



Holy Child Church
240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Reverend Bryan B. Wright,
Pastor



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

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

WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY 9:00 AM

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 15, 2023



PARISH RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:30am - 2:30pm
Cemetery Business Hours: By Appointment
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933
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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

Baptism: 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.

Matrimony: Couples should contact their Pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: 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 Friday

Saint Mary's:

8:30 am Sunday
11:30 am Monday & Tuesday



PARISH CONTACTS

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Knights of Columbus, Blossburg Council:
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Ladies Guild: Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2034
Medical Equipment Loaning: Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057
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570-549-7550 570-662-2057
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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 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)

Monday, October 16 *St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Gerg Family (by Bob & Lola Gerg)

Tuesday, October 17 *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr*
No Mass

Wednesday, October 18 **St. Luke, Evangelist**
No Mass

Thursday, October 19 *Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues,*
No Mass *Priests, and Companions, Martyrs*

Friday, October 20 *Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest*
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Theresa Dziekan
 (by Jim & Connie Parnick)

Saturday, October 21 **VIGIL: 29TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME**
 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Joe McSparron (by Pauline McSparron)

Sunday, October 22 **29TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Alfred & Betty Jean Stachowski
 (by Bernadine)
 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS—2:15 PM—HOLY CHILD CHURCH
 FIRST FRIDAYS—9:00 AM—HOLY CHILD 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.*
Sanctuary Light Intentions, Week of October 15– 21:

Saint Mary's: living and deceased Parishioners

Holy Child: † George Kump (by Anita)

Contact the Parish Office for a Sanctuary Light intention.

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED OCT 2 -8, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,369.00
Loose	544.00
Church Dues	20.00
Fuel	55.00
Votives	17.00
Religious Education	20.00
Bequests	100.00
Total:	<u>\$4,125.00</u>
Care and Education of Priests	50.00
World Mission Sunday	120.00

Thank you for your continued support!



Pray the Rosary Every Day

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 Faber	* Richard Niemczyk
* Bernice Frederick	* Ethel Sandstrom
* Catherine Gallagher	* Lori Sherant
* Tom MacBlane	* Kenneth Simpson
* Tony Lupkowski	* Yolanda Tacka
* Jane Mahonski	

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 10/15	Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Phil 4:12-14,19,20 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Mon 10/16	Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98: 1-4 Lk 11:29-32
Tue 10/17	Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41
Wed 10/18	2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13,17,18 Lk 10:1-9
Thu 10/19	Rom 3:21-20 Ps 130:1-6 Lk 11:47-54
Fri 10/20	Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1,2,5,11 Lk 12:1-7
Sat 10/21	Rom 4:13,16-18 Ps 105:6-9,42,43 Lk 12:8-12
Sun 10/22	Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

MARIAN MINISTRIES
AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION: "IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD"
WITH MARY CLARE HALLMAN

The Afternoon of Reflection was a lovely, Spirit-filled event for all in attendance. Thanks to the Marian Ministries Team (Laurie Coffee, Danette Kerestes, BJ Butler, Theresa Delmotte, Caprice Evans, and Linda Sampson.) Thanks to Fr. Jacek and Fr. Bryan, St. Peter's Staff (Melissa, Connie, and Rob), Chris Troncone (our intercessor), Betsy and Dan Gordon (table decorations), Tom Sampson (Sacristan), Christina Simonis (music), Norb Josten (background music), and Custom Catering (the delicious meal). Special thanks to Mary Clare Hallman for breaking bread with us.



CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES:
THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CONFIRMATION

In the Holy Catholic Church, Confirmation is one of three **character sacraments**: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. To best explain what this means, it is best to discuss the root of the words. **Sacrament** comes from the Latin word *Sacramentum*, meaning *sacred oath*. **Character** is the Greek word for *brand*. In character sacraments, we are branded with an indelible mark that signifies our place in the Church. It is not something that can be undone, or even replicated (just as we can only have one valid Baptism).

The Church is not just a club or organization; it is an eternal establishment that you pledge yourself to. At your baptism, your Godparents promised to guide you to Christ; your confirmation is your fulfillment of that promise. You choose—of your own free will—to keep that promise and enter the shared priesthood of Christ.

In Confirmation, several powerful things are happening:

First... taking a new name. When someone in the Bible receives a new name, we know it is a sign of importance, of a mission bestowed. Jacob becomes Israel, Simon becomes Peter, Saul becomes Paul...and many more. For our Confirmation name, we choose a particular Saint's name. Maybe they share a feast day that is important to us; maybe they share a grandparent's name; or maybe they are Patron of something inspiring or important to us. Sometimes it seems our Saints choose us, based on the mission God has in store for us. By taking a new name, we accept God's mission for us.

Second... Confirmation connects us to the whole Church, the whole *history* of the Church. As the Bishop lays his hands on us, we become the next link in an unbroken chain of "Laying on of Hands" stretching all the way back to Jesus. This is not merely traditional symbolism, but literal... as real as your family lineage stretches back to the beginning of humanity. As Jesus laid His hands on Simon and called him Peter, Peter laid his hands on every man he Anointed as a Bishop. Each following generation of Bishops were Anointed by the Bishop preceding them...a truly powerful conduit of our history, our sacramental genealogy, and our faith.

