



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

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY December 24-25, 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.

Holy Communion: Those preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time are asked to call the Parish Office.

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

Anointing of the Sick: For the infirm & 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 required for our religious education programs and for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Matrimony.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	4:00 PM	Holy Child
Sunday	9:00 AM	Saint Mary's
Sunday	11:15 AM	Holy Child



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday	3:00 PM	Holy Child
Sunday	8:30 AM	Saint Mary's
Sunday	10:45 AM	Holy Child
Monday	11:30 AM	Saint Mary's
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Saint Mary's
Thursday	5:15 PM	Holy Child
Friday	8:00 AM	Holy Child



DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

Monday	12:00 PM	Saint Mary's	The Angelus
Monday	12:45 PM	Saint Mary's	Miraculous Medal
Tuesday	12:00 PM	Saint Mary's	The Angelus
Tuesday	12:45 PM	Saint Mary's	Saint Jude
Thursday	6:00 PM	Holy Child	The Angelus

PARISH CONTACTS

Financial Secretary: Darlene Buck 570-662-3568
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Ladies Guild: Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2034
St. Mary's Hall: 638-2783 Holy Child Hall: 662-9996

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ prior to all Masses ~



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23 *St. John of Kanty, Priest*

VIGIL, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Ron & Maryann Egan (by Scott & Dawn)

Sunday, December 24 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners

11:15 am, Holy Child: † V. Jerlene Yeager (by Ann Monaghan)

VIGIL: NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Monday, December 25 **NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26 **St. Stephen, the First Martyr**

No Mass

Wednesday, December 27 **St. John, Apostle, Evangelist**

No Mass

Thursday, December 28 **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

No Mass

Friday, December 29 *St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr*

No Mass

Saturday, December 30 **VIGIL, FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, December 31 **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Bill & Bernard Stachowski (by Bernadine)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † James L. Weiskopff (by Don Nicholas)

Monday, January 1 **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Parishioners

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Bob Swinsick (by daughter, Jackie)

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 24–30:

Saint Mary's: † Pauline Morley (by The Family)

Holy Child: Kirk Euson (by Frank & Elizabeth Baker)

Holy Child: the red & white flower centerpiece for Christmas is in loving memory of Bob Swinsick (by Helen & Jacqueline)

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED DEC 11 –DEC 17, 2023

Sunday Envelopes \$3,972.00

Loose 434.00

Dues 500.00

Fuel 50.00

Holy Days 10.00

Advent 20.00

Christmas 380.00

Initial Offering 5.00

Total: \$5,371.00

Care & Education of Priests 160.00

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

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 12/24	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38
Mon 12/25	Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18
Tue 12/26	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc-17 Mt 10:17-22
Wed 12/27	1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Jn 20:1a,2-8
Thu 12/28	1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5,7b-8 Mt 2:13-18
Fri 12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3,5b-6 Lk 2:22-35
Sat 12/30	1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40
Sun 12/31	Sir 3:2-6,12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Dec 24: Christmas Eve Mass 4pm Holy Child
 Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass 9a St. Mary's,
 11:15a Holy Child
 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: Bible Study: *Christmas*, after 11:15 Mass, Holy Child
 Jan 7: KofC MU Council , 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Jan 9: Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Jan 11: Pastoral Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child
 Jan 18: KofC Assembly starting with 6 pm Mass, Holy Child



HEALTH MINISTRY

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me! The song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* refers to the twelve days between Christ's birth and the feast of Epiphany, or the revelation of Christ as the Son of God to the Three Kings and later to John the Baptist. So, leave up your decorations! Christmas is a time to connect with family and friends. When was the last time you visited, truly visited with someone? Maybe with someone who lives alone. Yes, our schedules are often overloaded. But we must remember to stop, slow down, and enjoy God's gifts of Christ and one another. Merry Christmas & a Blessed, Happy New Year!

