

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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 9, 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

<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.

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

PARISH CONTACTS

Director of Religious Education:

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Good Neighbors: Tom Wierbowski 570-404-3028 Good Samaritans: Parish Office (570) 662-3568

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Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament** prior to all weekend Masses



LITURGY SCHEDULE

(THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.)

Saturday, July 8

Weekday

VIGIL: 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, July 9 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Gary Ruberto (by Frank & Yolanda Tacka)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † George Kump (by Anita)

Monday, July 10

Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, June 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot

No Mass

Wednesday, July 12

Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, July 13

Weekday

No Mass

Friday, July 14

Saint Katerie Tekakwitha, Virgin

No Mass

Saturday, July 15

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

VIGIL: 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Carolyn Jaquish Bond and

David Jaquish (by Nancy Jaquish)

Sunday, July 16 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Gail Keating (by John & Susan Sleboda)

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 July 9 - 15, 2023

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church burns this week for all living and deceased members of Holy Child Parish.

The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church burns this week in memory of Carolyn Jaquish Bond & David Jaquish by Nancy Jaquish

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



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

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
- Jane Mahonski
- 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 dhirw@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 June 26 - July 2, 2023

\$4,859.00 Sunday Envelopes: Loose: 688.00 Summer Drive: 55.00 Parish Charity: 40.00 Total: \$5,642.00 Care & Education of Priests: 363.00 Peter's Pence: 275.00

Thank you for your continued support.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES AND THE DIVINE BLOOD TYPE
CHRIST TOOK ON THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
AND SO NO SINNER IS EXCLUDED FROM BEING
TAKEN UP INTO HIS DIVINE LIFE.

Rick Becker Blogs May 17, 2018

https://www.ncregister.com/blog/eucharistic-miracles-and-the -divine-blood-type



The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16).

In Mad Max: Fury Road (2015), the eponymous post-apocalyptic renegade is run down by the murderous War Boys, but his life is spared. Why? They tattoo it right on Max: "O-negative, high octane; universal donor." Max subsequently becomes a source of hemoglobin for the anemic elite.

But what makes Max a universal donor? What makes his blood so valuable?

What we call "blood types" are actually descriptions of the most common protein antigens that attach to the surface of our red blood cells and which make for transfusion compatibility problems. If you're type A, for instance, and you receive type B blood in a transfusion, you can have a severe allergic reaction — even a deadly one. To complicate matters even more, blood banks also have to account for the presence or absence of a protein known as Rh factor — which is why you'd be either a type A+ or type A- blood type. There are other considerations (and blood types) that further complicate transfusion compatibilities, and blood banks have their work cut out for them as they strive to match the antigens of donor blood to recipient blood.

But then there's O- red blood, which is devoid of all the most common antigens. Since it can be received by virtually anyone, particularly in emergency situations, folks who already have it coursing through their veins are designated "universal donors" — like Mad Max.

That being the case, I'm thinking there's some intentional Christ-figure imagery in *Fury Road*: a suspended rebel pouring out his lifegiving O- blood for his tormenters. Since the movie's director and co-writer, George Miller, was a physician before he took up filmmaking, I imagine he was keenly aware of the universal donor connotations. But regardless of what Miller had in mind for his film, it does seem to make sense that Jesus himself would've had that totally accessible O- blood type.

Turns out, this might not have been the case. The Eucharistic miracles that have been investigated by the Church throughout the centuries — those times when the Eucharistic species have turned into visibly human flesh and blood — all seem to point in a different direction. When subjected to blood type analysis, these miraculous remnants seem to indi-

cate a Messianic AB blood type, which is consistent with similar studies on the Shroud of Turin.

But the AB blood type is associated with universal *receptivity* (especially AB+) rather than universal donation. Generally speaking, since AB+ blood carries the most common antigens, those who have this type can usually safely receive any of the major types in a red blood cell transfusion. There's a low risk of reaction – the recipient's blood already matches in large part the kinds of attached antigens he'd be likely to receive.

If true, what would we make of this counterintuitive Christological phenomenon? Why would Jesus' blood be globally receptive instead of universally accessible?

