

Holy Child Church 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

WEEKEND MASSES SATURDAY 4:00 PM, SUNDAY 11:15 AM



Reverend Bryan B. Wright, Pastor



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

WEEKEND MASS SUNDAY 9:00 AM

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8, 2023



Parish 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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 Parish Office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor and to schedule the ceremony.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on:

Saturdays: 2:15-3:00 pm Holy Child Church First Fridays: 9:00-10:00 am Holy Child Church First Saturdays: 10:00-11:00 am Saint Mary's Church By appointment: please contact the Parish Office.

<u>Matrimony:</u> Couples 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 infirm and homebound. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Child Parish! New parishioners are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office. Registration is a requirement for admission to our religious education programs and for reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Matrimony.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Holy Child:

3:00 pm Saturday 10:45 am Sunday

5:15 pm Thursday

8:00 am Fridav

Saint Mary's:

8:30 am Sunday

11:30 am Monday & Tuesday

Parish Contacts

Financial Secretary: Darlene Buck 570-662-3568

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catholic.dre.holychild@gmail.com

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Parish Office 662-3568 St. Mary's Hall: 570-638-2783; Holy Child Hall: 570-662-9996

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ prior to all Masses ~



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Daily Mass schedule is subject to change

Saturday, October 7 First Saturday; *Our Lady of the Rosary* 9:30 am, St. Mary's: † August Steve Hurban

(by Bob and Sophie Schwoyer)

VIGIL: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Robert Dalton (by the Family)

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Sunday, October 8 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Elizabeth & Stanley Wasowicz

(by Kathryn, Ann, & Frank) * Tony

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Monday, October 9 Saint Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs St. John Leonardi, Priest

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Carol Dalton (by The Family)

Tuesday, October 10

Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Frank & Helen Dadas

(by Marilyn & Gene Kurzejewski)

Wednesday, October 11

Saint John XXIII, Pope

No Mass

Thursday, October 12 Weekday

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Nancy Wenslow (by The Brennan Family)

Friday, October 13

Weekday

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Bob Swinsick (by Helen)

Saturday, October 14 Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr

VIGIL: 28TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Carolyn Folcarelli

(by Bob & Sophie Schwoyer)

Sunday, October 15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS—2:15 PM—HOLY CHILD CHURCH FIRST FRIDAYS—9:00 AM—HOLY CHILD CHURCH FIRST SATURDAYS—10:00 AM—SARVE MARY'S CHURCH

First Saturdays—10:00 am—Saint Mary's Church



The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the Real Presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle. Week of October 8–14, 2023 Intentions:

Saint Mary's: living and deceased Parishioners Holy Child: † David Wigglesworth by Rita Hanson Contact the Parish Office for a Sanctuary Light intention.

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED SEP 25 - OCT 1, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,661.19
Loose:	563.00
Church dues:	41.00
Fuel	156.00
Candles	133.00
Bequests	120.00
Total:	\$ <u>4,674.00</u>
Care and Education of Priests	347.00
World Mission Sunday	5.00

Thank you for your continued support!

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. For those who need special prayers:

- * Charles Chamberlain
- * Christopher Mortensen * Richard Niemczyk
- * Richard Faber
- * Bernice Frederick
- * Catherine Gallagher
- * Tom MacBlane
- + T I I
- * Tony Lupkowski * Jane Mahonski
- * Kenneth Simpson

* Ethel Sandstrom

* Yolanda Tacka

* Lori Sherant

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.



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.

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



Larry Mitchell
Donnie Nicholas
Frank Tacka

Scripture Readings	
Sun	Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9
10/8	Matthew 21:33-43
Mon	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 (Ps) Jon 2:3-5, 8
10/9	Luke 10:25-37
Tue	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1-4, 7-8
10/10	Luke 10:38-42
Wed	Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6, 9-10
10/11	Luke 11:1-4
Thu	Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4, 6
10/12	Luke 11:5-13
Fri	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16
10/13	Luke 11:15-26
Sat	Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
10/14	Luke 11:27-28
Sun	Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
10/15	Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

MARIAN MINISTRIES

THE LIVING ROSARY has been updated and is complete for October 1st-31st. It's not too late to participate in this powerful devotion; laurie.coffee@gmail.com / 703-470-2975. Participants will gather for a social at St. Mary's Church, Blossburg following First Saturday services, November 4th.

