



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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 7, 2024



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

Monday, January 8 **The Baptism of the Lord**

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Frank (Shawn) Frederick (by Sister)

Tuesday, January 9 Weekday

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

Wednesday, January 10 Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, January 11 Weekday

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Alice Anna (by The Brennan Family)

Friday, January 12 Weekday

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Kenneth Earley (by Jim & Terrie Thomas)

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)

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 January 7-13:

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

Holy Child: † Kenesky Family (by Bernie & Marie Sabol)

Contact the Parish Office for a Sanctuary Light intention.

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED DEC 25–DEC 31, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,349.00
Loose	1578.25
Christmas	435.00
Solemnity of Mary	1,080.00
Initial Offering	381.00
Dues	50.00
Fuel	35.00
Total:	\$6,908.25

Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests 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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| * 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.

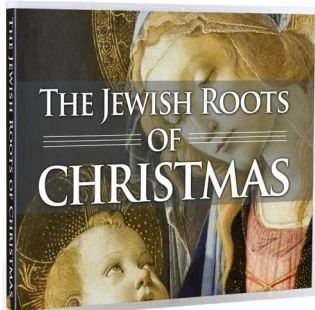
SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 1/7	Is 60:1-6	Ps 72:1,2,7,8,10-13	Eph 3:2-3a,5,6
		Mt 2:1-12	
Mon 1/8		Is 42:1-4,6-7 or Acts 10:34-38	
		Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9b-10	Mk 1:7-11
Tue 1/9	1 Sm 1:9-20	1 Sm 2:1,4-8	Mk 1:21-28
Wed 1/10	1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20	Ps 40:2,5,7-10	Mk 1:29-39
Thu 1/11	1 Sm 4:1-11	Ps 44:10,11,14,15,25,26	Mk 1:40-45
Fri 1/12	1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a	Ps 89:16-19	Mk 2:1-12
Sat 1/13	1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1a	Ps 21:2-7	Mk 2:13-17
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	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Jan 7: Bible Study: *Christmas*, after 11:15 Mass, Holy Child Hall
 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
 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



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.

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.

We have a variety of signs for you to hold, if you choose.

Bring a chair if you prefer to sit.

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.

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.

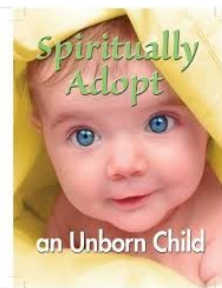
For a decade, we have received grant money from the Diocese of Scranton and occasionally received donations from recipients of our services. ***SURPRISE!*** We are not asking you for money. We need new members. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month for 10 months of the year.

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.

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 outside 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.*



"SPLIT THE POT!"

PARISH FUNDRAISER

Only 50 tickets remain!

(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

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.



**OUR CALL TO
SERVE**
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
-Matthew 2:11

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This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Please take time to pray before presenting your gifts to the Lord. Your support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal helps thousands of our neighbors in need with food, shelter, and clothing each year.

**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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations



**Thursday,
February 1st**

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

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\$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.



SCAN TO REGISTER

College Age +

EZRA 10:4

**A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE
PRIESTHOOD**

Rev. Alex Roche



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MARCH 1-2, 2024

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ADORATION IN HOLY CHILD PARISH

Holy Child Parish offers Adoration before all Masses and for an hour following Masses for First Fridays and First Saturdays. During these times, we can silently...

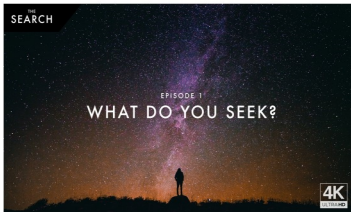
- Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament
- Pray the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or other prayer(s)
- Read Sacred Scripture
- Pray the Liturgy of the Hours



Because there are always other people present during Adoration in our Parish, please remain silent. If necessary, whisper a few words. For a conversation, leave the Sanctuary and wait for the door to fully close before quietly saying what you need to say. Remember that the narthex/vestibule is open to the choir loft, which is open to the Sanctuary. Maintaining silence in the Sanctuary shows reverence to the Blessed Sacrament and respect for the prayer time of others. Thank you.



Week of January 07, 2024



What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

Arianism

Is Jesus truly God? Learn about the fourth-century heresy, Arianism, and the derivative heresy of Apollinarianism.



Who Are the Magi?

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.

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
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Hon. Torren C. Ecker
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Hon. Joe Kerwin
(717) 260-6148

Hon. Clint Owlett
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Hon. Paul Schemel
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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.



REPORTING ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis.

To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

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 **Special Occasions**
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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.

We would like to express our appreciation to Father Bryan for his very meaningful Mass, to Tom Wierbowski for providing music, especially the Polish selection, and for the delicious luncheon following the Mass.

Thank you so much.


George Manikowski Family

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. St. Jude, worker 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.