Bowl:	40.07

*Thank you for your continued support.*





May is an excellent month to learn more about our Blessed Mother. Here is a brief description of what each session of the new LECTIO sessions will cover. If you are unable to attend one or more of the sessions, the videos are available on FORMED.

#### THE NEW EVE | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 1

The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God. God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised “seed” of Genesis 3:15 is the “New Adam,” and his mother, the promised “woman,” is the “New Eve.”

#### THE NEW ARK | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 2

In the Book of Exodus, God’s presence was contained in the Ark of the Covenant, his dwelling place among his Chosen People. In the New Exodus, God is once more present among his people in the Person of his Son, Jesus Christ. When Jesus is conceived in her womb, Mary becomes the New Ark of the New Covenant, bearing the presence of God.

#### MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 3

In the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah prophesies about the coming Messiah and the Messiah’s mother. Since Jesus—the anointed one of God, who saves his people from their sin—is truly the foretold Messiah, then his mother, Mary, is truly the Mother of the Messiah.

#### THE QUEEN MOTHER | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 4

In the Old Testament, throughout the line of Davidic kings, the queen was not the wife of the king, but rather the king’s mother. As a result, King Solomon placed a throne at his right hand for his queen mother and bowed down in homage to her. Jesus, as the fulfillment of the Davidic line, rules as king of heaven and earth with his mother, Mary, as the queen mother.

#### THE PERPETUAL VIRGIN | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 5

Despite being married, Mary remained a virgin her whole life. When the New Testament speaks of our Lord’s brothers and sisters, a closer look at the original language spoken by Jesus, as well as other Scripture verses, sheds light on the truth of Mary’s perpetual virginity.

#### MOTHER OF SORROWS | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 6

The Christian belief in the miraculous birth of Jesus affirms that Mary did not experience physical labor or birth pangs. However, as she stands at the foot of the Cross, she experiences the pain foretold by Simeon—“a sword will pierce through your own soul”—when she becomes the Mother of the Church.

#### THE NEW RACHEL | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 7

The Old Testament story of Joseph prefigures the life of Jesus and his salvific role in the New Testament. Likewise,

the life of Benjamin, Joseph’s younger brother, has parallels with the life of John the beloved disciple. Rachel, the mother of Joseph and Benjamin, prefigures Mary, the mother of Jesus and spiritual mother of John, and, thus, she can be seen as the New Rachel.

#### QUESTION & ANSWER | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 8

“As the study concludes, Dr. Pitre takes time to answer questions that surfaced over the course of the video sessions. We are reminded that a deeper understanding of Marian teachings, illuminates even more fully the beauty and love of

Please read this article and consider the implications for the relationship between Jesus and Mary. The full article can be found at <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/scientists-discover-childrens-cells-living-in-mothers-brain/>

#### SCIENTISTS DISCOVER CHILDREN’S CELLS LIVING IN MOTHERS’ BRAINS

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN MOTHER AND CHILD IS EVEN DEEPER THAN THOUGHT

BY ROBERT MARTONE ON DECEMBER 4, 2012

The link between a mother and child is profound, and new research suggests a physical connection even deeper than anyone thought. The profound psychological and physical bonds shared by the mother and her child begin during gestation when the mother is everything for the developing fetus, supplying warmth and sustenance, while her heartbeat provides a soothing constant rhythm.

The physical connection between mother and fetus is provided by the placenta, an organ, built of cells from both the mother and fetus, which serves as a conduit for the exchange of nutrients, gasses, and wastes. Cells may migrate through the placenta between the mother and the fetus, taking up residence in many organs of the body including the lung, thyroid, muscle, liver, heart, kidney and skin. These may have a broad range of impacts, from tissue repair and cancer prevention to sparking immune disorders.

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We all consider our bodies to be our own unique being, so the notion that we may harbor cells from other people in our bodies seems strange. Even stranger is the thought that, although we certainly consider our actions and decisions as originating in the activity of our own individual brains, cells from other individuals are living and functioning in that complex structure. However, the mixing of cells from genetically distinct individuals is not at all uncommon. This condition is called chimerism after the fire-breathing Chimera from Greek mythology, a creature that was part serpent part lion and part goat. Naturally occurring chimeras are far less ominous though, and include such creatures as the slime mold and corals.