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
 (717) 787-3443

Hon. Kate A. Klunk
 (717) 787-4790

Hon. Jim Rigby
 (717) 772-9924

Hon. Torren C. Ecker
 (717) 783-8875

Hon. Joe Kerwin
 (717) 260-6148

Hon. Clint Owlett
 (717) 772-5371

Hon. Paul Schemel
 (717) 783-5218

Hon. Timothy R. Bonner
 (717) 783-6438

Hon. Robert Leadbeter
 (717) 783-1102

Hon. Joe Hamm
 (717) 787-5270

Thank you for making these critical calls! Please share.



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 that day. Office hours may be affected.

"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!

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MARIAN MINISTRIES

O come let us adore Him...

***Rejoicing, we shall bring our hearts to the King,
 bearing gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh.***

You are invited to join the "wise men" and journey to the City of David (St. Mary's Church) on Saturday, January 6, 2024 after 1st Saturday Mass and Adoration. Come by camel or car. Be prepared to receive a gift from God...and lunch!

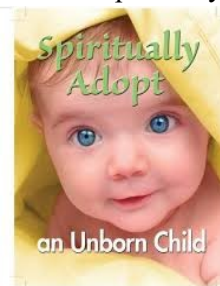
If you can't be there for Mass and Adoration we should be starting around 11AM. We'll start upstairs and proceed down to the manger. Please join us! RSVP to Laurie at 570-549-2210, by text 703-470-2975, email laurie.coffee@gmail.com, or Linda Sampson, 570-404-2180 so we can plan for lunch.

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.



The Baker Family, the Dowling Family and the Reusch Family by Mr. Frank Baker, Jr.

Ron Becker, Becker Families, Moore Families, & Troncone Families by Mrs. Susan Becker

Margaret Hunter, Donald Boyce, Dorothy Colegrove, and Arlen Welty by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Boyce.

William & Mary Brennan, William & Laura Muldowney, Bill Brennan, and Nancy Winslow by Mr. Charles Brennan.

Eva Boinske and Rita Boinske Chamberlain by Mrs. Darlene Buck.

Richard Clark, the Dwyer Family, and the Torney Family by Ann Clark

William J. Clark and Anne J. Clark by Keith Clark.

Private intention by Michele Comes.

The Coleman, Santarone, & Draxler Families by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Draxler.

George & Cecilia Kotalik by Mrs. Theresa Faber

Eugene Fessler and Virginia Fessler by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Fessler.

Ralph & Dolores Carver, Ralph Carver, Jr., Howard & Edna Finch, & Howard W. Finch, Jr. by Mrs. Maria Finch.

The Mitchell & Novitski Families and the Frederick & Brooks Families by Evelyn Frederick.

The Thomas Kliber Family and the Stanley Frederick Family by Mr. & Mrs. Victor Frederick.

Lisa Garner by Mr. & Mrs. David Garner.

Edward & Ann Morgan, Edward & Josephine Grala, Valorie West, and Marianne Bozzo by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Grala.

Lillian Rose Earley, Kenneth Earley, Frank Earley, and Jack Grishka by Denise Grishka.

Private intentions by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Hauck.

Leo & Leona Frederick by Mr. Anthony Hilfiger.

Leo & Leona Frederick by Mr. & Mrs. David Hilfiger.

Dorothy Jones, Elmer Jones, Ben Hutcheson, and Ken Clark by Mrs. Patricia Hutcheson.

Carolyn Jaquish Bond, David Jaquish, Shirley Skolny & Andy Beaderman, & William & Mary Beaderman by Mrs. Nancy Jaquish.

Angeline Bubacz by Mary Ann Kendrick.

Mary & John Kudlak, Frances & Bill Kucharski, Robert Kucharski, & Elizabeth, Virginia, & John Kudlak by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kucharski.

Monica & Dominic Leone and Connie Leone by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Leone.

Ruth Smith, Arletta Cromer, Helen Smith, and Martin Mahosky by Thomas & Theresa Mahosky.

Matt & Monica Manikowski and Tom & Martha Jessup by Sharon Manikowski.

June Keating, Al Keating, Winnie Maresco, and Ralph Maresco by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maresco.

Daniel, Helen, and Mike Sherant by Nancy Mattison and Raymond Sherant.