Third... Confirmation is our participation in Pentecost, when, after Jesus ascended into heaven, He fulfilled His promise to His disciples by sending the Holy Spirit down upon them as tongues of fire, which burned within them (another reference to "branding") and enabled them to carry out the mission God laid out for them. Accordingly, Confirmandi can expect God to grant them the tools to carry out their mission. This is not to say that it will be easy or without pain. Recall that all the Apostles except John the Beloved died as Martyrs.



As such, **Confirmation is associated with the color RED and the dove of the Holy Spirit**, in reference to its connection with Pentecost and because "Confirmation season" coincides with the Easter Liturgical Season.

We should all take this opportunity to reflect on our own Confirmation and the mission God called us to do. Perhaps we should spend time in prayer discerning what next we are called to do.

Your Brother in Christ, ~Z. Buck (Catechist)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



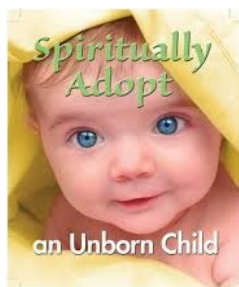
Oct 15: Bible Study: *Jesus & the End Times*
 Oct 17-19: No Daily Masses
 Oct 22: Bible Study: *Jesus & the End Times*
 Oct 23-27: No Daily Masses
 Nov 1: Parish Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
 Nov 2: Pastoral Council starting w/ 6pm Mass, Holy Child
 Nov 5: Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Nov 10: Veterans Pot Luck Dinner, starting with 6:00 pm Mass at Holy Child Church
 Nov 14: Ladies Guild, 7 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Nov 16: Knights of Columbus, 6pm, Holy Child
 Nov 25: Remembrance Tea for Ann Monaghan, Holy Child
 Dec 3: Family Advent Wreath-Making, 10am, Holy Child
 Dec 3: Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall

ATTENTION: SNOW BIRDS

Any Parishioners planning to be away for the Winter months... please contact the Parish Office at 570-662-3568.

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!



“For thou hast possessed my reins; thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.” —Psalm 139:13-14

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 gratefully accepted.



SEEDS OF HOPE

SEEDS OF HOPE requests: **shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, 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!

LADIES GUILD — KITCHEN HELP WANTED

Ladies Guild is seeking strong volunteers to help in the kitchen during Funeral Luncheons (following Funeral Masses). Volunteers will need to lift heavy trays and pans of food. Please contact Patty Hutcherson at 570-662-2034. Thank you!

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

Ask not what your church can do for you. Ask what you can do for your church! Ok not an exact quote from a famous former presidential speech but you get the idea. Were you aware that volunteering was good for your health? It improves your mental functioning, helps your immune system as well as improves your mood. Remember the Gospel reading of the distribution of the talents to the three servants? In that story it is talking of money, but “talents” also refers to your natural aptitude or skills. Using those skills and talents to benefit others is what volunteering is all about. So as the seasons change look around your church community and see where you might help. There are many ministries that need all sorts of help. Become involved and reap the healthful benefits too.

DIABETIC AND USING INSULIN? NEED COVID TESTS?

Health Ministry has free testing supplies for diabetics. Call Dotty 662-2057. Free COVID tests can be requested online at: <http://special.usps.com/testkits>.

HOMELESS SHELTER CONSTRUCTION— NEED VOLUNTEERS

Tioga County Homeless Initiative is seeking any individual or group to assist at any time in construction of the new homeless shelter. They have a workday set up for Saturday October 21st from 8am until 4pm. They need assistance with installing insulation, hanging dry wall, painting, wood working, flooring, interior design, and organization. If you are interested, please call Matt Neclerio at 808-551-8845.



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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:

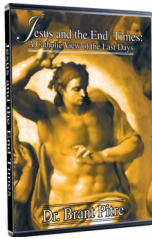
2023: November 4th

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.



**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.



WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2023

ST. LUKE THE ARTIST | SACRED ART



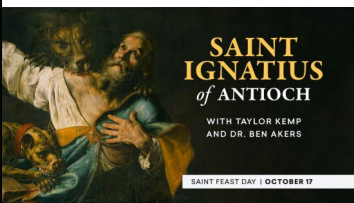
Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden’s painting, “Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin,” artistry, and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.

SAINT TERESA OF AVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE



Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH | CATHOLIC SAINTS



Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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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.

**Heart of Tioga
3rd Annual Banquet**



Heart to Heart

Saturday, October 21, 2023

5:00pm

Church of the New Covenant, 310 Extension St. Mansfield

Guest Speaker -

Dr. Mark Hamby,

Founder & President of Lamplighter Ministries

TO REGISTER CALL

570-439-2514

or for more information

Heart of Tioga 14072 Route 6 Mansfield PA 16933 570-948-2020
heartoftioga@gmail.com www.heartoftioga.org

Leave a Mark
2023

**A GATHERING OF YOUNG ADULTS
(18-40) WITH BISHOP BAMBERA**

11/05/23

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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.



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reserved in the
Tabernacle.

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