

Holy Child Church 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 11:15 am

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 29, 2023



Reverend Bryan B. Wright,

Pastor



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

WEEKEND MASS Sunday 9:00 am

PARISH RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:30am - 2:30pm 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	e Parish Office.

<u>Matrimony</u>: Couples should contact their Pastor at least six 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.

<u>New Parishioners:</u> 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.





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

Financial Secretary: Darlene Buck 570-662-3568 Secretary: Cara Clementi 570-662-3568 Cemeteries Manager: Cleo Warren 570-662-3568 Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck 570-540-1332 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: Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057

"Spare a Prayer" Prayer Chain: Maryjane Seifried Dotty Welsh 570-549-7550 570-662-2057 seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com dhjrw@ptd.net

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





Sun

10/29

Mon

10/30 Tue

10/31 Wed

11/1

Thu

11/2

Fri

11/3 Sat

11/4

Sun

11/5

Ex 22:20-26

Rom 8:12-17

Rom 8:18-25

Rv 7:2-4,9-14

Rom 9:1-5

Wis 3:1-9

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ps 23:1-6

Mal 1:14b-2:2b.8-10

1 Thes 2:7b-9,13

Ps 18:2-4,47.51

Mt 22:34-40

Ps 68:2,4,6-7,20-21

Ps 126:1-6

Mt 5:1-12a

Jn 6:37-40 / 1011-1016

Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29 Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,17-18 Lk 14:1,7-11

Ps 147:12-15,19-20

Ps 24:1bc-4b,5-6

1 Thes 1:5c-10

Lk 13:18-21

Rom 5:5-11 / Rom 6:3-9

Ps 131:1-3

Mt 23:1-12

Lk 13:10-17

1 Jn 3:1-3

Lk 14:1-6

Saint Mary's: † Richard Morley (by the Family) Holy Child: † Milukas Family (by Bernie & Marie Sabol) Contact the Parish Office for a Sanctuary Light intention.

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED OCT	16 -22, 2023
Sunday Envelopes	\$4,597.00
Loose	455.00
World Mission Sunday	705.00
Fuel	609.00
All Saints, All Souls	46.00
Care and Education of Priests	120.00
Church Dues	341.00
Thanksgiving	5.00
Christmas, Christmas Flowers	10.00
Religious retirement	5.00
Initial offering	20.00
Cemeteries	<u>5.00</u>
Total:	\$6,918.00
Thank you for your continued s	support!

SCENTED CANDLE SALE



... just in time for Thanksgiving! Half of all proceeds will go to our Parish!

Candles are \$15.00 each (payable to Holy Child Parish).

Order Forms are available in each church.

Please return order forms and payment to the Parish Office

by Sunday, November 5th.

Purchased candles will be available for pick-up before Thanksgiving (day, time, and location to be determined).

<u>Gobble Up the Cash Raffle</u>

Cash Prizes:

1st - \$500.00

- 2nd \$200.00
- 3rd \$100.00
- 4th \$100.00



5th - \$50.00 6th - \$50.00



Donation: \$5.00 per ticket

Extra tickets are available in the Parish Office. Please return tickets and donations to the Parish Office

by Sunday, November 12th.

Drawing is Tuesday, November 14th!

Thank you for supporting our Parish!

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



HOLY CHILD PARISH ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Volunteers are needed for this special event. If you would like to help in any way please fill out the volunteer form below and drop it in the collection basket or call the office.

JOIN US FOR DINNER!

Please fill out the reservation form below and drop it in the collection basket or call the office if you would like to eat with us from 12-2 or prefer to pick-up your meal. For the homebound, delivery is available to the Mansfield, Covington and Blossburg areas.

Reservations Due by Monday, November 20th.

YES! I/we would like to volunteer for Thanksgiving dinner.

NAME:

Phone #:

make a dessert (please bring to hall by 9 AM Thanksgiving morning. Door will be unlocked during business hours on Wednesday as well.)

prepare for dinner (8-10) (10-12)

deliver meals (arrive by 10:30)

____ serve 12-2

clean-up starting at 2 PM

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YES! I/we would like to join you for Thanksgiving dinner.

