



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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT March 3, 2024



PARISH OFFICE

Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933
Phone: 570-662-3568
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

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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| 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

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| 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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catholic.dre.holychild@gmail.com
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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

First Saturday, March 2 Lenten Weekday
9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Jack & Joan Miller & John Miller, Jr.
(by Theresa & Scott Delmotte)

VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Harold Andrews (by Connie McNamara)

Sunday, March 3 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners
11:15 am, Holy Child: † William & Mary Brennan
(by The Muldowney Cousins)

Monday, March 4 Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Catherine McNamara (by Pat)

Tuesday, March 5 Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Alice Abrams (by Office Staff)

Wednesday, March 6 Lenten Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, March 7 Lenten Weekday
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † JoAnn Wemesfelder
(by Helen Swinsick & Jacqueline Coco)

Friday, March 8 Lenten Weekday
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Dolly Garvelli
(by Dave, JJ & David Sabol)

Saturday, March 9 VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, March 10 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Frank & Helen Dadas
(by Marilyn & Gene Kurzejewski)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Ann Monaghan
(by a grateful recipient of Holy Communion)



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † The Sleboda Family
by John & Sue Sleboda
Saint Mary's: † Celia Levindofski
by Samie & Sharon Wilcox

*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 FEB 19 - 25. THANK YOU!

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$4,756.00 |
| Loose | 347.00 |
| Fuel | 463.00 |
| Dues | 63.00 |
| Cemeteries | 65.00 |
| <u>Total:</u> | <u>5,694.00</u> |
| Diocesan Collections | |
| Church in Central & Eastern Europe | 50.00 |
| Care & Education of Priests | 20.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

If you would like a **2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**
for your taxes, please leave a note in the collection
or call the Parish Office.

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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| * Alice Abrams | * Jane Mahonski |
| * Ryan Bates | * Christopher Mortensen |
| * Kirk Euson | * Terri Nash |
| * Richard Faber | * Richard Niemczyk |
| * Bernice Frederick | * Ethel Sandstrom |
| * Catherine Gallagher | * Lori Sherant |
| * Ann King | * Kenneth Simpson |
| * Tony Lupkowski | * Yolanda Tacka |
| * Tom MacBlane | * Jack Watson |

*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.

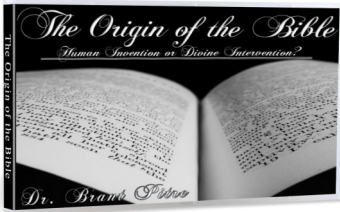


Would you or someone you know enjoy a friendly visit, a partner to play cards or games with, someone to read to them, or simply keep company? As an outreach of Marian Ministries, Mary Hohman has offered to visit local residents and nursing homes, to spend time with people who may feel alone. Contact Mary at (717) 203-9090.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Sun 3/3 | Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25 |
| Mon 3/4 | 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30 |
| Tue 3/5 | Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35 |
| Wed 3/6 | Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thu 3/7 | Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23 |
| Fri 3/8 | Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34 |
| Sat 3/9 | Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14 |
| Sun 3/10 | 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21 |

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, February 18th, following the 11:15 Mass** for refreshments and session five.



WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2024

LITURGICAL LIVING | CATHOLIC ALL YEAR
AT HOME W/ KENDRA TIERNEY

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call “trash can soup.” Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED | ETERNAL REST | EPISODE 4
What is left for the living to do

after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING? SARAH KIRCHNER'S STORY | FEARLESS | EPISODE 4

Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death eventually. Listen as Chris shares the powerful story of Sarah Kirchner and her courageous battle against pediatric bone cancer. Who can bring us victory in the face of such significant trials? Find out in this lesson..



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LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN

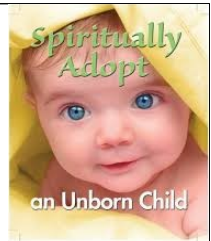
All men ages 18 years and older are invited to an overnight Lenten Retreat titled *"Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering"* from 6 pm Friday, March 15 until 2 pm Saturday, March 16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton. Participants will examine the spiritual journey of men in our world, moving from wandering to wondering about God's will in their lives. There will be talks by Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Stan Fortuna, Fr. Brian Van Fossen, and Mike Donovan. Adoration and Confession will be offered. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Bambera. This will be a great way to renew one's heart and mind before Easter. The cost of the retreat is only \$75, which includes meals and overnight accommodation at the retreat center.

