

Holy Child Church 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



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

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 7, 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

<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.

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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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



LITURGY SCHEDULE

(THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.)

<u>First Saturday, May 6</u> 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

Monday, May 8

Easter Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Frank & Helen Dadas

(by Marilyn & Gene Kurzejewski)

Tuesday, May 9

Easter Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Leonard Mahosky (by Janice Lindquist)

Wednesday, May 10

Easter Weekday

12:10 pm, Holy Child: † Deceased members of the

Gerg & Funair Families (by Bob & Lola Gerg)

Thursday, May 11

Easter Weekday

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Celia Levindofski

(by Sharon, Teresa, Maria & Families)

Friday, May 12

Easter Weekday

8:30 am, Holy Child † Shirley Beaderman Skolny and

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Andy Beaderman (by Nancy Jaquish)

Saturday, May 13

Easter Weekday

VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, May 14

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

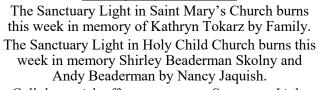
9:00 am, St. Mary's: All Mothers

11:15 am, Holy Child: All Mothers

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 May 7 - 13, 2023



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

The flower arrangements in Holy Child Church are offered in loving memory of Robert Swinsick by Helen Swinsick.



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 24 - 30, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,965.00
Loose:	260.86
Love Him-Know Him-Serve Him 1-time gifts:	100.00
Church Dues:	25.00
Tax/Insurance:	140.00
Easter:	105.00
Holy Thursday:	20.00
Total:	<u>\$4,615.86</u>
Catholic Home Missions Appeal:	450.00
Care & Education of Priests:	31.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Women's Brunch

All women of St. Peter's, St. Thomas, St. Catherine's, Holy Child, and St. Thomas' parishes are invited to a **Women's Brunch on Saturday, May 20th from 11 am - 1 pm at St. Peter's Parish Center.** Our own Theresa Delmotte will speak about "*Living God's Will in the Everyday.*" There will be music, door prizes, and a fabulous brunch, cooked and served by the men of our parishes, *Guy's on Fire*.

Several parish ministries will be represented; Samaritan House, Prison Ministry, Holy Child Health Ministry, and ChristLife. Come away for a while and enjoy a morning of refreshment to lift your spirits and renew your faith. Sign up using the registration sheets posted at your parishes or contact Laurie Coffee by phone at 570-549-2210, or by email at laurie.coffee@gmail.com.





SAMARITAN HOUSE VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

Last Saturday morning, St. Peter's Parish Center was full of happy people who enjoyed a light brunch, conversation, and a wonderful, interactive presentation with UPMC's Hospice team. Several new volunteer applications have been received, but more are needed as we move forward. We continue to encourage you, your family members, and friends to join our team. Contact Mary Grab at 607-857-3447 or email samaritan.house.3@gmail.com.

FROM YOUR HEALTH MINISTRY

Nurses Week is May 6th to the 12th. Nurses make a difference anytime, anywhere, and always. Nursing care is not only confined



to hospitals but they provide services in long term care facilities and homes. Working closely with Doctors and ancillary staff their goal is to provide a vital level of care to their communities. Health care providers see us at our worst and rarely at our best. Each shift is spent dealing with an array of emotions from those under their care and family members as well as staying current on the latest technology and treatments necessary to provide unsurpassed care.

HOSPITAL WEEK is May 7th to the 13th and recognizes all the ancillary departments needed to treat those in their care with the highest level of care and expertise.



NURSING HOME WEEK is the 14th through the 20th and recognizes those who deal with needs that can't be provided by families and caregivers at home. So take some time and thank a



nurse, doctor or ancillary health care provider during not only this month but throughout the year.



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.

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.

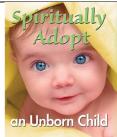


The group will journey for 33 days in the company of St. Therese, reflecting on *What is Trust?* "The Little Way," the Offering to Merciful Love, and Into the Darkness. Each daily reading is brief but powerful. So, whether you want to deepen your love of Divine Mercy or have a devotion to St. Therese, 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. 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 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 are set up in the 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 is set up for you to put baby name tags on. Thank you from Health Ministry as we celebrate the mothers and babies we all prayed for over the last nine months while praying to prevent abortion.

