



Holy Child Church
240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Reverend Bryan B. Wright,
Pastor

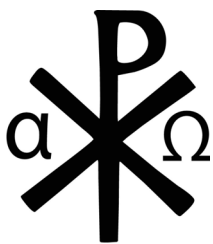


Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church
144 St Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

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

WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY 9:00 AM

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 19, 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
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 six 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

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

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

570-549-7550

seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com

Dotty Welsh

570-662-2057

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

Saturday, November 18

VIGIL, 33RD SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, November 19

33RD SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † John & Veronica Manikowski

(by The Family)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Charlene Ploucha (by Paul & Adam)

Monday, November 20

Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Bill Douglas & Michael Winder

(by The Family)

Tuesday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Joyce Bixby (by Scott & Dawn Egan)

Wednesday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

No Mass

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am, Holy Child: † James Edel Hauck (by Dad)

Friday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Martyr,

No Mass

& Companions

Saturday, November 25

VIGIL, CHRIST THE KING

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Floyd & Isabelle Harzinski

(by Patty & Kathy)

Sunday, November 26

CHRIST THE KING

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † George & Cecilia Kotalik

(by Terry Faber)

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 November 19–25:

Saint Mary's: † Gary Ruberto (by the Family)

Holy Child: † Parishioners

Contact the Parish Office for a Sanctuary Light intention.

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED NOV 6 –NOV 12, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,954.00
All Saints	25.00
Loose	601.00
Candles	55.00
Thanksgiving Dinner Donation	200.00
Thanksgiving	10.00
Total:	\$4,845.00
Cemetery Maintenance	325.00
Care & Education of Priests	246.00
Campaign for Human Development	6.00

Thank you for your ongoing 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 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**



**Estro Volpe
Eugene Fessler
James Parnick, Sr.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 11/19	Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30
Mon 11/20	1 Mac 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158 Lk 18:35-43
Tue 11/21	2 Mac 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10
Wed 11/22	2 Mac 7:1,20-31 Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15 Lk 19:11-28
Thu 11/23	Sir 50:22-24 Ps 138:1-5 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19
Fri 11/24	1 Mac 4:36-37,52-59 1 Chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48
Sat 11/25	1 Mac 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19 Lk 20:27-40
Sun 11/26	Eze 34:11-12,15-17 Ps 23:1-3,5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Nov 19: Bible Study: *End Times* (part 7/8), 12:30
 Nov 23: Parish Thanksgiving Dinner (reservations due 11/20)
 Dec 3: Family Advent Wreath-Making, 10am, Holy Child
 Dec 3: Bible Study: *End Times* (part 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 10: Special Lectio: Our Lady of Guadalupe, by Cathy Asbury, 12:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Dec 12: Ladies Guild Dinner, 6:00 pm, Lambs Creek Inn



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

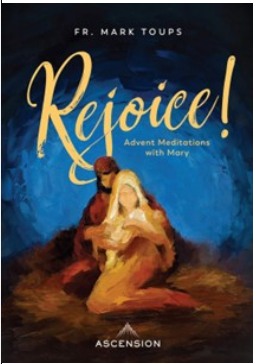
Join us **this Sunday, November 19th** following the **11:15am Mass** for refreshments and episode 7 (of 8) of Brant Pitre's *Jesus and the End Times*.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



If you've never heard (or don't recall) the amazing story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, you might've seen her incredible image. The details of this appearance by Our Lady in Mexico are beautiful and miraculous. Please join us for refreshments and a special presentation by Cathy Asbury on Sunday, **December 10th, following the 11:15 Mass**. You will gain a new appreciation and love for Our Lady and her gifts to us at Guadalupe... just in time for her Feast Day!

MARIAN MINISTRIES | REJOICE! ADVENT BOOK STUDY



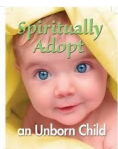
This book takes readers through the four weeks of Advent in the company of Mary. The reflections are simple but thought-provoking. As in the past, we'll form an online community for sharing & discussion. This year, Advent begins **Sunday, 12/3**.

Books will be provided. If you would like to join this prayer and study group, use the sign-up sheets in our churches or email Marian Ministries by **this Monday, November 20th** at marian-ministries@outlook.com. For more information, call or text Linda Sampson at 570-404-2180.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE PREBORN—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 a miracle he is!

"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 ask for their health and safety."



HOLY CHILD PARISH

20TH ANNUAL

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

~ Free, Open to the Community ~

To volunteer... or to reserve a meal... please fill out the appropriate form below and drop it in the collection basket, or call the Parish Office at 570-662-3568.

RESERVATIONS DUE THIS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

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

NAME: _____

Phone #: _____

____ make a dessert (please bring to HolyChildHall by 9am 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 reserve meal(s) for Thanksgiving!

NAME: _____

Phone: _____

in party: _____

____ delivery (~10:30-11 am Mansfield, Covington, Blossburg)

____ pick-up (11:00—11:30 am in Holy Child Hall)

____ dine-in (12:00—2:00 pm in Holy Child Hall)

Delivery address: _____



VETERANS MEMORIAL MASS AND DINNER BY TOM SOCHA

Father Bryan Wright celebrated the Annual Tioga County Veterans Day Memorial Mass on Friday, November 10 at Holy Child Church in Mansfield.