If you have not already registered you can use this link
<https://beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1>

For more information visit www.beacatholicman.com or contact Joe Adcroft at jadcroft@kknepa.com or call 570-380-5070. The retreat is sponsored by Be A Catholic Man, Inc., a nonprofit "on a mission to encourage and empower men to deepen their relationship with Christ, to be spiritual leaders in their families, their church, and their community, and to live their faith in everyday life."

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Month Six - Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies born at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mother might still feel pressure to abort.



Mary, our Mother in heaven Pray for us, and especially for your little ones in danger of abortion. Amen.

Spiritual Adoption Warriors,

continue to pray for my mother and me.

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name. - Isaiah 49:15-16 (NAB)

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.



MARIAN MINISTRIES

Restore Book Study

Ash Wednesday-Easter

There's still time to register for this online Book Study. Contact Linda Sampson @ 570-404-2180 or email marian-ministries@outlook.com **A stipend of \$10 is suggested to assist with the cost of the books.** Drop your donation in the collection basket. To receive a copy of the book, contact Linda Sampson (570-404-2180) or Chris Troncone (570-404-7278.) ***Those who have received the books can leave their stipends at Holy Child or St. Peter's rectory.**

"A Morning Mary Pilgrimage" with Christine DiNova

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, 9am-3pm

Notre Dame Retreat Center, Canandaigua

Participants will form a carpool for this event. The cost is \$35, which includes lunch. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Women's Brunch

Saturday, May 18th, St. Peter's Parish Center

We have an amazing guest speaker and so much more in store for this event. Mark your calendars, invite a friend, and stay tuned.

Paint & Pray

Saturday, April 27th, Holy Child Parish Center
(Details coming soon.)

Women's Conference

Saturday, June 8th, 2024, Marywood College, Scranton

Marian Ministries will be represented at this year's conference! The team is busy preparing items to sell and share at our vendor's table. The annual Women's Conference is always a powerful, inspiring event, so mark your calendars now. We will arrange a carpool for those who plan to attend.

Mt. Saviour Retreat

Saturday, September 21, 2024, 9am-3pm

Back by popular demand, participants will welcome the first weekend of Fall at the beautiful Mt. Saviour Monastery.

Living Rosary Celebration

Saturday, October 5, 2024, St. Mary's Church, Blossburg

Advent Book Study

December 1-24, 2024

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, June 29th, 2024

More details are on the parish website at:

<https://holychildparish.com/parish-news/pilgrimage-to-the-basilica-of-the-national-shrine-of-the-immaculate-conception-saturday-june-29-2024/>

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Payment should accompany registrations. Return using the collection basket at St. Peter's Church or mail to St. Peter's Rectory, 47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, PA 16901. Make checks payable to St. Peter's Church. For more information, contact Terrie Thomas at (570) 418-3881.

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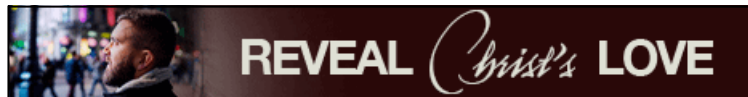
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Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Please pray for our recently deceased.

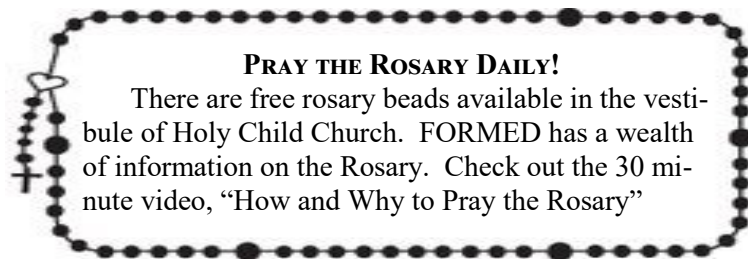
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

Alice Abrams



PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

There are free rosary beads available in the vestibule of Holy Child Church. FORMED has a wealth of information on the Rosary. Check out the 30 minute video, "How and Why to Pray the Rosary"



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DAILY BREAD: Discover THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE
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DRAWING CLOSER TO GOD: LENT

Your kids or grandkids will love 10 exciting new Lenten episodes of DRAWING CLOSER TO GOD: A CATHOLIC ART SHOW FOR KIDS! Through the beauty of art, host Ms. Kim helps kids follow Christ from the desert to his Passion and Resurrection—learning what it means to turn away from sin and back to God—as they draw and color each biblical scene.



