



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



DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY

April 16, 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

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:

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Good Neighbors: Tom Wierbowski 570-404-3028

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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

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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.)

Saturday, April 15 Saturday of the Octave of Easter

VIGIL: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

5:00 pm, Holy Child - Divine Mercy Novena

Sunday, April 16 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Annie Irwin (by Sam Irwin & children)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Andrew Sleboda (by Family)

2:30 pm, St. Mary's - Divine Mercy Novena

Monday, April 17 Easter Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † George Watson (by his Aunt)

Tuesday, April 18 Easter Weekday

9:00 am, Holy Child: † Loretta Brundage
(by Dave & Janie Hilfiger)

Wednesday, April 19 Easter Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, April 20 Easter Weekday

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Peter Flisock (by The Ladies' Guild)

Friday, April 21 Easter Weekday

8:30 am, Holy Child † Marcella Williams
(by Doug & Kathy Draxler)

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 Staigh Banik & Mark)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN
HOLY CHILD CHURCH AT 2:30 PM ON SATURDAYS.

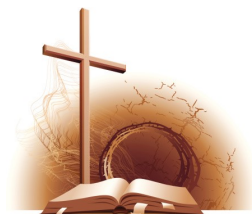
PRAYER LIST

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:

- Richard Faber
- Bernice Frederick
- Catherine Gallagher
- Tom MacBlane
- Rose Mahosky
- 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.

***The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the
real presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.***

Week of April 16 - 22, 2023

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

The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church
burns this week in memory of
Andrew Sleboda by Family.

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



*The flower arrangements in front
of the altar and on the ambry
in Holy Child Church are
offered in loving memory of
Bob Swinsick
by Helen & Jackie.*



Altar Flowers

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 3 - 9, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,913.00
Loose:	267.00
Love Him-Know Him-Serve Him 1-time gifts:	500.00
Tax/Insurance:	5.00
Easter:	4,455.00
Holy Thursday:	795.00
Easter Flower Donations:	30.00
Total:	<u>\$8,965.00</u>
Care & Education of Priests:	165.00
Good Friday:	507.00
Rice Bowl:	26.60
Catholic Relief Services:	20.00

Thank you for your continued support.

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.



Novena to the Divine Mercy




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.

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

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



DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO
Prayer
COLOSSIANS 4:12

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

SILENCE AND REVERENCE

ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWERS INTENTIONS

Private intentions by Mrs. Linda Cloos.

Ann & Edward Morgan, Josephine & Edward Grala and Valorie West by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Grala.

Stanley & Elizabeth Wasowicz and Barbara & E.C. White by Frank Wasowicz.

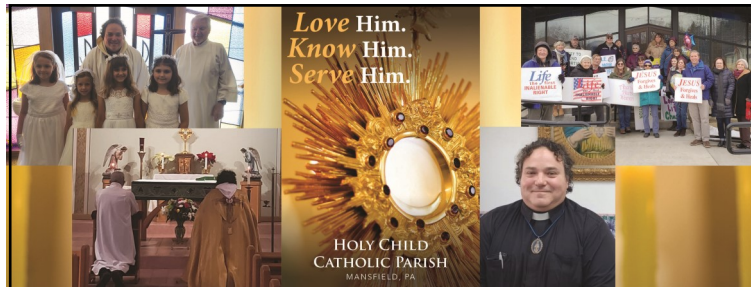
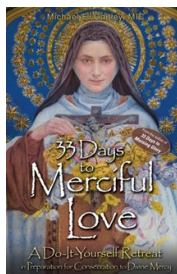


33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE A CONSECRATION TO DIVINE MERCY

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.



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!**

FROM YOUR HEALTH MINISTRY

You have high blood pressure and are taking your medication as you should, reducing your salt intake, and exercise moderately at least 3 times a week but the numbers aren't coming down. What's wrong? Maybe nothing, but maybe a personal habit that is putting you at increased risk.

A little wine or a drink is good, but too much, even in just one sitting, can raise your blood pressure for up to three days. A good rule of thumb is one drink per day. As is often said, "Moderation is the key."

Another possibility is medication or supplements that your physician is unaware of. Medications including anti-inflammatories such as Ibuprofen, Motrin, Naproxen and Aleve; decongestants containing Sudafed; or pseudoephedrine are known to increase blood pressure. Antidepressants and immunosuppressants can also make managing your blood pressure more difficult.

Every health care provider from your primary care physician, eye doctor, dentist and specialists needs a complete list of every pill you take. This includes aspirin, vitamins and other over the counter supplements. Many supplements may interfere with the effectiveness of prescription medication. Just as certain foods may cause problems - such as grapefruit with cholesterol medications.



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.

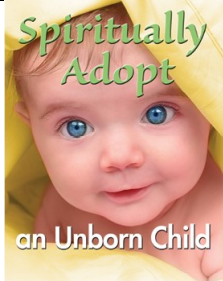
God, author of all life, bless, we pray, this unborn child; give constant protection and grant a healthy birth that is the sign of our rebirth one day into the eternal rejoicing of heaven. Amen.

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.



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.

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/>

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- April 16: 12:30 pm, Holy Child Hall, Lectio: The Case for Jesus
- April 20: 7:00 pm, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Holy Child Hall
- 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: Lectio: Mary - see page 3

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 9 - 15, 2023

GOD'S SCHOOL OF TRUST | DIVINE MERCY | EPISODE 1

The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust," beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament.



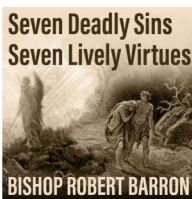
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SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES
BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Join noted professor of theology and author Bishop Robert Barron in this revealing presentation as he sheds light on the seven deadly sins—those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our relationship with God and others—and the antidote to them, the seven lively virtues!



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

Sun, April 16: Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Monday, April 17: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9
John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 18: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 19: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9
John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 20: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20
John 3:31-36

Friday April 21: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
John 6:1-15

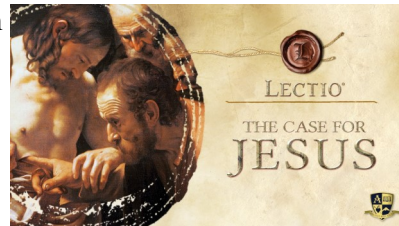
Saturday, April 22: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 23: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
1 Pt 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

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.

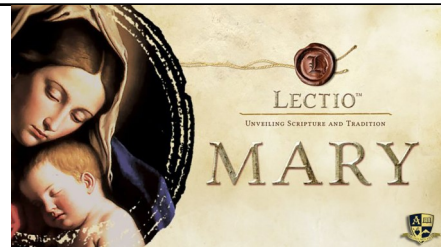
Dr. Pitre's powerful presentation will strengthen your faith so that you can not only stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," but also confidently respond to any skeptics you encounter.

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 14th 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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Sunday, April 23, 2023

Holy Child Church Hall

242 South Main Street, Mansfield, PA

Drop in anytime from 1 - 5