



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

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023



PARISH RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:30am - 2:30pm
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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

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: Cleo Warren 570-662-3568, by appointment

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, December 9 *Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

VIGIL, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, December 10 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Anna Tokarz (by The Family)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Carolyn Jaquish Bond
(by Nancy Jaquish)

Monday, December 11 *Saint Damasus I, Pope*

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Rose Mahosky
(by Marge & Dale Mahosky)

Tuesday, December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Tom Stich (by Charles Brennan & Family)

Wednesday, December 13 *Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr*

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Virginia Jerlene Yeager
(by Rita & Seth Chamberlain)

Thursday, December 14 *St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of Church*

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Mr. & Mrs. John J. Neclerio
(by Matthew Neclerio)

Friday, December 15 **Advent Weekday**

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Carolyn Folcarelli
(by The Good Neighbors)

Saturday, December 16 **VIGIL, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, December 17 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Art Mahonski (by Jane)

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

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 December 10-16:

Saint Mary's: † Arlene VanValkner (by The Family)

Holy Child: † Carolyn Jaquish Bond (by Mom)

Contact the Parish Office for a Sanctuary Light intention.

The donation is \$5 per candle.

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED NOV 27 – DEC 3, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,153.00
Loose	480.81
Fuel	50.00
Holy Days	35.00
Advent	401.00
Christmas Flowers	709.00
Christmas Charity	60.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Total:	6,893.81

Diocesan:

Care & Education of Priests 382.00

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:

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| * 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**



Charles Dincher

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 12/10	Is 40:1-5,9-11	Ps 85:9-14	2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8
Mon 12/11	Is 35:1-10	Ps 85:9ab,10-14	Lk 5:17-26
Tue 12/12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Jdt 13:18bc,19	Lk 1:26-28, 1:39-47, or 707-712	
Wed 12/13	Is 40:25-31	Ps 103:1-4,8,10	Mt 11:28-30
Thu 12/14	Is 41:13-20	Ps 145:1,9-13b	Mt 11:11-15
Fri 12/15	Is 48:17-19	Ps 1:1-4,6	Mt 11:16-19
Sat 12/16	Sir 48:1-4,9-11	Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13	
Sun 12/17	Is 61:1-2a,10-11	Lk 1:46-50,53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24	Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

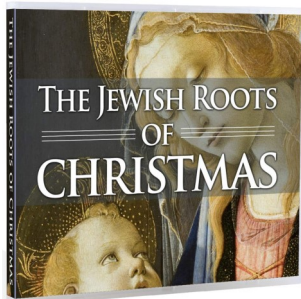


Dec 10: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, 12:30 pm, HC Hall
 Dec 12: Ladies Guild Dinner, 6:00 pm, Lambs Creek Inn
 Dec 17: Lectio: *Christmas*, after 11:15 Mass, Holy Child Hall
 Dec 17: Penance Service, 3:00pm Holy Child Church
 Dec 21: Knights of Columbus, 6:00 pm, Holy Child
 Dec 23-24: 4th Sunday of Advent; regular weekend Masses
 Dec 24: Christmas Eve Mass 4pm Holy Child
 Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass 9a St. Mary's, 11:15a HolyChild
 Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; Masses:
 12:10pm St. Mary's, 6:00pm Holy Child
 Jan 3: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
 Jan 7: Lectio: *Christmas*, after 11:15 Mass, Holy Child Hall
 Jan 7: Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall



THIS SUNDAY: SPECIAL PRESENTATION **LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE**

If you've never heard the amazing story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, you might've seen her miraculous image. Please join us for refreshments and a special presentation **this Sunday, December 10th, following the 11:15 Mass.** You will gain a new love for Our Lady and her gifts to us at Guadalupe, in time for her Feast Day (12/12)!



NEXT SUNDAY: NEW LECTIO **THE JEWISH ROOTS OF CHRISTMAS**

What is the true meaning of Christmas? Why is the birth of a Jewish boy in Bethlehem the center of human history? And why is the feast of Christmas so beloved, not just among Christians, but even among unbelievers? Join us **next Sunday, December 17th**

following the 11:15am Mass for refreshments and the first of two presentations by Dr. Brant Pitre. You will learn about: the Birth of "the Christ"; the Sign of the Manger; the Mystery of the Magi; the Star of Bethlehem; the Significance of December 25th; and the Fulfillment of Hannukah.



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

It comes sneaking out, invisible, odorless, tasteless, yet deadly. The symptoms of this invisible killer are often mistaken for cold or flu symptoms: fatigue, headache, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness. This mysterious invisible killer is carbon monoxide. Prevention and monitoring are the best ways to avoid carbon monoxide. Have your furnace and other appliances professionally installed and serviced regularly. Never run a gas-powered generator indoors, even with the windows open, deadly levels of carbon monoxide will quickly develop. Be sure that dryer vents and gas appliance vents are clear of obstructions and snow. Install carbon monoxide alarms outside every sleeping area in your home. A good rule of thumb is to replace the batteries and check that the alarm is functioning properly twice a year with the change of times in Spring and Fall. Also a good rule for your smoke alarms, too. Have a safe holiday season.

Sunday, December 17th, 3 pm, Holy Child Church **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

"SPLIT THE POT!"

PARISH FUNDRAISER

Support our Parish for a chance to WIN BIG!



Three lucky winners will each receive **\$1,000** cash!

Four lucky winners will each receive **\$500** cash!

