

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023



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

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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 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.

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

Saint Mary's:

8:30 am Sunday

11:30 am Monday & Tuesday

Holy Child:

10:45 am Sunday 5:15 pm Thursday

8:00 am Friday

3:00 pm Saturday

Parish Contacts

Financial Secretary: Darlene Buck 570-662-3568

Secretary: Cara Clementi 570-662-3568

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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

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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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ prior to all Masses ~



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Daily Mass schedule is subject to change

Saturday, November 4 Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop 9:30 am, St. Mary's (First Saturday): † Bishop Timlin

(by Anna Bogacyzk)

VIGIL, 31st SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, November 5 31st Sunday, Ordinary Time

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † George & Marion Snyder (by Niece)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Bob Swinsick (by Helen)

Monday, November 6 Weekday

10:00 am Funeral Mass, Holy Child: † Eugene Fessler

Tuesday, November 7

Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Teodozia Kozlowski

(by The Cecere Family)

Wednesday, November 8
No Mass

Weekday

Thursday, November 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Mary Ellen Snow (by The Minnich Family)

Friday, November 10
Saint Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church
10:00 am Funeral Mass, Holy Child: † James Parnick, Sr.
6:00 pm Veterans Mass, Holy Child: † Theresa Haven

(by Ann Monaghan)

Saturday, November 11 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop VIGIL, 32ND SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Kaleigh Diehl (by Ann & Andrew Kulick)

Sunday, November 12 32ND SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † August Steve Hurban

(by Doug & Kathy Draxler)

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

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The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the Real Presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.

Sanctuary Light Intentions, Week of November 5–11:

Saint Mary's: † Erma & Edward Stanley (by the Family)
Holy Child: † Parishioners

Contact the Parish Office for a Sanctuary Light intention.

Parish (Offerings Received	OCT 23 –29, 2023
Sunday	Envelopes	\$2,687.00

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Loose	440.61
Fuel	25.00
Votives	38.00
Holy Days	88.00
Thanksgiving	<u>10.00</u>
Total:	\$3,288.61
Cemetery Maintenance	5.00
World Mission Sunday	35.00
Care & Education of Priests	10.00

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

* Catherine Gallagher

- * Christopher Mortensen
- * Richard Faber
- * Richard Niemczyk
- * Bernice Frederick
- * Ethel Sandstrom
- * Tom MacBlane
- * Lori Sherant
- · Tom Macbiane
- * Kenneth Simpson * Yolanda Tacka
- * Tony Lupkowski

* 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



Eugene Fessler
James Parnick, Sr.

SCRIPTURE READINGS		
Sun	Mal 1:14b-2:2b,8-10 Ps 131:1-3	
11/5	1 Thes 2:7b-9,13 Mt 23:1-12	
Mon	Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36	
11/6	Lk 14:12-14	
Tue	Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1cde,2-3	
11/7	Lk 14:15-24	
Wed	Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2,4-5,9	
11/8	Lk 14:25-33	
Thu	Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9	
11/9	1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22	
Fri	Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4	
11/10	Lk 16:1-8	
Sat	Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27 Ps 145:2-5,10-11	
11/11	Lk 16:9-15	
Sun	Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1Thes 4:13-18	
11/12	Mt 25:1-13	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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), 12:30 HC Hall

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), 12:30 HC Hall

Nov 23: Parish Thanksgiving Dinner (reservations due 11/20)

Dec 3: Family Advent Wreath-Making, 10am, Holy Child

Dec 3: Bible Study: End Times (session 8/8), 12:30 HC Hall

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

Parish Fundraisers



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).

GOBBLE UP THE CASH RAFFLE

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!



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
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:
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ATTENTION: SNOW BIRDS



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





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 mean-

ing 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 November 5th after the 11:15am Mass.



DISCOVERING CHRIST

SEARCHING FOR MORE? QUESTIONS WORTH ASKING:

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*. 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

FORMED

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023

St. Leo the Great | Catholic Saints



Join Drs. Akers and Vennerstrom as they discuss St. Leo the Great, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon.

INCREDIBLE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES W/ FR. SPITZER



Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! Fr. Robert Spitzer tells us about the incredible science behind them.

THE CHURCH NEEDS MORE SAINTS | JASON EVERT SEEK23



Using the example of Pope St. John Paul II, Jason discusses the importance of interior life in the mission of evangelization to which all Christians are called.

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NEW MEETING TIME:

6:00 pm

Second Tuesday of Each Month

STRONG VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Strong volunteers needed to lift heavy trays and pans of food for Funeral Luncheons. Please contact Patty Hutcheson at 570-662-2034. Thank you!