ABOUT FATIMA

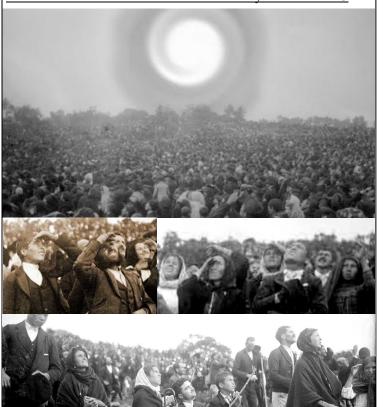
Our Lady of Fátima is the title given to the Virgin Mary as she appeared before three shepherd children, Lucia Santos and her cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, near the village of Fátima, Portugal, in 1917. She identified herself to them as the Lady of the Rosary. The Roman Catholic Church officially recognized the Fátima events as worthy of belief in 1930.





Our Blessed Mother urged all to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners. Before he became Pope Benedict XVI, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger said that the central message of Fatima is what the Church has always taught: prayer, penance, and conversion. The Church celebrates October 13th as the date

of our Blessed Mother's final public appearance to the shepherd children of Fatima and the "Miracle of the Sun" on October 13, 1918. For more information, visit: https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/our-lady-of-fatima-423



CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES

Last week the Holy Child Confirmation class began a journey towards entering the church as adults when they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. While many understand this as a "graduation" of sorts, this is a mistake. It gives ideas that this is the end of study and growth in our faith, and it is treated as an activity to mention in a college application or box to check to make Grandma happy. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Sacrament of Confirmation is continuation of the blessing of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was bestowed upon the Apostles by Christ after his ascension.

We briefly discussed taking a new name upon receiving the Sacrament, how people select names, and the importance placed on name changes in the Bible. We also read about a couple of common names taken, and read briefly about those names in the Dictionary of Saints by John Delaney. We also discussed what "Saint" means, and how the church determines who is a Saint, and talked about Blessed Carlo Acutis and the journey towards his potential canonization.

One lesson that was stressed is the importance of the Real Presence of the Eucharist and the belief in His presence, body, blood, soul, and divinity is in each particle. We tried to understand how the celebration of the Mass is the sharing of one sacrifice across all celebrations and how it is OK to not be able to grasp the immensity of God's being. That the concept is just too large for our human brains to comprehend, but how it is still worthy of our reflection. We also introduced the historic reliability of the Bible as a concept as many people today doubt the historic and factual nature of the Bible, with many who are hostile to the faith proclaiming the Bible being wholly parable.

As it was the first day of class, we covered many topics briefly to lay a foundation, to establish the level of knowledge of the candidates, and to root out their interests and what doubts we may need to explore and answer.

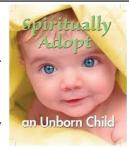
It may come as no surprise that the students are preoccupied by sports and the larger world. We as parents, grandparents, and members of the parish and community need to try to be more open with our beliefs, and their importance in our own lives, and try to build a welcoming place for our own families and future generations of the Catholic community.

I hope to bring you along with brief lectures presented to the Confirmandi, and we can all take part in the education of our youth.

Your Brother in Christ, Z. Buck (Catechist)

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION—MONTH TWO

Developing Baby... now called a "fetus" (Latin for "little one"). She is making rapid progress developing all her external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form, and fingers and toes are developing. Her ears, nose, lips, and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The



skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is now functioning, so forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. By 8 weeks, all body systems are present. This little one can now suck her thumb and is about two inches long. Thank you for praying for this precious little baby!

