

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

The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 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 2:15 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.

<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.) <u>First Saturday, August 5</u> Weekday 9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Living & deceased members of the Rebecca & Kyle Chamberlain Family (by Scott & Theresa Delmotte)

VIGIL: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Thomas, Emma, Wilbur & Janet Miller (by Bernie & Marie Sabol)

Sunday, August 6 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Deceased members of the 1963 North Penn High School graduating class (by your classmates) 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Monday, August 7 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Wanda Harnes (by Anna Bogaczyk & Family)

 Tuesday, August 8
 Saint Dominic, Priest

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Elizabeth Watson (by Sister)

Wednesday, August 9 Weekday

Thursday, August 10SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR6:00 pm, Holy Child: † James Leon Weiskopff
(by The Brennan Familly)

Friday, August 11 Saint Clare, Virgin

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Area Franciscans (by Gloria House)

Saturday, August 12 VIGIL: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Cunningham

(by Linda Cloos) <u>Sunday, August 13</u> 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Judy Musingo (by Tom & Marie Musingo) 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. <u>*Week of August 6 - 12, 2023</u>*</u>

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church burns this week in memory of Walter Skolny by Jim & Tom The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church burns this week in memory of Thomas, Emma, Wilber & Janet by Bernie & Marie Sabol

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
- 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 24 - 30, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,429.00
Loose:	486.00
Church Dues:	5.00
Parish Charity:	15.00
Total:	<u>\$2,935.00</u>
Thank you for your continued support.	



The Story of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/assumption -of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names - Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption - from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

Achoo! Achoo! God bless you! Or those of us with German heritage will say Gesundheit! So where did this custom of blessing someone who sneezes come from? It all started with the Black Plague or Bubonic Plague. One form of the Black Death affected the respiratory tract and was so strong (virulent) that an infected person would have breakfast with their family and supper with their ancestors. The children's chant of Ring Around The Rosie also came from the period of the plague. So let's jump to the 21st century and talk of respiratory viruses spread through droplets when someone sneezes, talks or laughs. These respiratory viruses include RSV, SARS, Flu and Influenza, COVID, Chickenpox and Shingles. So what to do? Avoid contact with your nose, eyes and mouth. Wash your hands frequently with warm soapy water or use a hand sanitizer when soap and water are not readily available. If ill remain home from work and school. And remember to cover your cough or sneeze by using the crook of your elbow. Should the illness last more than three or four days or the symptoms get worse seek medical attention. Keep yourself healthy by exercising, eating a balanced diet and getting plenty of rest. Oh and by the way Gesundheit!

can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

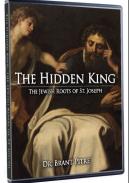
Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Reflection

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply reverenced her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

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 open 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, then this Bible Study is for you.

This Study will meet in Holy Child Hall following the 11:15 am Mass beginning on Sunday, July 30th. *Due to the Parish Picnic, Parish Dinner and Labor Day, the study will not meet on August 13th, 27th or September 3.*



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



PARISH DINNER BASKET RAFFLE Images of baskets will be used for pre-event basket raffle ticket sales. <u>The Basket raffle will begin soon and run</u> until the day of the dinner!

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Thank you to everyone for all your help!



Return raffle tickets to the parish office. Checks should be payable to Holy Child Parish.



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

Hope to See YOU there!



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



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.

MARIAN MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, PILGRIMAGE

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



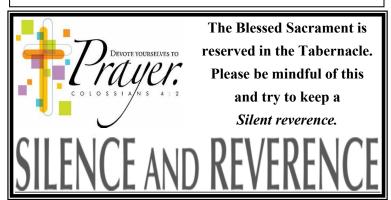
Day of Reflection at Mt. Saviour, beginning with Mass at 9am. One of the monks will address the group after Mass, followed by a presentation by Theresa Delmotte on "Angels" and their role in our daily lives. The group will join the Benedictine community for prayer at Noon (Sext) and again at 3pm for "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!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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



- Aug 6: The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph with Dr. Brant Pitre
- Aug 10: Parish Pastoral Council meeting beginning with 6:00 pm Mass in Holy Child Church
- Aug 13: Parish Picnic following 11:15 am Mass
- Aug 13: The Hidden King will NOT meet
- Aug 17: Knights of Columbus 4th degree following 6 pm Mass in Holy Child hall
- Aug 27: Parish Dinner, Basket Raffle, and Cash Raffle in St. Mary's Hall, 11:30 am 2:00 pm
- Aug 27: The Hidden King does NOT meet
- Sep 3: The Hidden King does NOT meet
- Sep 4: Labor Day, Parish Office CLOSED

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WEEK OF AUGUST 6 - 12, 2023

Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.



FRANCIS

CLARE AND FRANCIS

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by

Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.



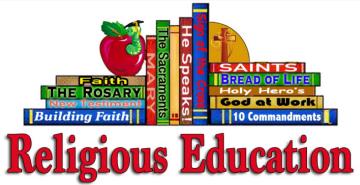
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SUMMERTIME DRESS

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, August 6: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9 Rom 8:26-27 Matthew 13:44-52 Monday, August 7: Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 Matthew 14:13-21 Tuesday, August 8: Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-7, 12-13 Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14 Wed, August 9: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23 Matthew 15:21-28 Thurs August 10: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 John 12:24-26 Friday, August 11: Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16, 21 Matthew 16:24-28 Saturday, August 12: Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Matthew 17:14-20 Sunday, August 13: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33



Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 Religious Education program! Registration Forms are in both churches. If you have questions, contact Dar Buck, Director of Religious Education by phone at 570-540-1332 or by email at catholic.dre.holychild@gmail.com

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15, 2023 is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. The Mass Schedule will be:

Monday, August 14th 6:00 pm Vigil Mass Holy Child Church

Tuesday, August 15th 12:10 pm Mass St. Mary's Church There will NOT be a 12:10 Mass in St. Mary's on Monday, August 14th.





News from the Knights Parish Picnic

Join us on Sunday, August 13th, following the 11:15 am Mass at Church We will provide

Holy Child Church. We will provide the main course, so please bring a dish to pass, your favorite picnic side-dish or dessert, and enjoy some hospitality, fellowship, and good food!