NAME:

Phone:

in party:

dine-in

____ pick-up (11 - 11:30)

delivery

Delivery address:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Oct 29: Bible Study: *End Times* (session 4/8) Nov 1: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, HolyChild Hall
- Nov 2: Pastoral Council, 6:00 pm, Holy Child
- Nov 5: Bible Study: *End Times* (session 5/8)
- Nov 5: Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
- Nov 9: Parish Finance Council, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Ha
- Nov 10: Veterans' Pot Luck Dinner, starting with 6:00 pm Mass at Holy Child Church
- Nov 12: Bible Study: *End Times* (session 6/8)
- Nov 14: Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall
- Nov 16: Knights of Columbus, 6:00 pm, Holy Child
- Nov 19: Bible Study: End Times (session 7/8)
- Nov 23: Parish Thanksgiving Dinner (reservations due 11/20)
- Nov 29: Bible Study: End Times (session 8/8)
- Dec 3: Family Advent Wreath-Making, 10am, Holy Child
- Dec 3: Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
- Dec 6: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
- Dec 12: Ladies Guild Dinner, 6:00 pm, Lambs Creek Inn
- Dec 21: Knights of Columbus Assembly, 6pm, Holy Child



New Meeting Time:

<u>6:00 pm</u> Second Tuesday of Each Month

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR MEMBERS:

Dec 12th, 6:00 pm @ Lambs Creek Inn

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 Hutcheson at 570-662-2034. Thank you!

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES



Two questions for you! I know—a test at this time of day? Really?! You must be kidding! Not kidding, and this could be serious. *Is your medicine stored in the medicine cabinet in the bathroom*? If so, get the medicine out of the high humidity area of the bathroom. Humidity can cause a breakdown of the active ingredients in the medication. *Do you*

have outdated, unused medications that you keep just in case? If any medicine has been discontinued by your physician or has expired, you need to dispose of them. So, what to do? Flushing medicine down the toilet is not recommended especially for prescription drugs. Pharmacies cannot take medication back once they have been dispensed. One option is to take the medication out of its original container and mix it with an undesirable substance such as coffee grounds or kitty litter. You can add hot water to the resealable container and place in an empty resealable container for disposal. The empty medication bottle should have the label removed or information scratched out before disposal. This helps protect your identity and private health information. Don't share the medicines with a friend or neighbor. A drug that works for you could be dangerous for someone else. When in doubt about proper disposal of any medication (prescription or over the counter medication) talk to your pharmacist.



SAMARITAN HOUSE NEEDS YOU!

Since 1998, Samaritan House of Wellsboro has offered residence to persons receiving hospice care in the last stages of their lives. Our volunteers provide comfort and care to guests and their families in cooperation with UPMC Hospice.

The time and talents of many enable the ministry of Samaritan House. Volunteers are our greatest resource. The opportunity to share another's precious last days of living is a privilege and a blessing.

We are in need of volunteers. Please consider this worthy opportunity. Go to <u>www.samaritanhouseofwellsboro.org</u> for more information. THANK YOU!!



CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES | CATHOLIC ORIGINS OF "HALLOWE'EN"

It all started in 741 when the Feast of All Saints was moved from May 13th to November 1st to coincide with the dedication of the All Saints chapel at St. Peter's in Rome. In the 840s, a Papal decree moved it to a global celebration. In the language of the time, *hallow* was used the same way we use *Saint* today; in fact, it is a Germanic term for *holy*. We still use it in a limited way today in The Lord's Prayer—"hallowed be thy name" simply means "may your name be holy." *Hallows* are souls already in heaven. Just as with other important liturgical feasts, preparation occurred on the day before and became a celebration itself. *All Hallows Even*—with "even" being in the same family of words as *eve* and *evening*—became *Hallowe'en*. That covers pretty cleanly where the name of the holiday comes from (the etymology)... but how did it come to be associated with evil?

In 998, the man who would become Saint Odilo, Patron Saint of the souls in Purgatory, was Abbot of the Monastery of Cluny in southern France. Odilo designated November 2nd as a day to pray for "All Souls" in Purgatory. Soon after, this feast day spread to the rest of Europe. It seems the Irish laity began celebrating a feast in remembrance of the souls in hell, and although it was not added to the liturgical calendar, the tradition followed them to the New World. There, Irish Catholics lived in communities and intermarried with French Catholics, who had a tradition of dressing up for the *danse macabre* (dance of death) on



All Souls Day as a *me-mento mori* (remember your death). The French tradition focused on our individual mortality rather than a fear of those in hell as was the Irish tradition. Even at this time, however, inclusion of demons, monsters, and witches was unheard of,

and are a much later addition to our understanding of the day. Witches seem to have been added by Halloween themed greeting cards in the late 1800s, with the advent of reliable mail! The jack-o'-lantern was added in the same time period by misguided folklorists conflating ancient Celtic harvest festivals and the Catholic Holiday, re-imagining the carved turnip lamps for pumpkins of the new world.

Simply stated, Halloween was never about a glorification of evil. Even if some details are more akin to pious legend than to historically provable fact, there is even less evidence for an ancient pagan origin to the evil seen in today's secular Halloween celebrations. So, how do we navigate this distortion?