Microchimerism is the persistent presence of a few genetically distinct cells in an organism. This was first noticed in humans many years ago when cells containing the male “Y” chromosome were found circulating in the blood of women after pregnancy. Since these cells are genetically male, they could not have been the women’s own, but most likely came from their babies during gestation.

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Microchimerism most commonly results from the exchange of cells across the placenta during pregnancy... .... Women may have microchimeric cells both from their mother as well as from their own pregnancies, and there is even evidence for competition between cells from grandmother and infant within the mother.

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## Women's Brunch

### Living God's Will in The Everyday

Saturday, May 20, 2023  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's Parish Center  
Suggested Offering: \$5.00

Sign-up sheet is located at the back  
of the church or contact Laurie Coffee  
570-549-2210  
[laurie.coffee@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.coffee@gmail.com)

Register by Thursday, May 11, 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](mailto: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.



### FROM YOUR HEALTH MINISTRY

Why does my doctor, my dentist, my eye doctor and any other health care provider that I go to want to know my list of medications? Why? Because 20% of people are taking supplements or other prescription medications that may interfere with each other. Examples include blood pressure and glaucoma medication. Both are given to decrease pressure. Each medication acts in a different way but too much can cause dizziness, fainting and a dangerously low blood pressure. Another example is taking the supplement red rice yeast and cholesterol medication. This combination can cause permanent liver damage. A common potentially harmful combination is taking an NSAID (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory) with blood pressure medications. This combination hinders the effectiveness of the blood pressure medication which greatly increases the risk of stroke or heart failure. Therefore, it is important to keep a list of all products you use including prescription/ non-prescription and supplements to share with all your health care providers. But where to keep the list? One good spot is with your drivers license or on your cell phone under notes. Be sure to include all allergies - medication, food, pollens, etc. and surgeries that you have had in the past. Be sure to share your lists with a family member also.



## Heart of Tioga

### Pregnancy and Parenting Support

Heart of Tioga Baby Bottle Campaign has concluded!  
***Please return your baby bottles to the place where you picked them up.*** Thank you for your generosity!  
*Heart of Tioga has shared that they are in need of large diapers and packs of baby wipes.*

### NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



# 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

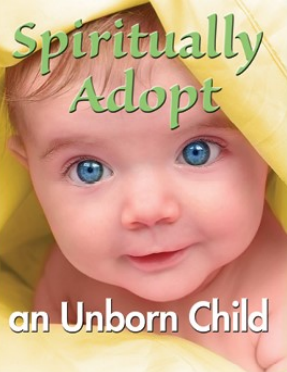
# May 2023

**1st Friday:** 8 am Adoration, 8:30 am Mass, Holy Child Church, followed by Adoration. & Confessions, Benediction at 7:25 pm  
**1st Saturday:** 9:30 am Mass, Saint Mary's Church, followed by Adoration. Confessions available during Adoration

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2  Saint Athanasius, Bishop Doctor of the Church	3  SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES APOSTLES	4 		
7 5th Sunday of Easter <i>Lectio: The Case for Jesus</i> , following 11:15 am Mass 6:30 pm, Holy Child 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus	8	9  Ladies' Guild 7:00 pm, Holy Child	10  Health Ministry 10:30 am Holy Child Hall	11  Parish Council beginning with 6 pm Mass, Holy Child	12	13
14 6th Sunday of Easter 1st Holy Communion during 11:15 am Mass <b>NO LECTIO</b> <b>Happy Mother's Day !</b> 	15	16  17 <b>NO MASS</b> <div>12:10 Mass Saint Mary's 6 pm Mass Holy Child</div>	17 <b>NO MASS</b>  Confirmation 5:00 pm Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Towanda	18  4th Degree Knights of Columbus Following 6 pm Mass, Holy Child Hall	19	20
21 7th Sunday of Easter Knights of Columbus Breakfast (details to be announced) <i>Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God</i> , following 11:15 am Mass	22	23	24	25  Saint Philip Neri Priest	26	27
28  <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> <i>Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God</i> , following 11:15 am Mass	29  The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	30	31  THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			

### Spiritual Adoption Program

Month Nine - Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. She is no different now that she was before birth except that she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle. She began as a 46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can see. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth "so that they might have life and have it to the full!"



