



Holy Child Church
240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Reverend Bryan B. Wright
Pastor



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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 14, 2024



PARISH RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:30am - 2:30pm
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933
Phone: 570-662-3568 Fax: 570-662-2113
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, January 13 VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, January 14 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Theresa Carlson (by Dale & Marge Morgan)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † James Leon Weiskopff
(by Doug & Kathy Draxler)

Monday, January 15 Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Rose Mahosky (by Anna Bogaczyk & Family)

Tuesday, January 16 Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Joan Ruppert Lancaster
(by Bob & Geri Hartlove)

Wednesday, January 17 *Saint Anthony, Abbot*
No Mass

Thursday, January 18 Weekday
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Jean Leiboff (by Scott & Dawn Egan)

Friday, January 19 Weekday
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Carolyn Folcarelli (by Pat & Jim Petro)

Saturday, January 20 VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Tom Stitch (by The Copperman Family)

Sunday, January 21 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Mary Margaret Leary
(by The Charles Brennan Family)



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Saint Mary's: Special Intention

Holy Child: Charol Abrams Clementi (by Cara)

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



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

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED JAN 1—JAN 7, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,043.00
Loose	141.00
Christmas	130.00
Christmas Flowers	30.00
Holy Days	14.00
Initial Offering	19.00
Dues	15.00
Fuel	30.00
Total:	\$3,422.00
Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests	175.00
Religious Retirement Fund	10.00

Thank you for your generosity!



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023

If you would like a financial statement for 2023, please leave a note in the collection or call the Parish Office. Any contributions after December 31st are credited to 2024.

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

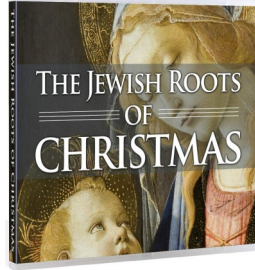
Sun 1/14	1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42
Mon 1/15	1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mk 2:18-22
Tue 1/16	1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28 Mk 2:23-28
Wed 1/17	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1-2,9-10 Mk 3:1-6
Thu 1/18	1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-14 Mk 3:7-12
Fri 1/19	1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19
Sat 1/20	2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7 Mk 3:20-21
Sun 1/21	Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Jan 14: Lectio: *Christmas*, after 11:15 Mass
 Jan 18: KofC Assembly starting with 6 pm Mass, Holy Child
 Jan 19: Stand for Life, 2 pm, Holy Child
 Jan 21: Lectio: *Christmas*, after 11:15 Mass
 Feb 4: KofC MU Council, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Feb 7: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
 Feb 8: Pastoral Council starting w/ 6:00pm Mass, Holy Child
 Feb 13: Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall

LECTIO BIBLE STUDY: *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 14th, following the 11:15 Mass** for refreshments and a third lesson by Dr. Pitre.

Parish Financial Report Holy Child - Mansfield TREND ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Revenue					
Collections	257,982	231,172	245,265	239,648	240,294
Faith Formation Fees	118	315	33	-	45
Fundraising/Development	9,117	3,865	20,543	42,077	109,477
Other Income	14,160	6,822	8,307	5,634	7,138
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	-	61,292	-	2,037
Transfers Savings Account/Other	12,717	22,740	10,746	50,468	-
Diocesan Special Collections	14,128	6,508	10,794	14,385	16,088
Total Revenue	308,223	271,422	356,981	352,212	375,078
Expenses					
Administration	134,508	140,066	130,409	138,351	141,217
Rectory	5,679	7,870	4,558	4,522	6,380
Liturgy	18,958	23,247	19,722	20,146	31,825
Faith Formation	24,333	23,636	20,085	20,340	21,699
Social Justice	1,735	547	827	1,223	2,552
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	43,704	42,546	43,194	56,014	48,017
Fixed Expense	26,283	25,232	24,677	25,509	24,704
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	14,794	25,293	38,633	8,850	42,607
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	3,110	134	10,203	1,990	24,047
Catholic School Assessment	21,936	22,989	27,985	25,672	25,730
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	12,429	6,696	11,515	14,194	14,557
Total Expense	307,468	318,256	331,808	316,812	383,334
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	755	(46,834)	25,173	35,400	(8,256)
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	9,579	(2,583)	(6,995)	4	-
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	10,334	(49,417)	18,177	35,404	(8,256)
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	(5)	9,574	6,991	(4)	-
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	9,574	6,991	(4)	-	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	9,579	(2,583)	(6,995)	4	-
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedralium (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the **increase** or **decrease** in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.