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 invites 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 (call 570-207-2213 x 1133 or email familylife@dioceseofscranton.org). Those celebrating couples who speak Spanish may contact Jose Flores (call 570-207-2213 x 1130 or email jflores@dioceseofscranton.org).



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/

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01767b.htm
The fortieth day after Easter Sunday, commemorating the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:2.

In the Eastern Church this feast was known as *analepsis*, the taking up, and also as the *episozomene*, the salvation - denoting that by ascending into His glory, Christ completed the work of our redemption. The terms used in the West, *ascensio* and, occasionally, *ascensa*, signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. The feast falls on Thursday. It is one of the Ecumenical feasts ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter and of Pentecost among the most solemn in the calendar,

HISTORY

The observance of this feast is of great antiquity. ..., St. Augustine says that it is of Apostolic origin, and he speaks of it in a way that shows it was the universal observance of the Church long before his time. Frequent mention of it is made in the writings of St. John Chrysostom, St. Gregory of Nyssa, and in the Constitution of the Apostles. The Pilgrimage of Sylvia (*Peregrinatio Etheriae*) speaks of the vigil of this feast and of the feast itself, as they were kept in the church built over the grotto in Bethlehem in which Christ was born (Duchesne, Christian Worship, 491-515). It may be that prior to the fifth century the fact narrated in the Gospels was commemorated in conjunction with the feast of Easter or Pentecost. Some believe that the much-disputed forty-third decree of the Council of Elvira (c. 300) condemning the practice of observing a feast on the fortieth day after Easter and neglecting to keep Pentecost on the fiftieth day, implies that the proper usage of the time was to commemorate the Ascension along with Pentecost.

CUSTOMS

Certain customs were connected with the liturgy of this feast, such as the blessing of beans and grapes after the Commemoration of the Dead in the Canon of the Mass, the blessing of first fruits, afterwards done on Rogation Days, the blessing of a candle, the wearing of mitres by deacon and subdeacon, the extinction of the paschal candle, and triumphal processions with torches and banners outside the churches to commemorate the entry of Christ into heaven. Rock records the English custom of carrying at the head of the procession the banner bearing the device of the lion and at the foot the banner of the dragon, to symbolize the triumph of Christ in His ascension over the evil one. In some churches the scene of the Ascension was vividly reproduced by elevating the figure of Christ above the altar through an opening in the roof of the church. In others, whilst the figure of Christ was made to ascend, that of the devil was made to descend.

In the liturgies generally the day is meant to celebrate the completion of the work of our salvation, the pledge of our glorification with Christ, and His entry into heaven with our human nature glorified.

The Solemnity of the Ascension is a *Holy Day of Obligation*.

Our Mass schedule is:

<u>Thursday, May 18th</u>

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH
12:10 pm, St. Mary's Church
6:00 pm, Holy Child Church



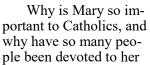
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

• May 7: First session of *Lectio: Mary:* The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre - see below



- May 7: 6:30 pm, 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, Holy Child Hall
- May 9: <u>6:00 pm</u>, 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: Knights of Columbus Breakfast details TBA

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





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 is leading this study beginning May 7th 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-l

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"

Annual Country Style Ham and Turkey Dinner The Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish invite our 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 Road Williamsport, PA 17702

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCHAT HOME



Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$450.00 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just *visit www.usccb.org/home-missions*.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, May 7: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

Monday, May 8: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 9: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 10: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 11: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 John 15:9-11

Friday May 12: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:12-17 John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 13: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-3, 5 John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 14: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 John 14:15-21



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

SILENCE AND REVERENCE



WEEK OF MAY 7 - 13, 2023

Spiritual Motherhood | The Augustine Institute Show

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Sr. Maris Stella for a conversation on the vocation of every woman, that of motherhood. Although all women will not be called to be physical mothers, eve-



ry woman is called to be a spiritual mother.

THE 13TH DAY

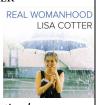
In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The



13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.

REAL WOMANHOOD BY LISA COTTER

What does it mean to be a real woman in today's culture? Join Lisa Cotter in her talk Real Womanhood, as she draws on modernday saints, St. John Paul II to define what it means to be an authentic woman..



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