



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 IN ORDINARY TIME January 28, 2024



PARISH OFFICE

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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

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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, January 27 VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Betty Rieppel (by Jim & Pat Pietro)

Sunday, January 28 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Pauline Morley (by The Family)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Monday, January 29 Weekday
11:00 am, Holy Child Funeral Mass: † Elaine Cecere

Tuesday, January 30 Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Joan Flesch (by Doug & Kathy Draxler)

Wednesday, January 31 No Mass Saint John Bosco, Priest

Thursday, February 1 Weekday
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † JoAnn Wemesfelder
(by Bernie & Marie Sabol)

Friday, February 2 First Friday, The Presentation of the Lord
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Daniel Kostovick (by Mary & Joe Myers)

Saturday, February 3 First Saturday, St. Blaise
9:30 am, St. Mary's: Rebecca & Kyle Chamberlain & Family
(by Theresa & Scott Delmotte)
VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Floyd Harzinski (by Pat and Kathy)

Sunday, February 4 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Mr. & Mrs. Francis W. Gillespie
(by Muldowney Cousins)



FLOWER INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

The Holy Child Altar centerpiece is given in memory of † Dominic Leone (by Ken and Mary Kay)



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † Dave Jaquish (by Nancy & Heather)
Saint Mary's: † Parishioners

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—ST. MARY'S CHURCH

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED JAN 15—JAN 21, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,847.00
Loose	476.00
Christmas	20.00
Holy Days	20.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Dues	289.00
Fuel	2.00
Total:	3,659.00
Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests	40.00



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2023...

If you would like one, 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:

* Alice Abrams	* Jane Mahonski
* Ryan Bates	* Christopher Mortensen
* Kirk Euson	* Terri Nash
* Richard Faber	* Richard Niemczyk
* Bernice Frederick	* Ethel Sandstrom
* Catherine Gallagher	* 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.

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**



**Elaine Cecere
Victoria Simpson**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

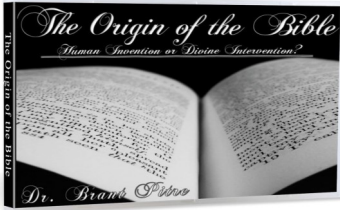
Sun 1/28	Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28
Mon 1/29	2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20
Tue 1/30	2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30—19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43
Wed 1/31	2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Ps 32:1-2,5-7 Mk 6:1-6
Thu 2/1	1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 1 Chr 29:10-11b,11d-12d Mk 6:7-13
Fri 2/2	Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Sat 2/3	1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34
Sun 2/4	Jb 7:1-4,6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mk 1:29-39

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Jan 28: *Origin of the Bible*, after 11:15 Mass
 Feb 4: *Origin of the Bible*, 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 11: *Origin of the Bible*, after 11:15 Mass
 Feb 13: Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Feb 15: KofC Assembly starting w/ 6:00pm Mass, Holy Child
 Feb 18: *Origin of the Bible*, after 11:15 Mass

NEW LECTIO BIBLE STUDY: *THE ORIGIN OF THE BIBLE—HUMAN INVENTION OR DIVINE INTERVENTION?*



In this study of the origins of the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Brant Pitre explores how the canon (the official list of books in the Bible) came to be, and the central role the Catholic Church played in its formation.

- ◆ Where did the Bible come from?
- ◆ Why are there so many different versions of the Bible?
- ◆ Why are those books in the Bible?
- ◆ What was the Jewish Bible like at the time of Jesus?
- ◆ Why are there seven fewer books in Protestant Bibles than in Catholic Bibles?
- ◆ How do we know that the Gospels are reliable?
- ◆ What are the Dead Sea Scrolls and the “Lost Gospels”?
- ◆ How did Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformers change the Bible?
- ◆ What about “Sola Scriptura”, belief in the “Bible Alone”?

Join us this **Sunday, January 28th**, following the **11:15 Mass** for refreshments and session two.

“SPLIT THE POT!”

PARISH FUNDRAISER



Last Call... Only 3 Tickets Left!

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

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

Thank you for supporting this fun, important fundraiser!

Drawing: THIS SUNDAY (1/28)!

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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.

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 community. 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 Diocese 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 ministry. 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 Hawn, 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.**

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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.



Lenten Book Study—Restore

Please join us for “*Restore*,” a beautiful guided journal for prayer and meditation, facilitated through email by Chris Troncone & Linda Sampson of Marian Ministries.



“Take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole. Meet the tenderness of God’s mercy, the power of his love, and the restoration of your heart and life.

Stunning original art, daily meditations on a passage from scripture, reflection questions, guided prayer, and space for journaling and notetaking.

“You’ll move through four phases of healing, focusing on traditional Lenten practices:

1. Prayer—healing our relationship with God.
2. Fasting—healing our relationship with ourselves.
3. Almsgiving—healing our relationships with others.
4. Sacrifice—shows us the path to heaven, union with God.

“With Christ this Lent, your heart will see more clearly, be pierced more easily, love more strongly, serve more passionately.”

Sign-Up Sheets: St. Peter’s, Holy Child, St. Mary’s, St. Thomas, St. Catherine’s, or marian-ministries@outlook.com.

Suggested Donation: \$10.00 to assist with the cost of the books; please place a marked envelope in the collection.

Registration Deadline: Sunday, February 4th

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

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.