Here's what I came up with. In the Eucharist, we commonly speak of "receiving" Christ in Holy Communion. When we say "Amen" before partaking, we acknowledge his Real Presence and we accept the call to discipleship that goes along with the tremendous sacramental Grace we're about to consume.

The truth is, however, that when we take Communion, it's less about Christ becoming part of us than it is we becoming ever more part of him – and, by extension, ever more part of his body, the Church. "Really partaking of the body of the Lord in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread," the Council Fathers teach us, "we are taken up into Communion with Him and with one another" (LG 7). And what applies to the Eucharistic bread applies to the Chalice. St. Irenaeus writes that Christ "has declared the cup, a part of creation, to be His own Blood, from which He causes our blood to flow." Even more directly, Irenaeus insists that our Communicated flesh is not only nourished by Christ's Body and Blood, but is also "in fact a member of Him."

You can only stretch medical metaphors so far, I know. In this case, we're not even accounting for the hundreds of rare blood types that go beyond the simple A-B-O and Rh characteristics. Even so, I take great comfort in the allegorical idea of Christ as a universal recipient — that his Precious Blood is capable of receiving anyone's antigentainted humanity. He took on the sins of the world, and so no sinner is excluded from being taken up into his divine life. This is theologically true regardless of Jesus' actual blood type, but the evidence we have that it was indeed the broadly compatible AB type certainly underscores the dogmatic reality.

Now, there may be some health care professionals out there who'll be quick to point out that people with type AB+ blood are also known as "universal *plasma donors*." In other words, plasma transfusion compatibility issues run in the opposite direction of blood-cell transfusion concerns. Now, among other things, plasma carries the clotting factors that stave off deadly hemorrhaging – but this is where my sanguineous spiritual allegory is stretched to the breaking point. Like I said, you can only take medical metaphors so far, so I'll happily leave further speculation to others and rest in the powerful notion of Jesus' blood being abundantly receptive – a receptivity that, please God, even extends to me.

Rick Becker is a husband, father of seven, nursing instructor, and religious educator. A Catholic convert by way of G.K. Chesterton and the Catholic Worker movement, Rick has studied theology at Evangelical institutions as well as Franciscan University of Steubenville. He is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. You can find more of Rick's writing at God-Haunted Lunatic.



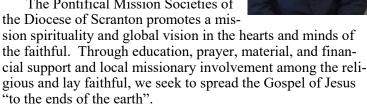
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith a Pontifical Mission Society

Please welcome Reverend Shinu Vazhakkoottahil, Assistant Pastor of Epiphany Parish, Sayre, and visiting priest for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your generosity in the second collection is greatly appreciated.

https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/ directory/offices/pontifical-mission-societies/

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

The Pontifical Mission Societies of



WHAT IS THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY? Founded in 1822 by Pauline Jaricot, a 19-year-old woman, in Lyons, France. Pauline gathered together other young women, all of whom worked in the factories of France. They would pray for the missions and missionaries. Their motto became "a soul a week", or the equivalent of a penny. These funds were to be sent to the missionaries for their needs and support. Their first appreciable collection came to some \$4,000 which was divided three ways, a third each to China, Louisiana, and Kentucky. Since 1928 it has been set up progressively in mission countries, and at present exists in 85 countries.

Pontifical status was granted to the Society on May 3, 1922, and its central administration was transferred to Rome. It thus became the Church's official organization for mission aid. The Propagation of the Faith raises funds to help the 1,100 dioceses throughout the world which are not able to be self-supporting. It also challenges young people to go to these dioceses as lay missionaries, sisters, priests, and brothers.

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

Can you hear me now? A familiar slogan but also a common problem for many people. Hearing loss is a common occurrence as we age but high noise occupations (farming, mechanics, heavy machine operators) can also cause significant damage to our hearing. With hearing loss comes a tendency to avoid gatherings where the background noise makes it difficult to hear and understand others. A person with hearing loss will feel cut off and isolated from others. Causing a loss of thinking skills known as cognitive impairment. Hearing loss is also linked to an increased risk of falling as your equilibrium is out of balance. Besides loud noises a build up of earwax may cause decreased hearing. Don't go jamming a cotton swab in your ear as this only pushes the wax further in your ear and could rupture your eardrum. Have your ears checked and also your hearing before investing in a set of hearing aids. Hearing aids will not help if the loss is from nerve damage.