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

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

The SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BABY SHOWER will be from May 5 to May 22. 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 delivered to Heart of Tioga.

A poster board will be set up for you to put baby name tags on. Thank you from health ministry in advance as we celebrate the mothers and babies we all prayed for over the last nine months as we prayed to prevent abortion.

### ANNUAL COUNTRY STYLE HAM AND TURKEY DINNER

The Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish invite you to our **ANNUAL COUNTRY STYLE HAM AND TURKEY DINNER**.  
CURBSIDE ONLY - \$12.00/dinner.

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Noon - 6:00 pm

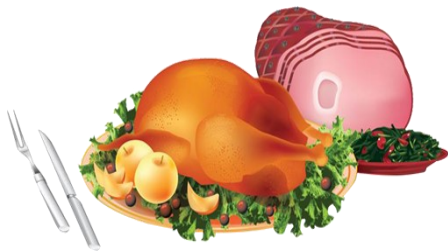
Immaculate

Conception Parish

5973 Jacks Hollow Rd.

Williamsport, PA

17702



### 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.

### 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](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org)). Those celebrating couples who speak Spanish may contact Jose Flores (570-207-2213 x 1130 or [jflores@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jflores@dioceseofscranton.org)).

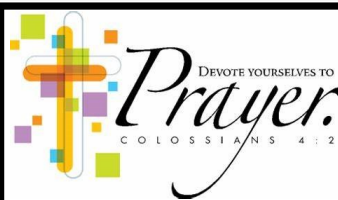
# Celebrate



## 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/>



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



Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- 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 11: Parish Council meetings beginning with 6 pm Mass, Holy Child
- 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"

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED WEEK OF APRIL 30 - MAY 6, 2023

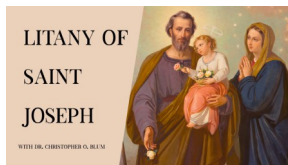
### ST. JOSEPH: OLD AND NEW (PART 1 OF 4)

Join Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers as they comment on St. Joseph and his importance in the life of the Church. In this episode, they reflect on the Joseph of the Old and New Testament.



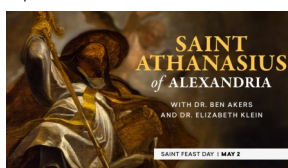
### LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Join Dr. Christopher O. Blum as he prays the Litany of St. Joseph, asking for his intercession in your life and the lives of your loved ones.



### SAINT ATHANASIUS OF ALEXANDRIA | CATHOLIC SAINTS

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.



*Our parish has a FORMED subscription!*

*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.*

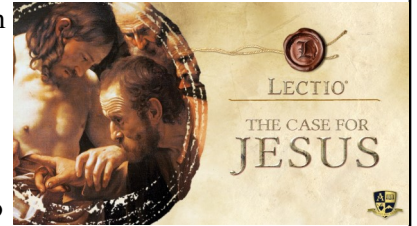
## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Sunday, April 30: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6  
1 Pt 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10
- Mon, May 1: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4  
John 10:11-18
- Tuesday, May 2: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7  
John 10:22-30
- Wednesday, May 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5  
John 14:6-14
- Thurs, May 4: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27  
John 13:16-20
- Friday May 5: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11  
John 14:1-6
- Saturday, May 6: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4  
John 14:7-14
- Sunday, May 7: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
1 Pt 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

### LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS WITH DR. BRANT PITRE

Do you follow Jesus 'on the way'?

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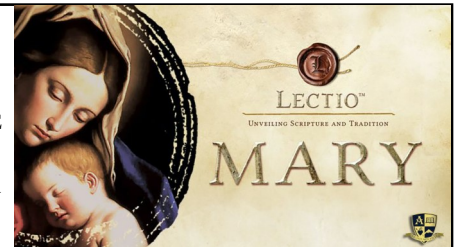
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**Father Bryan is leading this study in Holy Child Hall following the 11:15 am Sunday Mass.**  
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