



**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

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Dec. 30-31, 2023



**PARISH RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:30am - 2:30pm**  
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933  
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**Email: hlychild@ptd.net**  
**Web: holychildparish.com**

## 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  
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  
Health Ministry & Medical Equipment Loaning:  
Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057  
Knights of Columbus: Scott DiMarco srdimarco@hotmail.com  
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 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)

**Tuesday, January 2 Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Debra Everett  
(by Anna Bogaczkyk & Family)

**Wednesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
No Mass

**Thursday, January 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Pauline Mizdail (by Scott & Dawn Egan)

**Friday, January 5 First Friday, Saint John Neumann**  
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Bob Swinsick (by Helen)

**Saturday, January 6 First Saturday, Saint Andre Bessette**  
9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Joanne Wemesfelder (by Good Neighbors)  
**VIGIL: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Carolyn Folcarelli (by Terrie Nash)

**Sunday, January 7 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners  
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Irene Steller (by Joseph & JoAnn Steller)

### 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 Dec 31-Jan 6:

Saint Mary's: † Robert Stoudt Jr. (by The Family)  
Holy Child: Lisa & Peter Formholtz (by Cara Clementi)

*Contact the Parish Office for a Sanctuary Light intention.*



The red and white flower arrangement centerpiece in front of the altar in Holy Child Church is donated in loving memory of Bob Swinsick by Helen and Jacqueline.

Altar Flowers

### PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED DEC 18 -DEC 24, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,132.00
Loose	1,333.00
Christmas	3,647.00
Christmas flowers	10.00
Initial Offering	3.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,125.00</b>
Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests	20.00
Religious Retirement Fund	5.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### 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

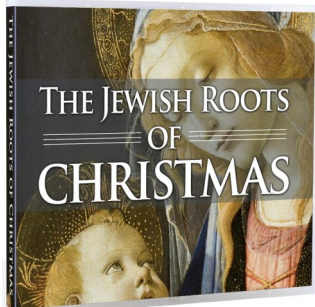
Sun 12/31	Sir 3:2-6,12-14	Ps 128:1-5	Col 3:12-21
		Lk 2:22-40	
Mon 1/1	Nm 6:22-27	Ps 67:2,3,5,6,8	Gal 4:4-7
		Lk 2:16-21	
Tue 1/2	1 Jn 2:22-28	Ps 98:1-4	Jn 1:19-28
Wed 1/3	1 Jn 2:29-3:6	Ps 98:1-3,6	Jn 1:29-34
Thu 1/4	1 Jn 3:7-10	Ps 98:1,7-9	Jn 1:35-42
Fri 1/5	1 Jn 3:11-21	Ps 100:1-5	Jn 1:43-51
Sat 1/6	1 Jn 5:5-13	Ps 147:12-15,19-20	Mk 1:7-11
Sun 1/7	Is 60:1-6	Ps 72:1,2,7,8,10-13	Eph 3:2-3a,5,6
		Mt 2:1-12	



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



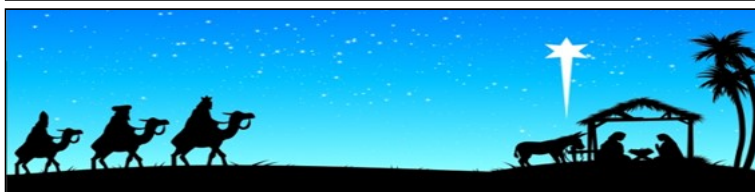
- Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God;  
12:10 pm Mass at St. Mary's  
6:00 pm Mass at Holy Child
- Jan 3: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
- Jan 7: Bible Study: *Christmas*, after 11:15 Mass, Holy Child
- Jan 7: KofC MU Council, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
- Jan 9: No Ladies Guild Meeting this Month
- Jan 11: Pastoral Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child
- Jan 18: KofC Assembly starting with 6 pm Mass, Holy Child



### 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 **Sunday, January 7th, following the 11:15 Mass** for refreshments and the second of two talks by Dr.

Pitre. You will learn about: the Sign of the Manger; the Significance of December 25th; and the Fulfillment of Hannukah.



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:laurie.coffee@gmail.com), or Linda Sampson, 570-404-2180 so we can plan for lunch.

### 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:

**2024: January 20th, April 20th, June 1st**

Encounter deep prayer, enriching 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.



## "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.

**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*



### Women's Retreat

**Bold and Beloved**  
*Inspired by the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

**January 26-28, 2024**



**HOLY TRANSFIGURATION RETREAT CENTER  
1000 SEMINARY RD, DALTON, PA 18414**

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](mailto:marian-ministries@outlook.com) or call Linda Sampson @ 570-404-2180.*

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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 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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