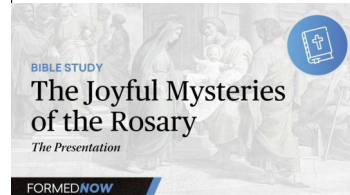
For more information visit:
<https://rosarypilgrimage.org/>

* 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!



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

BIBLE STUDY ON THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES: THE PRESENTATION



What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.

EXORCISMS: WHAT CATHOLICS NEED TO KNOW



“Be sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith.” Christian life involves spiritual combat & we’re talking to an exorcist priest.

SAINT JOHN BOSCO: MISSION TO LOVE



John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

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Rev. Alex Roche



Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, Nanticoke
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MARCH 1-2, 2024

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CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES |
CONFESSION & EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

I have written the following in such a way that it should be useful and appropriate for all ages.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confession: It is proper that we take time to reflect, to examine our lives and how we are living up to Christ's expectations for us. This is a prayer I find helpful, from a soldier's pocket Missal from WWII:

My God, grant me light to be truly sorry for my sins. To think that I have offended Thee after being forgiven so many times. I lay the rest of my life at Thy feet. How much more there is to come, I know not, but long or short, let it atone for my past. Mary, my Mother, help me to make a good Confession.

Examination of Conscience: Many times we find it is easy to just think through the Ten Commandments to see which we have broken before confession, but in doing so we miss many expectations of the New Covenant. Some things to reflect on:

Do I sin against my duties to God?

Do I keep in common communication with God, or do I only seek Him in times of need? Do I put stock in superstitious practices (astrology, fortunes, good luck charms, or non-Catholic rituals)? Have I fasted when required? Do I sin against Hope through despair or presuming God's Mercy is less than infinite? Do I willfully disbelieve any article of the Creed? (Doubt is a natural aspect of our fallen nature and intellectual growth, but also whispers of the demonic. "Doubt" by itself is not sinful as long as you submit to the faith of belief.)

Do I sin against Charity by cursing God, taking His name vain, breaking vows, being irreverent in my life, during Mass, or in His presence in the Sanctuary? Do I miss Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation for unnecessary reasons? (Do I try to find reasons to miss? or ways to attend?)

Do I sin against neighbor by being disrespectful or neglectful of my parents? Do I fail to catechize my children in their faith? Do I fail to live up to the expectations Christ has for me in the performance of the Corporal Works of Mercy? Have I attended to the sick? Cared for the needy? Offered comfort to prisoners? Have I buried and prayed for the dead?

Have I been violent or engaged in revenge? Have I stolen, cheated, slandered, gossiped, or told secrets that weren't mine to tell? Have I lead others to sin? Have I been a good sibling? Have I made judgments against the spirit of others? (Judging the actions of others as means to determine if it is in our best interest to spend time with, or follow someone's example is not sinful, but we may not judge someone's heart or spirit.)

Have I allowed myself to fall into one of the seven deadly sins? Am I gluttonous in food? Do I drink with the purpose of becoming intoxicated? Do I poison myself with chemicals? Have I been slothful or lazy by avoiding work or household chores? Have I used avoidance behavior to get out of tasks that are rightly mine to complete? Do I waste my talents? Have I been jealous of others, in their possessions or accomplishments? Have I sought out or succumbed to impure media? Have I failed to live a chaste life? (Chaste does not mean celibate, but living within God's natural laws.)

What Constitutes a Sin: To be in a state of Mortal sin, the sin must be of a grave matter, there must be knowledge that it is a sin, and there must be consent. Temptations are not a sin. Intrusive thoughts are not a sin. A child who can not get themselves to Mass is not guilty of sin if they miss Mass. Someone with an addiction might not be guilty of a sin. Someone under psychological distress might not be guilty of a sin. We must guard against scrupulosity—that is, a yoke of anxiety due to the belief that your every minor fault is a mortal sin and that you are seldom in a state of grace. Unceasing intrusive thoughts or scrupulosity may be discussed in pastoral care outside of the Sacrament of Confession.

During the Sacrament of Confession:

When the Priest is ready, bless yourself and say,

"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (how long) since my last Confession. Since then, I have... [you only need to say the 'kind and number' of your sins... for example, "I have been disrespectful to my parents several times, taken part in gossip twice, and missed one Holy Day of Obligation. For these and any other sins I have committed I am truly sorry. "].

You do not need to be overly detailed or graphic in stating your sins. The priest may ask for additional details as required for appropriate pastoral care or penance. If you legitimately forget to state a sin during Confession, it is still forgiven. However, if you purposefully omit it, that is a sin in and of itself.

ACTS OF CONTRITION:

My God! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because I have offended Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

For our sins to be forgiven, we need to confess them not because we are afraid of punishments that may arise, but out of a love for God and for want of coming back into His Grace. This may seem like a difficult threshold to meet, but we do not need to meet it before we enter the confessional. The act of the Sacrament itself helps us reach "perfect contrition" through God's Grace.



Journey with me to grow in faith each day & with each Confession. Pray for me, as I pray for you, that we may turn towards His Grace and be made worthy of His presence.

Your Brother in Christ, ~Z. Buck (Holy Child Catechist)

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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.

 **Food**
Pantry

The local food
pantries need
our donations of
non-perishable
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

Your Ad
Here!

Please contact the
Parish Office.