

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 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 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 Saint Mary's: 8:30 am Sunday

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: Scott DiMarco, Grand Knight, srdimarco@hotmail.com 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, 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) 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, July 16 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Gail Keating (by John & Susan Sleboda) Monday, July 17 Weekday 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Frank & Helen Dadas (by Marilyn & Gene Kurzejewski) Tuesday, July 18 Weekdav 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Dorothy Lutomski (by Anna Bogaclyk) Wednesday, July 19 Weekday No Mass Thursday, July 20 Weekday 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Joe McSparron (by Pauline McSparron) Friday, July 21 Weekdav 8:30 am, Holy Child: † Carolyn Folcarelli (by Ann Monaghan) Saturday, July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene VIGIL: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners Sunday, July 23 **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time** 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Dorothy Lutomski (by The Leone Family) 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Marcella Williams (by The Nance Family)

> 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. <u>Week of July 16 - 22, 2023</u>

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 Gail Keating by John & Susan Sleboda

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



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 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 July 3 - 9, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,796.00
Loose:	351.00
Church Dues:	15.00
Summer Drive:	637.00
Parish Charity:	20.00
Total:	<u>\$4,819.00</u>
Care & Education of Priests:	75.00
Peter's Pence:	30.00
Propagation of the Faith:	1,477.05
Thank you for your continued support.	

https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

As part of the parish level of the Eucharistic Revival, we continue our series on the Precious Blood, to which the month of July is dedicated.

https://deusvultcrusadersfortradition.com/2020/07/01/themost-precious-blood-of-our-lord-eucharistic-miracle-1996/ COMMENTARY, EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES, FEASTS OF THE CHURCH, PRAYER/ DEVOTIONS, SERMONS THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE ARGENTINA 1996

updated ON JUNE 14, 2021

At seven o'clock in the evening on August 18, 1996, an Argentinian priest was offering Holy Mass at a Catholic church in Buenos Aires. As he finished distributing Holy Communion, a woman approached the altar and told him she had found a discarded Sacred Host at the back of the church. When he arrived at the spot indicated, the priest saw the defiled Sacred Host. Since he was unable to consume it, he put it in a container of water and placed it in the tabernacle. Upon opening the tabernacle eight days later, he saw to his amazement that the Host had turned into a bloody substance.

The priest informed his archbishop, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (now Pope Francis), who ordered that the Host be photographed. The photos were taken on September 6 and clearly show that the Host, which had become a fragment of bloodied flesh, had grown significantly in size. For several years the Host remained in the tabernacle, and the whole affair was kept a strict secret. When it was discovered three years later that the Host had suffered no visible decomposition, Cardinal Bergoglio decided to have it scientifically analyzed. A portion of the Host was taken to New York, in October of 1999, for a scientific analysis. The forensic team of scientists were unaware of the origins of the sample.

The official report read:

The analyzed material is a fragment of the heart muscle found in the wall of the left ventricle, close to the valves... The heart muscle is in an inflammatory condition and contains a large number of white blood cells. This indicates that the heart was alive at the time the sample was taken.... What is more, these white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicates that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest

(SPITZER 2)

The implications of this analysis are staggering. Not only did the scientists find that the fragment came from an inflamed and traumatized heart, but the examination indicated that this same heart was complete and alive at the moment the "sample was taken" (Spitzer 2). Although science may attest to the unique and inexplicable properties of the Consecrated Host, it finds itself woefully unequipped to provide an explanation for how a piece of ordinary bread could undergo such a transformation. Can there be any proof more clear that our Lord is truly present body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist? Yet as wonderful as this Eucharistic miracle may seem, perhaps the even more incredible miracle is when the Sacred Host, at each and every consecration, does *not* visibly change into Christ's own living flesh. During each valid Mass, the host undergoes complete transubstantiation (change of substance) into the body and blood [soul and divinity] of Christ, and still the true nature of the Sacred Species remains veiled—miraculously—under the appearance of ordinary bread.

One of the reasons that the Catholic Church's Eucharistic miracles are so convincing is their consistency—the blood type is always a perfect match. The 1996 Buenos Aires miracle was no exception. During the intensive forensic analysis, the scientists discovered, once again, that the blood type of the miraculous piece of human flesh was type AB, namely AB -positive (Armstrong). All of the blood relics of our Lord from other Eucharistic miracles share this same blood type, including the shroud of Turin, the Sudarium, and the Eucharistic miracle at Lanciano, just to name a few (Moreno 12). AB is the rarest of all blood types, and only about 3% of the world's population have AB-positive blood.

The AB-positive blood type is unique because of its universal receptivity. It is the only blood type that can receive blood from *anyone*, including people who are Rh-negative. Almost all people are limited in who they can receive blood from, yet the rare blood-type AB-positive, is compatible with *all* blood-types. The many Eucharistic miracles throughout history all seem to reiterate this profound message. Through the blood shed during His holy passion, Christ can receive *anyone* into His mystical body. Our Lord is not limited. His Most Precious Blood offers salvation to all, if only we, in turn, give ourselves entirely to Him.