First we should consider that the horrendous evil and demonic influence seen today *is* secular and *is* a distortion of Halloween. Dressing as a superhero or even a monster is not intrinsically evil, but we must shy away from costumes or activities that glorify sins and evil. I don't need to get too graphic for folks to understand what these glorified sins might be. As long as we guide our children and ourselves in understanding that dressing up is just that—dressing up and playing. We all have to decide for ourselves and our family what is appropriate for our faith, but also to guard against scrupulosity out of fear or misunderstanding of the origins and true meaning of the celebration.

Just like other Holy Days of obligation, there are liturgical adjustments that take place on Halloween. The Liturgy of the Hours, for example, recognizes Halloween as a valid option to satisfy the obligation for All Souls Day.

Whether you dress up, go trick-or-treating, attend a party, or eschew the secular celebration altogether, at least ensure you set aside some time to pray for, and reflect on, the Saints in Heaven and the Souls in Purgatory over these important feast days and their vigils. The Your Brother in Christ, ~Z. Buck (catechist)

Marian Ministries Rejoice! Advent Book Study



This book takes readers through the four weeks of Advent in the company of Mary. The reflections are simple but thoughtprovoking.

As in the past, we'll form an online community for sharing and discussion. This year, Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Books will be provided.

If you would like to join this prayer and study group, use the sign-up sheet at Holy Child or St. Mary's or email Marian Minis-

tries at <u>marian-ministries@outlook.com</u> by **Monday**, November 20th. For more information, call or text Linda Sampson (570-404-2180).

REJOICE! "lets you walk beside Mary during the first Advent [and] get to know her in a way you haven't before. It offers more than insights and information about Mary's life—it offers an opportunity for you to encounter Mary in the quiet of your heart. Each day, in a few short pages, Fr. Toups provides you with aids to help guide your prayer:

A word - Focus on a single word each day to draw out the details, the specifics of who Our Lady is.

A reflection - Learn more about Mary, the culture in which she was raised, and the world in which she lived.

A Psalm - Each day, you're given a Psalm to pray (just as Mary would have prayed) to help you enter into prayer.

A reading - In reading Scripture, the Word of God brings you closer to Mary, who carried the Word in her body.

A prompt - Space is provided each day to journal. Record how the Lord is speaking to you this Advent."

LIVING ROSARY CELEBRATION

Marian Ministries invites you to our Living Rosary Celebration on November 4th at St. Mary's in Blossburg around 11 AM (following the 9:30 AM First Saturday Mass, Adoration, Confession, and Benediction). Coffee, tea, & brunch items will be served. Please join us! All are welcome.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

On **Saturday, January 6th**, we'll host an Epiphany Celebration at St. Mary's following the First Saturday Mass. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.



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" 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 29th after the 11:15am Mass.



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



"Pray the Rosary Daily to Obtain Peace for the World." -Our Lady of Fatima



There are free rosary beads available in the vestibule of Holy Child Church. FORMED has a wealth of information on the Rosary. Check out the 30 minute video, "How and Why to Pray the Rosary."



ATTENTION: SNOW BIRDS Any Parishioners planning to be away for the Winter months please contact the Parish Office 570-662-3568. Thank you!

DONATIONS REQUESTED

MANSFIELD SHOE BANK (First United Methodist Church of Mansfield, 67 E. Wellsboro St) requests financial donations. Thank you!



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 TCDHS, providing basic needs to maintain and reunify families in crisis. SEEDs can provide diapers, clothing, hygiene, food, and transportation for necessary appointments. Beds and bedding for children is also a priority. Thank you!

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.

FORMED W

WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2023

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: THE GOOD SHEPHERD



One of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome, he chose the great challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, in the service of his flock.

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS | SACRED ART



Dr. Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss Giusto de'Menabuoi's "Paradise" and how the saints give us hope by showing us that holiness is possible.

BROTHER FRANCIS—ALL SOULS' DAY



In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls' Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

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

Daily Mass Schedule (subject to change) Monday & Tuesday, 12:10 pm, Saint Mai Thursday, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Friday, 8:30 am, Holy Child	Daily Mass Schedule (subject to change) Monday & Tuesday, 12:10 pm, Saint Mary's Thursday, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Friday, 8:30 am, Holy Child	Novembe	er 2023	Ist Friday: 8 am Adoration 8:30 am Mass, Holy Child Church, followed by Adoration (Confession available during Adoration)		Ist Saturday: 9:30 am Mass, St. Mary's Church, followed by Adoration (Confession available during Adoration)
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