BIBLE STUDY: JESUS & THE END TIMES; A CATHOLIC VIEW OF THE LAST DAYS

Have you ever wondered what the Bible teaches about the End of Time? Many Catholics have heard of "the Rapture", the "Antichrist", and the Second Coming, but are unsure exactly what to believe. The Catholic Church has very explicit teachings about these topics. What is



the meaning of Jesus' prophecies of tribulation and the coming of the Son of Man? Are we in the "end times" now? Why did Jesus prophecy the destruction of the Temple, and how does it relate to the End of the World? Why is the Protestant belief in a secret "Rapture" such a dangerous belief? What does the Bible teach about the coming of the Antichrist? What will the Final Judgment be like, and how will we be judged? These and many more questions will be answered in this eight part series—surely Dr. Pitre's most fascinating Bible study yet! Join us October 15th after the 11:15am Mass.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

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.



Would you or someone you know enjoy a friendly visit, a partner to play cards or games with, someone to read to them, or simply keep company? As an outreach of Marian Ministries, Mary Hohman has offered to visit local residents and nursing homes, to spend time with people who may feel alone. Contact Mary at (717) 203-9090.



ADORATION IN HOLY CHILD PARISH

Holy Child Parish offers Adoration before all Masses and for an hour following Masses for First Fridays and First Saturdays. During these times, we can silently...



- Pray the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or other prayer(s)
- Read Sacred Scripture
- Pray the Liturgy of the Hours

Because there are always other people present during Adoration in our 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 and respect for the prayer time of others. Thank you.



CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES: A PRIVILEGE OF REVERENCE

We fast, we pray, we confess. We spend the Mass in anticipation, we participate in the Sacrifice, we behold our Lord in the presentation of the Host. We need not rush; receiving the Blessed Sacrament is a gift—a gift I, a wretched sinner, do not deserve, but am granted by His grace. It is only just that I receive it as reverently and respectfully as I am able. While my body allows me, I will kneel, hands clasped in thanks and prayer while I am honored to receive on the tongue.

While there is no sin to receive on a throne prepared of prayerful hands, as described by Church Fathers, those who receive our Lord in this way are asked to consume the Host (and any visible particles which have broken away) in view of the Priest or Eucharistic Minister. This is to protect our Lord from abuses, such as trampling under foot or from satanic, witchcraft, and voodoo rituals.

We love our Brothers in Christ who serve on the altar with Father, who washes his hands and assists with the preparation of the gifts... I promise you, the "Extraordinary" Eucharistic Minister will feel no slight if you cross out of his line to receive from Father. He will feel joy in your reverence. Should our most holy meal take an extra 4 or 5 minutes you should be thankful for that extra time to bask in His <u>True</u> Presence, to contemplate on the privilege you have to share in this One Meal, which is shared and reflected through time.

I pray, my Brothers & Sisters in Christ; resign yourself to fall into line and on your knees in front of Father, the Consecrated Celebrant, to receive from his anointed hand the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity onto your tongue. [This is the Pastor's preference.]

Remember to offer to God your intentions as one of the most powerful prayers we can give. Offer your Mass to help free a soul from Purgatory, or for the conversion of a loved one, or for an end to a friend's pain.

I hope you choose to receive Him as reverently as you have the opportunity for. I hope you choose to take joy in the extra time you have during Communion to be in His House, and in His Presence.

Your Brother in Christ, Z. Buck (Catechist)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 8: No Bible Study

Oct 8: *Afternoon of Reflection*, St.Peter's Church, Wellsboro, 11:30 am—6 pm

Oct 10: Ladies Guild, 7pm, Holy Child Hall Oct 15: Bible Study: *Jesus & the End Times*

Oct 16-20: No Daily Masses

Oct 19: Knights of Columbus Assembly, 6:30pm, Holy Child

Oct 22: Bible Study: Jesus & the End Times

Oct 23-27: No Daily Masses

Nov 1: Parish Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall

Nov 2: Pastoral Council starting with 6 pm Mass, Holy Child



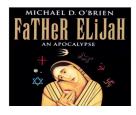
WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2023

JOHN XXIII: THE POPE OF PEACE



From his youth through his priest-hood, episcopacy, life as cardinal and eventually as an "interim pope." John XXIII surprised the Church by calling for the Second Vatican Council.

