

Holy Child Church 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Rev. Bryan Wright, Pastor Rita Hanson, Financial Secretary Cara Clementi, Parish Secretary



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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 20, 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 2:15 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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srdimarco@hotmail.com

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Ladies Guild: Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2034

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"Spare a Prayer" Prayer Chain:

Maryjane Seifried: phone - 570-549-7550

email - seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com

Dotty Welsh: phone - 570-662-2057

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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, August 19 VIGIL: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Monica & Dominick Leone

(by Ken & Mary Kay)

Sunday, August 20 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners of Holy Child Parish 11:15 am, Holy Child: †Bob Swinsick (by Tish & Tony Fiamingo)

Monday, August 21 Saint Pius X, Pope 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Joe McSparron (by Pauline McSparron)

Tuesday, August 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30 am, Holy Child: † Robert Dalton (by the family)

Wednesday, August 23

Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, August 24 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † David Wigglesworth

(by Rita Hanson & family)

Friday, August 25

Weekday

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Carolyn Folcarelli

(by Sharon Breitenbeck & Steve Steinbacher)

Saturday, August 26 VIGIL: 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † deceased members of Funair Family (by Bob and Lola Gerg)

Sunday, August 27 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00 am, **Holy Child**: † Peter Flisock (by Helen Swinsick) 11:15 am, **St. Mary's**: † Parishioners of Holy Child Parish

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN HOLY CHILD CHURCH AT 2:15 PM ON SATURDAYS.

The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the real presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.

Week of August 19 - 27, 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

Monica & Dominick Leone (by Ken & Mary Kay). Contact the parish office for a Sanctuary Light intention.

The donation is \$5 per candle.

The *Altar Flowers* in Holy Child Church for the weekend of August 26-27th were donated in memory of Anna Marie Mimlitsch (by Heather Morgan).





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:

- * 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

To request prayer for someone due to sudden illness, upcoming surgery, hospital stay, or those experiencing a hardship, please contact the Parish Office. 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.

"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. *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.



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



Joan Flesch Dolly Garvelli Jim McIntosh

Parish Offerings Received August 7-13, 2023

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$3,920.00

 Loose:
 603.00

 Church Dues:
 20.00

 Holy Days
 70.00

 Summer Drive:
 459.00

 Total:
 \$5,072.00

 Care of Priests:
 20.00

Thank you for your continued support.

8TH ANNUAL BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE: STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH

Saturday, October 7, 2023. 8:00am-3:00pm. Holy Redeemer High School Auditorium, Wilkes Barre, PA. Speakers: Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera (Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton), Mark Houck (founder and president of The King's Men), Fr. John Anthony Boughton, C.F.R. (General Vicar, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal), and Sam Blair (former Navy SEAL). Fee: \$40, Early Bird \$30, Students \$15, Priest/Deacon free.

ATTENTION: ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG WOMEN CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH GROUP MEETINGS

The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth invite all High School young women (grades 9-12) to their Nazareth Group meetings from 11:00am-4:30pm on the following Saturdays:

2023: September 9th, November 4th 2024: January 20th, April 20th, June 1st

To register: www.BeACatholicMan.com.

Encounter deep prayer, enriching talks & discussions, faith-based friends, nature walks, and more! Two locations available: Mother of God Convent (Tunkhannock; Sister Angela 570-836-2737) and Mother of the Eucharist Convent (Williamsport; Sister Clare 570-745-3334). Please RSVP with the Sisters before each meeting.



MARIAN MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENTS

Mt. Saviour Monastery, Day of Reflection Saturday, September 23rd, 9am-4pm

Mt. Saviour Monastery, located in Pine City, New York, is a lovely, peaceful place to connect with God - and it's close to home! All parishioners are invited to a Day of Reflection at Mt. Saviour, beginning with Mass at 9am. One of the



monks will address the group after Mass, followed by a presentation by Theresa Delmotte on "Angels" and their role in our daily lives. The group will join the Benedictine community for prayer at Noon (Sext) and again at 3pm for "None." Contact Linda Sampson (570-404-2180) if you are interested and watch the bulletin for more details. For more information about Mt. Saviour, visit their website at https://www.msaviour.org/

DAY OF REFLECTION, St. Peter's Church Sunday, October 8th, 2pm-6pm

Mark your calendars now for an inspiring afternoon of prayer and reflection at St. Peter's Church. This year, we will welcome Mary Clare Hallman, our Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life, as guest speaker. Mary served for eight years as the Director of Evangelization in the Diocese of Syracuse. She worked closely



with clergy and lay leaders to form relationships and build trust in an effort to create vibrant parishes and form disciples of Jesus Christ. Mary is a passionate speaker and evangelist, as well as a veteran of the ChristLife program. The afternoon will include Mary's presentation, Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer, and a buffet dinner. More details coming soon!

MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE

In observance of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in September, Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 12:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, located at 315 Wyoming Ave., **Scranton.** The Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to suicide. and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing. Those attending the Mass will be invited to offer a flower in memory of a loved one who died from suicide. All are welcome. The Mass will also be

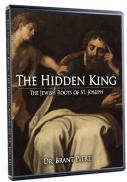


broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestream on the Diocesan website, YouTube channel and Facebook. For more information, please contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or oplgen-eral@dioceseofscranton.org.

THE HIDDEN KING: THE JEWISH ROOTS OF ST. JOSEPH

What is your image of Saint Joseph? A poor, humble carpenter, or the hidden King of the Jews? An elderly widower, or a man in his prime, the chaste spouse of Mary? The mere legal guardian of the child Jesus, or the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father?

In this series, Dr. Brant Pitre takes the popular figure of Saint Joseph and opens up the mysteries of his hidden identity, his relationship with Mary, and his role as the earthly foster-father of Jesus. In it, you will learn about:



- How Joseph was the Hidden King of the Jews
- Why Joseph was a threat to the Fake King Herod
- Why Herod Murdered his own Wife, three Sons, and the Infants in Bethlehem
- Why Joseph Accepted Mary's Jewish Vow of Virginity
- How Joseph Hid the Virgin Birth from Satan
- Joseph's Relation to the "Brothers" of Jesus
- Apocryphal Legend of the Elderly Joseph
- The Biblical Age of Saint Joseph
- The Persecution of Joseph's Family
- How Joseph is the earthly Shadow of Jesus' heavenly Father

Many books on Saint Joseph focus on apocryphal legends and private revelations. In this Bible Study, Dr. Pitre focuses on what we can learn about Saint Joseph from the Bible, ancient Jewish and Roman history, and the living Tradition of the Church. As you will discover, although Joseph is silent in pages of the New Testament, when looked at through ancient Jewish eyes, he stands with Jesus and Mary at the very center of salvation history.

So, if you already have a devotion to Joseph, or if you just want to understand what the Bible really teaches about the man who was closest to Jesus, this Bible Study is for you.

This Study meets in Holy Child Hall following the 11:15 am Mass. Due to the Parish Dinner and to Labor Day, the study will not meet on August 27th or September 3.



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CHANGE TO WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE, 8/26-8/27 TO ACCOMMODATE PARISH DINNER

Saturday, August 26th

4:00 pm, Holy Child Church (regular time)

Sunday, August 27th

9:00 am, Holy Child Church

11:15 am, Saint Mary's Church

Thank you for your understanding and for supporting our Parish Dinner! See you there!

The regular Mass schedule will resume after the Dinner.

COUNTRY STYLE HAM AND TURKEY DINNER

Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2023. Noon–6pm. Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 5973 Jacks Hollow Road, Williamsport, PA 17702. Ham and turkey dinner, french-fries, funnel cakes, sausage sandwiches, soda, and ice cream. Small games of chance & bingo. Homemade jams, jellies, fudge for sale. Tickets: Adults \$12.00; Children 4-12 \$5.00; Children 3&under Free. Takeouts \$12.00 available after 12:30pm. Questions, call: 570-560-5115.

FALL FEST BENEFITING ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

(Westfield/Elkland) Saturday, September 9, 2023. 10am-4pm. Knoxville Firemen's Field. Vendors Wanted. Crafts & Flea Market Items. \$20 Set-Up Fee (bring your own chairs, tables, and canopy. Chinese Basket Raffle, Chicken BBQ, food, Games, & much more! Great fun for the whole family! Don't miss Copper doing her thing at cow pie bingo! For more info / to reserve your spot, call rectory at 814-258-5121.

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

Remember the beginning of the Wizard of Oz? How a tornado hits and turns Dorothy's world upside down? Well we don't live in Kansas or any other part of tornado alley but we have had an increasing number of strange weather occurrences including tornado watches and warnings. So what is the difference between a watch and a warning? A tornado watch means that the weather conditions are right for high winds with a rotation of rising hot air and dropping cold air, heavy rain and frequently hail. A tornado warning means that conditions are more favorable for the formation of a funnel cloud or one may have been spotted. So be prepared, don't be scared. Tornadoes can hit anywhere. So have your cell phone set for severe weather notifications or have a NOAA weather notification radio. Once a warning has been issued choose a room in the lowest part of your home, preferably without windows as a place to gather. Have some extra water and your emergency pack with you. If driving, leave your car and lie in a ditch until the weather passes. Enjoy your summer but be aware of weather changes.