This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS AND INTENTIONS

Private intention by Mr. & Mrs. John Kearns.

Jim & Betty Rieppel, Dorothy Hall, & Rose Bunn by Rosemary, Adele, Marsha, Scott, & Families.

George Silvaney, Sr., Karen Silvaney Brown, & The Lounsbury Family by Mrs. Betty Silvaney.

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

George Manikowski



*** STAND FOR LIFE ***

We invite YOU to Stand for Life here with our parishioners,
as the March for Life takes place in Washington, DC!

Friday, January 19th

2-3PM in front of Holy Child Church, Mansfield, PA

Meet at 1:50 inside the Church to start with a prayer.

Bring a chair if you prefer to sit.

We'll have a variety of signs for you to hold, if you choose.
We'll have coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, and conversation to
warm us up after. Please, let's make this our biggest group
yet! Call Laurie Coffee 703-470-2975 with any questions.

"SPLIT THE POT!"

PARISH FUNDRAISER



20 tickets left!

(Only 200 total will be sold)

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

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

Those are great odds of winning BIG!

Tickets are \$50.00 each,
available after all Masses and in the Parish Office.

Thank you for supporting this fun, important fundraiser.

Drawing to be held January 28, 2024!

Small Games of Chance License: 2304

HOLY CHILD HEALTH MINISTRY

PLEASE JOIN US!



Have you heard of it?

What's it all about?

Our mission is to promote the health & wellness of the com-
munity. Organized in 2001, we provide:

- ◆ Medical equipment (hospital beds, walkers, shower chairs, "potty" items, crutches, wheelchairs)
- ◆ Transportation for appointments, shopping, supplying meals, visiting, and praying.
- ◆ Financial support for local food pantries, pro-life facilities, veterans & homeless facilities, Seeds of Hope in Wellsboro, and Well Spring in Mansfield.
- ◆ Educational programs, support for retreats & youth camps.
- ◆ Ongoing card outreach program.
- ◆ October Life Chain and January Stand for Life.

For a decade, we have received grant money from the Dio-
cese of Scranton and occasionally received donations from
recipients of our services. **SURPRISE!** We are not asking
you for money. We need new members. We meet on the first
Wednesday of the month for 10 months of the year.

Please consider sharing your time & talents through our min-
istry. Membership requires a caring heart & willingness to
help. Isn't that you? Join us for a meeting or contact any
member for more info (Darlene Buck, Laurie Coffee, Kathy
Draxler, Terry Faber, Lillian Fox, Mary Kay Hawm, Terri
Nash, Matthew Neclerio, Sophie Schwoyer, Dotty Welsh).

We bid you the Peace of our Lord.

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*

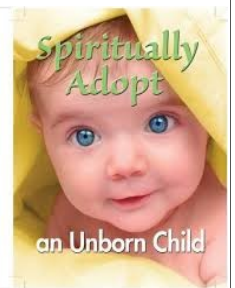
*Hon. Joe Hamm
(717) 787-5270*



**Thank you for making these
critical calls! Please share.**

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE PREBORN—MONTH FIVE

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now,
and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time, he
was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in
his watery world, he needed to be big and
strong enough to kick hard against the out-
side wall and dent it—the inside wall of
the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-
way through the pregnancy now. Your
prayers have helped your baby's mother
continue with her pregnancy and seek the
help she needs. *Please keep praying for
me & my mother. Thank you.*



20 + C + M + B + 24

WE THREE KINGS? | CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES

Last weekend, we celebrated the Epiphany. What do we know about the story of Epiphany? What are the implications?

You know their names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, but where do we learn that from the Gospel? The short answer is, we don't. The gospels also don't tell us that there are three of them, and they certainly aren't kings, regardless of what the song says.