FATHER ELIJAH: AN APOCALYPSE AUDIOBOOK BY MICHAEL D. O'BRIEN



Explore the state of the world and the faith through the story of Father Elijah, a Carmelite priest sent on a mission for the Vatican that leads to crises and conflicts affecting the fate of the Church.

EVERY PARK NEEDS A LARK | EPISODE 1 | BENJAMIN CELLO



This episode of Benjamin Cello reveals that every part of creation has a purpose and brings beauty into the world.

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Mansfield Shoe Bank—Donations Requested

THE MANSFIELD SHOE BANK requests donations of shoes, and there is a particular need for Winter wear, such as *Hats*, *Gloves*, *Mittens*, and *Scarves* for *children in 3rd grade or younger*. Financial donations also gratefully accepted. Thank you!



SEEDS OF HOPE

SEEDS OF HOPE requests: shampoo, deodorant, tooth-paste, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, soups, mac & cheese, twin sheets, and blankets (collection boxes are in both churches). "SEEDS" is a ministry of area churches in partnership with Tioga County Department of Human Services (TCDHS), providing basic needs to maintain and reunify families in crisis. For families in need, SEEDS can provide diapers, clothing, hygiene, food, and transportation for necessary appointments. Beds and bedding for children is also a major priority. Thank you!

LIFE CHAIN—THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to those who joined Life Chain last Sunday!

ARE YOU DIABETIC AND USING INSULIN?

Health Ministry has free supplies. Call Dotty 662-2057.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO CONSTRUCT HOMELESS SHELTER

The Tioga County Homeless Initiative is seeking any individual or group to assist at any time in construction of the new homeless shelter. Currently, they have volunteers assisting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and on Saturdays. They have a workday set up for Saturday October 21st anytime after



8am until 4pm. They are starting to work inside the new building, and they need assistance with installing insulation, hanging dry wall, painting, wood working, flooring, interior design, and organization. If you are interested, please contact Matt Neclerio by phone at 808-551-8845.

CHRISTLIFE"

DISCOVERING CHRIST

SEARCHING FOR MORE?

QUESTIONS WORTH ASKING:

What is my purpose? How can I begin a better life?
What gives ultimate meaning & purpose to life?
Why does Jesus matter?

Join us in the Parish Center at St. Peter's in Wellsboro Wednesdays from October 4th—November 15th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm for *Discovering Christ*—a 7-week series with a life-changing retreat on Saturday Nov 4th. Come for a free delicious dinner, great conversation, an engaging talk, and the chance to share your thoughts and opinions about Jesus, Christianity, and the meaning of life. To learn more or to register, contact Norb @ 570-724-9095 / norb.josten@gmail.com

"AUTUMN JAUNT" ORGAN CRAWL—WILLIAMSPORT

The Chemung Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to a tour of several pipe organs in Williamsport and Muncy on Saturday, October 14th. We will start in Williamsport @ 9:30am at St. Luke

Lutheran Church 1400 Market St; St. Boniface Catholic Church 326 Washington Blvd @ 10:45am; Covenant-Central Presbyterian Church 807 W 4th St @ 1:30pm; Philip Zuckerberg Residence 1732 Clarion Dr @ 2:45pm; and finish at Muncy Presbyterian Church 10 E. Penn St. @ 3:45pm. Any



questions, email davelen@epix.net or elizabethbrig@aol.com.

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 11:00 am - 4:30 pm on the following Saturdays:

2023: November 4th

2024: January 20th, April 20th, June 1st 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.

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Book Recommendation from Father Bryan...

A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward

By Ralph Martin

Reminder for Funerals...

Eulogies are permitted during:

- ◆Funeral home vigil services
- ◆Graveside committal services
 - ◆Luncheons after Mass

Eulogies are inappropriate during Funeral Masses (CCC1688). Thank you.



The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle.

Thank you for helping to maintain:

SILENCE AND REVERENCE



The local food pantries need our donations of non-perishable items.

Collection bins are in both churches.

Thank you for your support!



May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, and glorified throughout the whole world, now and forever. Amen.