Tickets are fifty dollars (\$50.00) each, available after all Masses and in the Parish Office through December.

Only two hundred (200) tickets will be sold!

GET YOURS BEFORE THEY'RE GONE!

Thank you for supporting this fun, important fundraiser.

It will generate \$5,000 for our Parish!

Small Games of Chance License: 2304

Ladies Guild Christmas Dinner

Lambs Creek Inn
 Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00 pm
 Call Patty at 570-662-2034



Giving Trees are in both churches. Please return unwrapped gifts by the dates listed on the tags. Thank you for your generosity to local children & adults in need.

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.



PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, December 17, 2023

3:00 PM @ Holy Child

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24, 2023

4:00 PM Mass @ Holy Child

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25, 2023

9:00 AM Mass @ St. Mary of Częstochowa

11:15 AM Mass @ Holy Child

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2024

12:10 PM Mass @ St. Mary of Częstochowa

6:00 PM Mass @ Holy Child



MATTHEW 25 FOOD PANTRY (BLOSSBURG UMC) SEEKING FINANCIAL DONATIONS

The Matthew 25 Food Pantry provides Christmas dinners for local families in need. Each family gets a meat voucher to be used at Bloss Holiday Market, non-perishables, juice, milk, eggs, frozen foods, fresh produce, & baked goods. Donations can be returned in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Please make checks payable to: Matthew 25 Food Pantry.



Women's Retreat



Bold and Beloved

Inspired by the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

January 26-28, 2024



**HOLY TRANSFIGURATION RETREAT CENTER
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Inspired by the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux. Talks and Music Ministry by Kara Kardell (sinner striving for sainthood; wife and mother of 3) and Fred Shellabarger (husband, father, spiritual arsonist, big kid who loves Jesus). \$75 for students;

\$125 for shared room; \$175 for single room. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/BoldandBeloved>

The Marian Ministries Team invites and encourages women from our parishes to take advantage of this amazing opportunity to rest, reflect, and begin the New Year. A carpool or other transportation may be arranged, depending on the number of reservations. Email marian-ministries@outlook.com or call Linda Sampson @ 570-404-2180.

PA HOUSE BILL 1888—PLEASE CALL

We need a full court press to defeat House Bill 1888, proposed pro-abortion Constitutional Amendment.

Please call PA House Judiciary Committee members below with this message: **Please oppose House Bill 1888. I do not want my hard-earned tax money to pay for abortion.**

*Hon. Rob W. Kauffman
(717) 705-2004*

*Hon. David H. Rowe
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(717) 783-6438*

*Hon. Robert Leadbeter
(717) 783-1102*

*Hon. Joe Hamm
(717) 787-5270*

**Thank you for making
these critical calls!**

Please share.



THE JOY OF GIVING

Please consider Goodies for Our Troops in your Advent/Christmas plans for gift-giving. Suggested items: Travel size hygiene items, Individually wrapped snacks and candy, Cards, Letters, and Notes. Most of all, your prayers for our troops and their families.

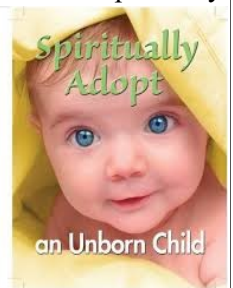
Collection bin located in the Holy Child Church vestibule.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE PREBORN—MONTH FOUR

Your little baby now weighs 6 ounces. She has fingernails and eyelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints which will remain unchanged throughout her life. Her tastebuds are working. Her sense of hearing is present at 14 weeks. There are no major bodily developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong.

"Dear Lord, thank you for creating me with every little feature and characteristic that makes me special. You are the potter, we are the clay, the work of Your hand."

Please keep praying for me & my mother.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If local schools are delayed/closed, for the safety of our parishioners, daily Mass will be said by Father in Holy Child Church during that day. Office hours may be affected.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

EVERY MONDAY AFTER THE 12:10PM MASS

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

V. Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

R. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

O God, who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

V. O Mary, conceived without sin,

R. Pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times.)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who have vouchsafed to glorify by numberless miracles the Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculate from the first moment of her conception, grant that all who devoutly implore her protection on earth, may eternally enjoy Your presence in heaven, who, with the Father and Holy Spirit, live and reign, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who for the accomplishment of Your greatest works, have chosen the weak things of the world, that no flesh may glory in Your sight; and who for a better and more widely diffused belief in the Immaculate Conception of Your Mother, have wished that the Miraculous Medal be manifested to Saint Catherine Laboure, grant, we beseech You, that filled with like humility, we may glorify this mystery by word & work. Amen.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother; to you do we come; before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer them. Amen.



...CONTINUED...

Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

O Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate, we dedicate and consecrate ourselves to you under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

May this Medal be for each one of us a sure sign of your affection for us and a constant reminder of our duties toward you.

Ever while wearing it, may we be blessed by your loving protection and preserved in the grace of your Son. O most powerful Virgin, Mother of our Savior, keep us close to you every moment of our lives.

Obtain for us, your children, the grace of a happy death; so that, in union with you, we may enjoy the bliss of heaven forever. Amen.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times.)

THE ANGELUS

PRIOR TO OUR MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY MASSES



The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh:
And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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

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


FOR SALE:

Two (2) Cemetery Plots
w/ headstone foundation.
St. Mary's Cemetery
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Call 570-447-4050

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items.

Collection bins are in both churches.
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 **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.