ANNUAL HOLY CHILD PARISH DINNER

St. Mary's Hall (Blossburg) Sunday, August 27th, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 12 years old and younger

*** SUNDAY 8/27 MASS SCHEDULE ***

9:00 am, Holy Child Church 11:15 am, Saint Mary's Church (Saturday 4:00 pm, Holy Child Church)

PARISH DINNER CASH RAFFLE

Raffle Ticket

Return cash raffle tickets in parish collection by next weekend or turn in at the dinner 8/27. Checks payable to: Holy Child Parish.

PARISH DINNER BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS

Ticket Pre-sales: after Masses Aug 19-20: St. Mary's- lower parking lot entrance (see Joan). Holy Child- back of the church, and at the Picnic. Images of the baskets will be displayed. During the dinner, baskets will be displayed and ticket sales will continue.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR HELP!





Don't forget your food pantry donations of *non-perishable* items.

Boxes are in both churches for donations. Thank you for supporting our Food Pantries.

Scripture Readings	
Sun	Is 56:1,6-7 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Rom 11:13-15,29-32
8/20	Matthew 15:21-28
Mon 8/21	Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-37,39-40,43ab,44
	Matthew 19:16-22
Tue 8/22	Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9,11-14
	Matthew 19:23-30
Wed 8/23	Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7
	Matthew 20:1-16
Thu	Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13,17-18
8/24	John 1:45-51
Fri	Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22 Ps 146:5-10
8/25	Matthew 22:34-40
Sat	Ru 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1-5
8/26	Matthew 23:1-12
Sun	Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3,6,8
8/27	Rom 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20



Religious Education

Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 Religious Education program! Registration Forms are in both churches. Questions? Contact Dar Buck, Director of Religious Education at 570-540-1332 or catholic.dre.holychild@gmail.com



WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2023

POPE SAINT PIUS X

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.

THE QUEEN MOTHER | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the great apostle, St. Bartholomew. Grab your Bible and follow along. We recommend The Augustine Bible.







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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

 August - Health Ministry and Ladies' Guild will NOT meet during August. See you in September!



- Aug 20: Bible Study: the Jewish Roots of St. Joseph
- Aug 27: Parish Dinner, Basket Raffle, Cash Raffle @ St. Mary's Hall, 11:30am - 2:00pm; No Bible Study
- Sep 3: NO meetings for Bible Study/Knights of Columbus
- Sep 4: Labor Day, Parish Office CLOSED
- Sep 7: Parish Finance Council Meeting, 6pm
- Sep 10: Bible Study: the Jewish Roots of St. Joseph
- Sep 10: Knights of Columbus, 6pm, Holy Child Hall
- Sep 12: Ladies Guild, 7pm, Holy Child Hall
- Sep 17: Bible Study: the Jewish Roots of St. Joseph
- Sep 24: Bible Study: the Jewish Roots of St. Joseph
- Oct 1: Knights of Columbus, 6pm, Holy Child Hall
- Oct 10: Ladies Guild, 7pm, Holy Child Hall
- Nov 5: Knights of Columbus, 6pm Holy Child Hall

HOLY CHILD PARISH LADIES GUILD

Ladies Guild invites all women in our parish to join the Holy Child Parish Ladies Guild. Our primary ministry is to raise funds in support of Holy Child Parish, its members, and our Pastor.

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Meetings are the Second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm.

First meeting of the new year:

Tuesday, September 12th, 7:00pm, Holy Child Church Hall

Annual Membership: September through August. Annual Dues: \$5.00.

Return this form & dues payment in the collection basket or mail to: Kathy Draxler, Guild Treasurer, 1482 Route 549, Mansfield, PA 16933.

Membership Information (please fill in, below):

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	

SUMMERTIME DRESS

Visitors to St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, or the Vatican Museums are required to abide by an official dress code: men can wear long pants and shirts with at least short sleeves; women can wear trousers, capri pants, or skirts and dresses (knee length or longer). Bare shoulders, shorts, and short skirts are not permitted. 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 and one another. www.papalaudience.org/dress-code



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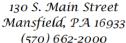
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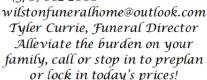
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