The entrance procession was led by flag bearers Connie Penner, Carl Smith, Roger Reiss, Tom Socha, Scott Dimarco, and Charles Brennan, representing the five major branches of the armed services and the American flag.

Tom Wierbowski, just returned and recuperating from surgery, was the organist and song leader, while Carl Smith served as lector. During his homily, Father Wright advised us to pray for those affected by war and to keep our soldiers safe as they fight to protect our freedoms.

During the Offertory, members of the congregation were invited to call out the names of present and past family veterans and give their period of service.

After the Mass, the congregation and participants were invited to the church hall for a potluck dinner with the main entrée by Chef Joe Welsh. Dotty Welsh, organizer of the annual event, had high praise for those who helped serve the delicious dinner: Rita Hanson, Patty Hutcheson, & Linda Brown.

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES



Baby, it's cold out there! As Winter approaches, we all begin preparing for colder weather by dragging the mittens, hats, gloves, and heavy coats out of our closets. But what about our outdoor pets? Granted, there are some, like my horse, that I do not want to bring inside. So, what to do for our furry friends that must stay outdoors. First

of all, be sure they have a water source that is fresh and clean. Cold air will draw moisture from a body, making it harder to stay warm. Next, be sure your animals have a shelter that they can enter easily when rain or snow falls. Allow plenty of extra bedding to act as insulation to aid in maintaining warmth. Increasing their food, mainly proteins, during frigid weather will provide extra warmth also. Just as hibernating animals add a layer of fat to fight the cold weather, your pets need to do the same even though they don't sleep all winter. But remember that we do not need to add an extra layer of fat over the winter months to keep us warm! Darn, I knew there was a catch to the holiday eating I planned to do.

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



VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, a pastoral visit, or a mailed bulletin, 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.



MATTHEW 25 (BLOSSBURG UMC) FOOD PANTRY

NEEDS YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS

The Matthew 25 Food Pantry in Blossburg is requesting financial donations to provide Thanksgiving dinners for local families. Each family gets a meat voucher to be used at Bloss Holiday Market, and non-perishable items, juice, milk, eggs, frozen foods, fresh produce, and baked goods. Checks can be made to the Matthew 25 Food Pantry and placed in the Holy Child Parish collection basket or Parish Office.



NEW MEETING TIME:

6:00 pm

Second Tuesday of Each Month

STRONG VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

...to lift heavy trays and pans of food for Funeral Lunchcons. Contact Patty Hutcheson at 570-662-2034. Thank you!

GET WELL SOON, ANITA KUMP!



If you would like to send a get-well card, please send to:

Anita Kump
Geisinger Medical Center
100 N. Academy Ave.
Danville, PA 17822

GOBBLE UP THE CASH CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!

1st - \$500.00	Bob Heck
2nd - \$200.00	Donald Nicholas
3rd - \$100.00	Jim & Lillian Fox
4th - \$100.00	Erin Roupp
5th - \$50.00	Amy Farrer
6th - \$50.00	Samie Wilcox

Congratulations !

Thank you to everyone who supported our Parish through this fundraiser!



Ladies Guild Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 12th
6:00 pm at Lambs Creek Inn

Call Patty at 570-662-2034 if you are
interested in going.



*Giving Trees will be placed in
both of our churches.
Return dates for unwrapped
gifts are on the tags.
Thank you for
your generosity to
local families in need.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. CHRIS HAW, UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON



Thursday,
December 7th
7:00 PM

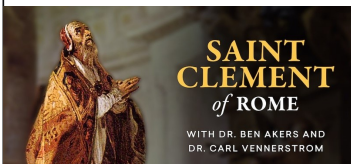
St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.**

THIS WEEK ON
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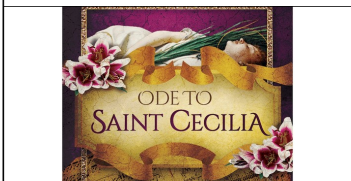
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023

ST. CLEMENT OF ROME | CATHOLIC SAINTS



Sit down with Drs. Akers and
Vennerstrom as they discuss
Pope St. Clement of Rome, who
was an early Church Father and
third successor to St. Peter.

ODE TO SAINT CECILIA



The lives of the saints are epic
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sions of God's grace in humani-
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OUR MOTHER MARY



What is Mariology? Learn about
this fascinating topic with Dr.
Miravalle, St. John Paul II Chair
of Mariology at Franciscan Uni-
versity of Steubenville.

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Saturday, November 25th and Sunday November 26th

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158 miracles from over 22 Countries that have occurred over
the centuries and been approved by the Catholic Church.

**Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition and Chapel Open House will
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**The Eucharist will be transferred for the first time into the
adoration chapel after the 11:30 AM Mass.**

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LOCATION: QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PARISH
715 HAWTHORNE STREET, AVOCA, PA

DATE: NOVEMBER 26 TIME: 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
BEGINS AFTER 10 AM MASS

CONTACT: RECTORY #570-457-3412



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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.


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 **Food Pantry**

The local food
pantries need
our donations of
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items.

Collection bins are in both churches.
Thank you for your support!

 **The Blessed**
Sacrament is
reserved in the
Tabernacle.

Please help to maintain a prayerful
SILENCE AND REVERENCE

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.

