

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

# HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY June 4, 2023

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

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.

<u>New Parishioners:</u> 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



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#### 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



#### **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
- Linda Cloos
- **Richard Faber**
- Bernice Frederick
- Catherine Gallagher
- Tom MacBlane
- Tony Lupkowski
- Christopher Mortensen
- Howdy Moser
- **Richard Niemczyk**
- Ethel Sandstrom
- Lori Sherant
- Kenneth Simpson
- Yolanda Tacka

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 22 - 28, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,622.00
Loose:	780.00
Tax/Insurance:	95.00
Ascension:	60.00
Summer Drive:	10.00
Total:	<u>\$4,567.00</u>
Cemetery Maintenance:	429.00
Catholic Communications Campaign:	69.00
Thank you for your continued support.	

weekend Masses LITURGY SCHEDULE (THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.) First Saturday, June 3 Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs 9:30 am, St. Mary's † Living & deceased members of the Deacon Michael & Suzanne Miller Family (by Scott & Theresa Delmotte) VIGIL: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners Sunday, June 4 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Gary Ruberto (by Tom Wierbowski) 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Carol Dalton (by The Family) Monday, June 5 Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr No Mass Tuesday, June 6 Weekday No Mass Wednesday, June 7 Weekday No Mass Thursday, June 8 Weekday 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Peter Flisock (by Doug & Kathy Draxler) Friday, June 9 Weekdav 8:30 am, Holy Child: - IHO Scott & Theresa Delmotte (by Kyle & Rebecca Chamberlain) Saturday, June 10 Weekdav VIGIL: THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners Sunday, June 11 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Deacon Howard Page (by Anna Bogaczyk & Family) 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Brad Brown (by Family) THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN HOLY CHILD CHURCH AT 2:30 PM ON SATURDAYS.

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The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the real presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle. Week of June 4 - 10, 2023

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church burns this week in memory of Harold & Pauline Morley by Family. The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church burns this week for Holy Child Parishioners. Call the parish office to request a Sanctuary Light intention. The donation is \$5 per candle.

The *Altar Flowers* in Holy Child Church May 27 & 28 are donated in Loving Memory of Ben Hutcheson by Patty, Craig, Lisa Weldon and Talaney Flowers in Holy Child Church in honor of the Blessed Mother are donated anonymously.



#### THE ESSENCE OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2021/05/29/theessence-of-the-most-holy-trinity/

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

#### Matthew 28:19-20

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not *first* a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is *first* a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him.

Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images. In fact, if we wish to obtain a knowledge of God in His essence, we must allow Him to purge every concept of Who He is so that the pure light of His essence can be poured forth upon our minds. This knowledge, they say, is beyond knowing "about" God. It's the beginning of a knowledge "of" God.

Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please draw me into a relationship of love with You Who are one God and three divine Persons. May the mystery and beauty of Your life become more known and loved by me each day through the gift of transforming mystical prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.



Next Sunday, June 11, 2023 is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is the history of this special day in the Liturgical Calendar.

#### **THE STORY BEHIND THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** Jun 14, 2017 by Gretchen Filz https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/feast-of-corpus-

*christi-story-6077* The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy

ti, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The feast dates to the Middle Ages and originated with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle.

#### THE STORY

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal.

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today (see photo next column).

This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion.

After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, where none had existed before. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena.

Inspired by the miracle, Pope Urban commissioned a Dominican friar, St. Thomas Aquinas, to compose the Mass and Office for the feast of Corpus Christi. Aquinas' hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, *Pange Lingua, Tantum Ergo, Panis Angelicus,* and *O Salutaris Hostia* are the beloved hymns the Church sings on the feast of Corpus Christi as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



#### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

If you are ready, willing and able to help with the exterior flowers in front of Holy Child Church (watering or weeding), please call 607-329-2324.

#### SUMMERTIME DRESS

Visitors to St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, or the Vatican Museums are required to abide by the official dress code, which requires that men wear long pants and shirts with at least short sleeves (no sleeveless shirts, no shorts.) Women in these locations may wear trousers, capri pants, skirts and dresses, however they cannot be shorter than knee length and shoulders must be covered. Bare shoulders and short skirts are not permitted. See *www.papalaudience.org/dress-code*. If this is the dress code at St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel, it seems reasonable to abide by the same standards in our own church during Divine worship. By doing so, we show our respect for God as well as one another.

#### FROM YOUR HEALTH MINISTRY

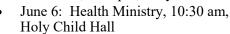
Planning a vacation? Going to the beach or just staying home near a pool? Here are a few water safety tips:

- Remember that the sun is reflected off the water, giving you a double dose of UV rays, so apply sunscreen often and avoid the high UV times between 11 and 4 as much as possible.
- Avoid running at the pool's edge to prevent slips and falls.
- Avoid horseplay in or near the water.
- Learn how to swim.
- Use approved life jackets if going boating. Boating law states that everyone under 16 years of age must wear one but it is a good rule to follow for anyone in a boat.
- At the beach watch for signs of rip tides and rough water. Take some time away from your cell phone and social media. Enjoy the outdoors and come back with many fond

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#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 4: 3rd degree Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall



- June 8: Parish Pastoral Council beginning with 6:00 pm Mass in Holy Child
- June 11: Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre
- June 15: 4th degree Knights of Columbus following 6:00 pm Mass, Holy Child hall
- June 18: Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre
- June 25: Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre
- June 29: Annual Mass at the DeGuzman residence, 6:00 pm see below
- July 3: Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre
- July 10: Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre



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 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* 

#### No Lectio on Sunday, June 4th.

#### ANNUAL MASS

The annual Mass at the DeGuzman residence will be celebrated on Thursday, June 29th at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish or snack to pass and a lawn chair. All are welcome! Questions? Call 570-376-5427. Directions: 287 North,

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#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, June 4: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-55 2 Cor 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

Monday, June 5: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8 Ps 112:1-6 Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday, June 6: Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2, 7-9 Mark 12:13-17

- Wed, June 7: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Ps 25:2-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mark 12:1/-27
  - Thursday, June 8: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Ps 128:1-5 Mark 12:28-34
    - Friday June 9: Tb 11:5-17 Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10 Mark 12:35-37
- Sat, June 10: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 (Ps) Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7-8 Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, June 11: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 1 Cor 10:16-17 John 6:51-58

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

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### WEEK OF JUNE 4 - 10, 2023

GOD IS WITH US | PRESENCE | EPISODE 1

What does it mean to say that God is with us in the Eucharist? What is the Eucharist? Watch Episode 1 of Presence today!

THE BREAD OF LIFE: JESUS AND JOHN 6 BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Dr. Brant Pitre unpacks Jesus' hard saying in John 6 and dives in the mystery of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist.



50150 RAFFLE

#### CORPUS CHRISTI | SACRED ART

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today.



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#### PARISH CEMETERIES ENVELOPES

Holy Child Parish has three parish cemeteries in our care: *St. Mary*'s and *St. Andrew*'s in Blossburg and *St. Joseph*'s in in Morris Run. Contributions in the blue *Parish Cemeteries* envelope in your packet are used to maintain the grounds of these holy places of rest.