Yet there is more. Not only is AB-positive the universal recipient, but this blood type is also the universal plasma *donor*. It is the only plasma that can be *given* to anyone. In a real and physical way, Christ not only receives—He gives. Grace flows forth from His pierced side. When His Most Sacred Heart was pierced by the lance, both Blood and Water flowed from the wound. His Divine Blood and grace flowed forth. Once again, the physical nature of Our Dearest Lord gives us a glimpse into what is going on spiritually. Christ pours out His grace upon us with, what might seem, almost wasteful love. Anyone can receive it. Once again, Christ offers His salvation to all. Yet even with the abundance of grace that our Lord pours out on us, it takes a choice, an act of the will, for us to be united to Christ in His Most Precious Blood. We must choose to surrender ourselves to Him.

Christ poured out every drop of His Blood for us so that we might have salvation through Him. He continually extends to us the Blood He shed on Calvary in the Holy Mass. In this mystical re-presentation, this extension of His sacrifice through time, Christ gives us the fullness of His Body and Blood. Through this gift, we are able to both spiritually and physically unite ourselves to His mystical Body and receive the grace we need to continue on the path to heaven. This Eucharistic miracle is yet another proof of how the Blessed Sacrament is indeed the true and complete Body and Blood of our Lord, re-presented through time in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. What unfathomable love!

Prayer of the Fatima children, taught to them by the angel:

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you. I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You."



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.

Attention Volunteers!

We will have two quick meetings (10-15 minutes) to get work areas delegated. Please come to one:
1) July 23rd after the 11:15 am Mass in Holy Child Hall
2) July 30th after the 9:00 am Mass in St. Mary's Hall

The Mass schedule on Sunday, August 27th will be: 9:00 am, Holy Child Church 11:15 am, Saint Mary's Church (Saturdan's Mass will still be at 4:00 pm in Holy Child

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PARISH DINNER BASKET RAFFLE Images of baskets will be used for preevent basket raffle ticket sales.

Please drop off baskets at the parish office during office hours until 1:00 pm on Friday, July 28th or in the back of either Church by Sunday, July 30th.

The Basket raffle will begin shortly after July 30th and run until the day of the dinner! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

Tickets for the cash raffle are in the mail! **See you on the 27th!**

Raffle Ticket



4th Annual 5K Race for Heart of Tioga Pregnancy and Parenting Support

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

9:00 AM HIS THOUSAND HILLS 458 PHIPPEN RD WELLSBORD, PA



ONLINE REGISTRATION AT: www.runsignup.com

EVENT FEE through Online Registration: \$25 Online Registration Ends August 17, 2023

Kids 10 and under: \$12 or \$60- Family(same household) Mail in registration available at www.heartoftioga.org

Registration day of event: \$30 Kids 10 and under: \$15 or \$75 - Family(same household) Registration Opens at 7:30AM

POST RACE BREAKFAST FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!

First 100 registrations receive a free T-shirt

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WORKS CITED

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- Spitzer, Robert J., S.J., Ph.D. "Contemporary Eucharistic Miracles." September, 2020.

Please pray for our recently deceased.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Regina Harzinski July 10, 2023



Don't forget your food pantry donations of *non-perishable* items. Boxes are in both churches for donations.

Thank you for your continue support of our Food Pantries.

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 <u>marian</u> <u>-ministries@outlook.com</u>. Please let me know if you are willing to drive. Registration will close on Sunday, July 23rd.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 Rosarv during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass
- Aug 3: Finance Council meeting beginning with 6:00 pm Mass in Holy Child Church

FORMED

WEEK OF JULY 16 - 22, 2023

EASTER IN ART: MARY MAGDALENE (PART 3 OF 3)

Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.



Where are You? | Forgiven | Session 1

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thoughtprovoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the trans-



formative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find Magdalene out in this conversation."



Our parish has a FORMED subscription! To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and use zip code 16933 to search for and select our parish.

Adoration in Holy Child Parish

Holy Child Parish offers Adoration before all Masses and for an hour following Mass on First Friday and First Saturday. During these times we can silently...



- Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.
- Pray a Rosary, Chaplet, or other prayer(s).
- Read Sacred Scripture.
- Pray the Liturgy of the Hours. •

Because there are always other people present during Adoration in Holy Child Parish, please remain silent. If necessary, whisper a few words. For a conversation, leave the Sanctuary and wait for the door to fully close before quietly saying what you need to say. Remember that the narthex/vestibule is open to the choir loft, which is open to the Sanctuary. Maintaining silence in the Sanctuary shows reverence to the Blessed Sacrament respect for the prayer time of others.

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 Fridav 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/lectiomary-with-dr-brant-pitre/videos/lectio-mary-trailer-1

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

Baby it's hot out there! Seems only yesterday we were complaining about the cold and taking precautions for cold weather. Unfortunately, for many of us the heat and our medication regime are setting us up for problems. Diuretics (fluid pills) and beta blockers (BP and heart medications) can set you up for heat related illness. Prevention and avoidance are the keys to weathering the Summertime weather. Avoid strenuous work during the heat of the day. Gardening and lawn mowing should be done in the cooler times of morning and evening. Staying hydrated when in the heat and being aware of the signs of heat related illness are important. Heavy sweating, pale or clammy skin, thirst, headache or dizziness are early warning signs of heat exhaustion. In as little as 30 minutes this can progress to the more life threatening heat stroke. Do you live alone? Ask someone to check on you twice a day when the National Weather Service issues a heat advisory. Stay cool and enjoy the weather safely because sooner than you know we'll be talking about snow!



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.