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

Sleep and weight loss? Not in any way connected, right? Wrong! Your sleep habits and sleep patterns are very connected to weight loss and healthy living. Constant exposure to light



disrupts sleep patterns and puts you at a much greater risk of weight gain. Not getting enough dark time each day also suppresses the sleep hormone melatonin. Now here's the catch: Your body produces this sandman hormone only when it's dark. Any light - whether it's from the TV or the bathroom night light down the hall - will slow or stop the hormone production. Ever have trouble sleeping on a full moon night with moonlight streaming in the window through a crack in the curtains? Same thing. Blue light from your electronic devices is proving to be a major cause of fitful sleep. And after a bad night of sleep the first thing you want is something sweet to start your tired engines. See the weight gain pattern here? So, what to do? Some helpful hints include using room darkening curtains. Wearing a sleep mask to block out light. Place electronic devices in another room. Getting a good night's sleep is essential in more ways than one. So, pleasant dreams!



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

THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE will have a work party on Saturday, November 11 to complete the dry wall installation (muddying and taping) in new dormitory. All volunteers are welcome. Give an hour or 2. Make a difference Location is 2850 Charlestown Road, west of the fairgrounds.





a miracle he is!

Annual Mass Honoring Our Veterans will be November 10th at 6:00 pm followed by a **POTLUCK DINNER** in the church hall. Everyone is invited! Call 662-2057 (the Welshes) for more information.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION—MONTH THREE

Your baby is quite active in the womb now-although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow, and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He obtains the oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce. What

"Lord God, you are the author of life. We are in awe and wonder at this tiny life that is forming in the womb. We, the spiritual adoption prayer warriors continue to pray to you for their health and safety."



CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES |

WHY DOES GOD "ALLOW" FOR "BAD" THINGS TO HAPPEN?

God gives us free will. He gives us freedom to choose good or not. God cannot create humans with free will and then limit them to choosing good. C.S. Lewis said, "If you choose to say 'God can give a creature free will and at the same time withhold free will from it,' you have not succeeded in saying anything about God." God wills only good for us (His Perfect Will), but He permits the consequences of our decisions (His Permissive Will).

Chaos exists in this world because of human free will. We are a fallen race. Being free to choose, humanity often turns away from choosing "good." We choose "easy." We choose sin. Few people make a conscious choice of "evil," but we choose to justify our own brokenness. That brokenness has caused much of the pain and suffering in this world. Choosing against goodness, against holiness, against grace…leaves an opening for evil.



Animals don't have the gift of free will, and are essentially run by their base instincts, reacting mindlessly to danger, hunger, and a desire to reproduce. It's certainly not God's *desire* for humans to act exclusively on base instinct, though it may bring at least temporary joy to the fallen.

We are in this world to explore God's love. Those explorations often lead off the path of God's desire for us. Luckily for us, this does not lead us away from God's love but closer to it. Let me explain... God *desires* the best for us. He loves us more than we can know in this life. Our brokenness is not something He desires for us. He desires for us to be close to Him, to follow His will, and accept His Grace.

It's difficult to understand God's unconditional love for us. As children, we receive our parents unconditional love, but we may not understand the depth and fullness of it. I remember my father telling me as a young boy that he would gladly take on my illness for himself—a statement I have found myself echoing to my own children (though they may doubt my sincerity as, to them, it is an easy deal to make without means to make good on it...). My son Charles always responds, "I love you more than you love me!" when I tuck him in for the night.

As recipients, we are unable to fully realize love poured out for us. I wish I could explain to my children how their pain is more painful to me than any pain I've experienced. I can pray for their understanding, but I expect that they—like me—will be

unable to fully understand until they have families of their own, either as parents or as spiritual mothers or fathers if they choose the religious life.

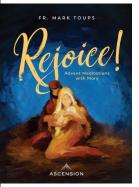
How is it that I know my unconditional love for my children grows stronger every time it's challenged, but I still cannot not wrap my mind around God's love for me? If God is all-powerful and all-loving, why do bad things happen? To good people?

The simple fact is that we lack the adequacy to understand the fullness of God's omnipotence. We can't truly see the bigger picture. God's power allows him to bring goodness out of evil in ways we can't comprehend. Most who believe in God believe he did not create us or offer us salvation merely so we can live a carefree life in this world, but to prepare us for happiness in eternity with him in the next life. With His Grace, I will see you there.

♦ 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 thought-provoking.

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 Ministries 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."

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.

"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."



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Reminder for Funerals...

Eulogies are permitted during:

- ◆Funeral home vigil services
- ◆Graveside committal services
- **♦** Luncheons after Funeral Masses

Eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses (CCC1688). Thank you.

Book Recommendation from Father Bryan...

A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward

By Ralph Martin

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





The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle.

Please help to maintain a prayerful

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!

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