Let's start with the "kings" title. This is probably pretty simply a conflation from Psalm 72 that says, "May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him" (v. 11). It is most likely that the title of Magi, as a plural of Magus is more appropriately referring to men who are members of a priestly cast from Persia. This also fits in with the line about them coming "from the east." Although we do not have a scholarly consensus of the origin of the men. What we do know about them is that they were deemed important enough to be granted an audience with Herod, so while they were not kings, they were not common men. The names of these men are mere pious tradition from the era of the fifth century, which also suggests the Caspar came from India, Melchior from Persia, and Balthazar from Arabia. This era also seems to be when the idea that they may have been kings arose. Other rites in communion with Rome have different traditions both of the names, and even the number of wise men. Syriac rite Catholics believe there were twelve!

So where do we get the idea there were three of them? This is probably based on the three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that the Magi brought Jesus. The Gospel being what it is, why are the gifts important enough to list, but the number of Magi inconsequential? That is because each gift led first century Jews to an important revelation about who Jesus was. Gold is a gift for royalty, symbolic of Jesus as King, specifically the *rightful* King, the branch of Jesse and the heir of David. Frankincense, which was burned in the temple as an offering to God pointed to His divinity. Myrrh, while being a tree resin like frankincense, was not routinely burned, but was rather mixed with oils and used to anoint the dead as part of the burial preparations, this pointed to the importance of his death, and also hints at him being the Christ, or, "anointed."

The wise men foresaw the birth of a new King, and traveled to the palace to try find him. Upon learning Herod did not have a new son, they consulted with the Priests and scribes to find Him.

It is important to note about the Magi, that when they visited Jesus, it lead them to believe he *was not just a king but the Messiah*. This is indicated by the fact that these men took a lengthy journey to pay homage to a king. They invested a lot into coming to Jerusalem. They, as a group, decided that the life of the young Jesus was worth risking a political reckoning from a man they traveled long distances to visit his presumed heir. By not returning to Herod to inform on the location on the location of Jesus, they sealed their political fate.

Of note, many scholars believe that Herod the Great died in the year 1B.C. meaning Jesus would have been born in 2 or 3.B.C.

Epiphany means something between "manifestation" and "revelation" (not to be confused with prophetic revelation) as indicates the realization of the Christ by Gentiles with the "wise men" as avatars. We also traditionally recognize the two other "manifestations" on Epiphany, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana.

The other connection between the Magi and the baptism is in the blessing of the homes. The code chalked on our doorways as (this year) 20+C+M+B+24 are said to both be the initials of Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar as well as the Latin "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" translated to "May Christ Bless the House."

May we all participate in the deeper realization of Jesus as Christ and Messiah.

Your Brother in Christ, Z. Buck

MARIAN MINISTRIES

2024 Calendar of Events

Jan. 26-28th

Bold & Beautiful Women's Retreat
Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center,
Dalton, PA

Feb. 14 - Mar. 31

Online Lenten Book Study
"Restore" by Sr. Miriam James Heidland

March or April

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception Washington, DC

May 7th

"A Morning Marian Pilgrimage" with Christine DiNova
Notre Dame Retreat, Canandaigua

May 18th

Women's Brunch
St. Peter's Church

June 8th

Women's Conference
Scranton, PA

Sept. or Oct.

Mt. Saviour Retreat

October 4th, First Saturday

Living Rosary Celebration
St. Mary's
Living Rosary

Dec. 1. - Dec. 24

Advent Book Study



Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage

Please join the Dominican Friars in a national pilgrimage devoted to Christ and Our Lady. Pray the Nine Month Novena on the Last Saturday of each month, starting on January 27, 2024. For more information visit: <https://rosarypilgrimage.org/>

* We will arrange a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, sometime during the coming year. See future bulletins for details!



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Discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires time, prayer, and significant self-searching.



Your gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the education and housing of the Diocese of Scranton's 10 seminarians.

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.



THE ANGELUS

**TO BE PRAYED DAILY AT 6AM, 12PM, & 6PM
PRAYED AT 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.



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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