

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

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 14, 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

237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

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

Email: hlychild@ptd.net Web: holychildparish.com

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Child:

3:00 pm Saturday

10:45 am Sunday

5:15 pm Thursday

8:00 am 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.)

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

Monday, May 15 Easter Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Joe McSparron (by Pauline McSparron)

<u>Tuesday, May 16</u> Easter Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Raymond Frederick (by Sister)

Wednesday, May 17

Easter Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, May 18 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Arthur Gurstenmaier

(by Joan & Darren O'Donnell)

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † William Snow (by Rita Hanson & Family)

Friday, May 19 Easter Weekday

8:30 am, Holy Child † Mary Cooper (by Dawn Egan)

Saturday, May 20 Easter Weekday

VIGIL: 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Robert Wood (by Jeff & Kelly Farrell)

Sunday, May 21 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Dorothy Lutomski

(by The Matt Swinsick & Pat McHale Families)

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 May 14 - 20, 2023

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church burns this week in memory of

Shirley Skolny by Husband Jim.

The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church burns this week in memory of

Walter T. Hanson by The Family.

Call the parish office to request a Sanctuary Light intention.

The donation is \$5 per candle.

The flower arrangement in
Holy Child Church is
offered for Helen Swinsick.
Thinking of you with love, John
& Jackie Coco and Boh.



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 May 1 - 7, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$4,620.00
Loose:	622.00
Church Dues:	25.00
Tax/Insurance:	16.00
Easter:	15.00
Holy Thursday:	5.00
Total:	<u>\$5,303.00</u>
Catholic Home Missions Appeal:	40.00
Care & Education of Priests:	458.00
Good Friday:	5.00

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.

<u>The registration deadline has been extended to Monday,</u> <u>May 15th.</u> 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.



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.

FROM YOUR HEALTH MINISTRY

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.

Summertime is on its way. Though I do believe that Mother Nature may be a bit confused at times. Really, rain and snow showers? Is someone flipping her calendar? Eventually summer will get here and along with that plenty of outdoor activities. Summer sun also means more exposure to those UV rays that can cause sunburns, sun blisters and lead to skin cancer. So how to enjoy the outdoors and avoid the pains of overexposure? Here are some helpful ways to protect your skin and the outdoors.

*Always wear a broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen, with at least an SPF 30, remembering to apply to your nose and ears well.

*Wear protective clothing, hat and sunglasses.

*Reapply sunscreen often, especially when swimming or sweating. Children should have sunscreen reapplied every hour.

*Avoid peak UV times; generally 11am to 4pm.

*Stay hydrated, drinking water frequently.

Sunburns are a serious painful problem. If any of the following symptoms occur you should see a health care professional: Fever, chills, nausea, vomiting, confusion, severe blisters covering more than 20% of your body, extreme pain, headaches and blisters that turn yellow or increasingly redder (this may indicate an infection). Aloe Vera gel works well to relieve the sting of reddened skin. Taking care of your skin can help prevent premature aging and skin cancer. Enjoy the sunshine, if it ever decides to get here and stay awhile. But remember to take care of your skin, it has to last a lifetime.

THE ANNUAL PARISH DINNER AND BASKET RAFFLE IN ST. MARY'S WILL BE AUGUST 27TH!

DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast to support our College Scholarship Fund is returning on May 21st!

9:00 - 11:30 am in the Holy Child Hall. Adults & Teens - \$7.00 Youth 5-12 - \$5.50 Children under 5 - free

Please come and show your support.



SEEDS OF HOPE is in need of canned vegetables, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, and cleaning supplies. Please donate.

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 hu-



man 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.

Any one from Saint Mary's who wishes to donate to the Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower can bring their donation to the 9 am Mass and give to Sophie Schwoyer or drop of at Holy Child Church in Mansfield.

The beautiful monstrance in Holy Child Church has been refurbished by Helen Swinsick in loving memory of Bob Swinsick.



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 litur-

gies 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:

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

12:10 pm, St. Mary's Church
6:00 pm, Holy Child Church



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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
- May 21: Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre see below

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

During the 11:15 am Mass on Sunday, May 14th Congratulations to Abigail Selander and Alexander Kaszas and their parents.





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.

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 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

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Monday, May 15: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 16: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 John 16:5-11

Wed, May 17: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 John 16:12-15

Thurs, May 18: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

Friday May 19: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 20: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 21: Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 1 Pt 4:13-16 John 17:1-11a

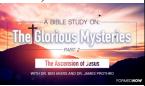
MOTHER'S

FORMED

WEEK OF MAY 7 - 13, 2023

A BIBLE STUDY ON THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES THE ASCENSION (PART 2 OF 5)

Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.



STATION 13 | VIA LUCIS COMMENTARY | THE ASCENSION

Pray with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Tim Gray as they walk through the Stations of the Resurrection. In this meditation, you will reflect on the mystery of Christ's ascension into Heaven.



THE ASCENSION | SACRED ART

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto. .



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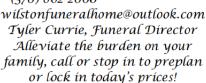
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