Our annual Parish Dinner will take place at Saint Mary's Hall in Blossburg on Sunday, August 27th from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm! Dinner will be \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 12 years old and younger.

The Mass schedule on Sunday, August 27th will be: 9:00 am, Holy Child Church 11:15 am, Saint Mary's Church

(Saturday's Mass will still be at 4:00 pm in Holy Child)

PARISH DINNER BASKET RAFFLE

Parishioner participation and basket donations have made this a successful fundraiser for our parish in the past. Please be as creative as you have been and plan your baskets now!

Baskets can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours until 1:00 pm on Friday, July 28th or in the back of either Church after Mass by Sunday, July 30th. Thank you to everyone for all your help.

Watch your mailbox for tickets for the cash raffle! See you on the 27th!

Raffle Ticket



CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE, AUGUST 5TH

Plans are being made for a pilgrimage to Saint Peter's Cathedral in Scranton on Saturday, August 5th. The group will leave Wellsboro at 7:45 am and arrive in Scranton at about 10:30 am for an hour of prayer and Confessions, followed by a guided tour of the cathedral. We'll have lunch at Cooper's Seafood House and then enjoy free time at Heaven & Earth Book Store or the Steamtown Mall, both within walking distance of the cathedral. The pilgrimage will conclude with evening Mass at 5:30 pm at the cathedral. *Please note this change in time. The group will return to Wellsboro at about 9:00 pm.

The Teen Center van is not available this year, so we'll form a carpool for those who are interested. To participate, call or text Linda Sampson at (570) 404-2180 or email marian -ministries@outlook.com. Please let me know if you are willing to drive. Registration will close on Sunday, July 23rd.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 9: NO LECTIO
- July 10 14: No Daily Masses
- July 16: Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre
- July 20: Knights of Columbus 4th degree following 6 pm Mass
- July 23: Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre
- July 28-30: Drop of Dinner Basket Raffle Baskets in both churches or in the parish office
- July 30: Knights of Columbus lead Rosary during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass
- Aug 3: Finance Council meeting beginning with 6:00 pm Mass in Holy Child Church



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$824. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



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WEEK OF JULY 9 - 15, 2023

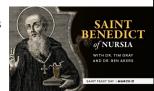
The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from?
What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



SAINT BENEDICT

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.



St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Listen to this powerful audiodrama to learn more about the holy life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint. Her heroic endurance and courage in following Christ despite ridicule offer a model for all Christians today."



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The River Valley Regional YMCA, Tioga County Branch Summer Day Camp will be held in Holy Child Hall June 12th through August 18th

Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 6:30 pm each day.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, July 9: Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30 Monday, July 10: Gn 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-4, 14-15 Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 11: Gn 32:23-33 Ps 17:1-3, 6-8, 15 Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 12: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday, July 13: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5

Ps 105:16-21 Matthew 10:7-15

Friday July 14: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30

Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Matthew 10:16-23

Sat, July 15: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Ps 105:1-4, 6-7 Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday, July 16: Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

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.

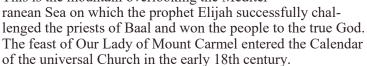
Light refreshments served.

View the trailer here: https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mary-with-dr-brant-pitre/videos/lectio-mary-trailer-l

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/55429/our-lady-of-mount-carmel

The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, celebrated on July 16, was first instituted in the late 14th century in commemoration of the approval of the rule of the Carmelite Order a hundred years earlier. According to legend, a religious community was established even before the time of Christ on Mount Carmel. This is the mountain overlooking the Mediter-



... The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, ..., was presented by Our Lady to St. Simon Stock, ... on July 16, 1251. Our Lady gave St. Simon a scapular for the Carmelites with the following promise, ...: "Receive, My beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace."

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In order to receive the spiritual blessings associated with the Scapular, it is necessary to be formally enrolled in the Brown Scapular. The enrollment is made only once by a priest or authorized person. The Scapular can be replaced afterwards by a medal, which has on one side the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and on the other, the image of Mary.

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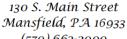


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