Private intention by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Metallo.

Walter & Anna Tokarz by Robert & Florence Metarko.

Anna & Ernest Russo, Arthur & Andrée Mitcheltree, Larry Green, & Marilyn Lapps by Mr. & Mrs. Lucien Mitcheltree.

Deceased members of the Mizdail & Hancher Families by the Mizdail Family.

Edward Modrzejewski and John & Janet Modrzejewski by Mrs. Edward Modrzejewski.

The Mahosky Family, the Morgan Family, Theresa Carson, and Margie Payne by Margaret Morgan.

Private intentions by Mr. Donald Nicholas, Sr.

The Nowak Family and the Collins Family by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Nowak.

Private intentions by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nowak.

Prudence Duffy, Edward Duffy, Jeannette Pare, & Robert Pare by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pare.

James M. Parnick Sr. by Mrs. James Parnick.

Walter & Jeannette Terhune, Paul & Anna Partyka, Matthew Davidson, & John Mauriello by Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Partyka.

Charlene Plowcha by Mr. Paul Plowcha.

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June Landy and Mildred Reiss by Mr. Roger Reiss.

Clarence, Edith, & Gary Ruberto, Pauline Morley, and Harold Morley by Gary & Leona Ruberto.

The Miller and Sabol Families by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Sabol.

Helen Signor, Frank Signor, June & Ellis Perry, and Leon Gublo by Edward Signor.

Marie Moroschok by Robert Signor.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Signor, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dahlgren, & Marie Moroschok by Ronald & Susan Signor.

Mason M. Skolny, Bob & Delores Skolny, Bill & Eva Stockton, and June Smith by Robert & Sandy Skolny.

The Skolny Family by Thomas Skolny.

Andrew Joseph Sleboda, Joseph Michael Sleboda, Gail Keating, & Justin Himlin by Mr. & Mrs. John Sleboda.

The Slusser Family, the Cook Family, and Shawn Yoder by Mr. & Mrs. David Slusser.

Cameron & Marion Alexander, Ross & Charlotte Stevens, Bob & Carol Alexander, and Richard Alexander by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Stevens.

The Morley Family, Frank Frederick, Arlene Van Valkner, Robert Stoudt Jr., & Families by Barbara Stoudt.

Theodore Casey, Beverly Zigretti, Marie Swody, and William Swody by Mrs. Donald Swody.

The J. T. Frederick Family, the Tacka Family, and George & Marion Snyder by Mrs. Yolanda Tacka.

Mary Mahosky, Theresa Carlson, Mildred Morgan, and Marge Morgan by Pam Thomas.

Frank & Kathryn Tokarz and Francis & Inez Tarszowicz by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tokarz Sr.

Timothy Hannon, Simon & Evelyn Stolinis, and John & Margaret Vacula by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Vacula.

John Brooks, Eileen Brooks, Debra Sterner, and John Brooks Jr. by Mrs. Mary Wagner.

Loretta Wagner & Keith Wagner by Mr. Michael Wagner.

Stanley Wasowicz and Elizabeth Wasowicz by Frank Wasowicz.

Stanley & Elizabeth Wasowicz and deceased members of the Mokrzynski & Nelcoski Families by Kathryn Wasowicz.

Catherine Miller, Robert Miller, Grace Weiskopff, and James Weiskopff by Mr. & Mrs. James Weiskopff.

Stanley Mokrzynski, Rita Mokrzynski, Maxine Wilcox, Alfred Wilcox, and Celia Levindofski by Samie & Sharon Wilcox.

Private intention by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wolbert.

The Stachowski Family by Bernadine Youmans.

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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.


To all... for your kind
thoughts, prayers, flowers,
and cards at the passing of
our daughter, Karen...
our sincerest thank you.
Betty Silvaney & Family

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored,
glorified, loved, and preserved throughout
the world, now and forever. St. Jude, work-
er of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of
the homeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9
times a day, by the 8th day your prayers
will be answered (if it be God's will.) It has
never been known to fail. Publication must
be promised. Thank you, St. Jude. Amen.

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pantries need
our donations of
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