Go to daily.formed.org/len
to have these two programs sent

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITY FOR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, BENEDICTION, AND VESPERS WEDNESDAYS IN LENT AT 7PM

FEBRUARY 21ST AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

FEBRUARY 28TH AT SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER
SPECIAL HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

MARCH 6TH AT CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

MARCH 13TH AT SAINT LAWRENCE

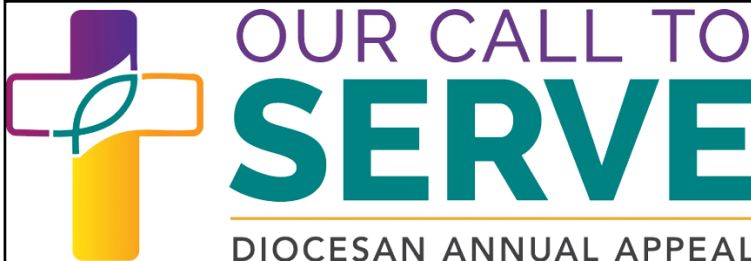
MARCH 20TH AT SAINT ANN

MARCH 27TH AT SAINT BONIFACE
AREA PENANCE SERVICE BEGINNING AT 6:30PM

A LIGHT RECEPTION WILL
FOLLOW EACH EVENT



ROAD TO RESURRECTION LYCOMING COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES



As of February 23rd, Holy Child Parish has reached 91% of our \$28,000 goal. \$25,479.00 has been raised or pledged. Our parish participation rate is at 37.23%. 121 families have participated in the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal.

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.

GOOD SAMARITANS

Watch your mailbox for the Good Samaritans Spring Raffle. Please make all raffle returns by the weekend of March 17, 2024. The drawing will be March 24, 2024. The donations for tickets is \$5/ticket.

Total Cash Value of prizes is \$1,000.00.

Prizes: 1st - \$500.00, 2nd - \$250.00,
3rd - \$150.00, 4th - \$100.00

LENT!

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and ends with Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28th. Mark your calendars now to take advantage of the many Lenten opportunities to help prepare yourself spiritually for the Triduum and Easter Season.

- Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 - * During Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays and First Saturdays
 - * During *The Light is ON for You* on Mondays during Lent from 5:30-7:00 pm in Holy Child Church
 - * 2:15-3:00 pm on Saturdays in Holy Child Church
 - * Communal Penance Service, Sunday, March 10th, 4:00 pm, St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro
 - * By appointment (call the parish office)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
 - * First Friday and First Saturday following Mass
 - * During *The Light is ON for You* (see above)
 - * Thursdays, 5-6 pm, Holy Child Church
 - * Daily according to the schedule on the bulletin cover
 - * Road to Resurrection (Williamsport Deanery):
Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Vespers at 7:00 pm. A light reception will follow each event.
 - ◇ March 6: Saint Lawrence Church, 800 West Central Avenue, South Williamsport, PA 17701
 - ◇ March 20, Saint Ann Church, 1220 Northway Road, Williamsport, PA 17701
 - ◇ March 27, Saint Boniface Church, 326 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport, PA 17701 (Area Penance Service beginning at 6:30 pm)
- Stations of the Cross:
 - * 7:00 pm in Holy Child Church on Thursdays
 - * 3:30 pm on Fridays: March 8, 15 & 22nd in St. Mary's Church. Meager Meals will follow.
- Fasting and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (to abstain from eating meat).
 - * For Roman Catholics, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
 - * The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Roman Catholics from age 14 onwards.
- Mansfield Ministerium Lenten Lunch: Noon on Thursdays in the First Baptist Church, Mansfield. Bring your own brown bag lunch, drinks & dessert provided.
- Adult Education: LECTIO: THE ORIGIN OF THE BIBLE. Sundays following the 11:15 am Mass.

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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.

Eulogies are not appropriate for
Funeral Masses

 **Food Pantry**

The local food
pantries need
our donations of
nonperishable
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

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.