



**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

# 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 4, 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

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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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, 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)

**Monday, February 5** *St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr*  
 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Floyd Harzinski (by Pat & Kathy)

**Tuesday, February 6** *St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*  
 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Sally Finn (by Terri Nash & Family)

**Wednesday, February 7** No Mass Weekday

**Thursday, February 8** *St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita*  
 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Dolly Garvelli (by Bernie & Marie Sabol)

**Friday, February 9** Weekday  
 8:30 am, Holy Child: † JoAnn Wemesfelder  
 (by Tom Wierbowski)

**Saturday, February 10** **VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Leona Frederick (by nieces Patty & Kathy)

**Sunday, February 11** **6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners  
 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Patrick Kump (by Mom)



#### SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † Peggy Lindgren Farina (by Joe Sebastian)  
 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

#### 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.

#### PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED JAN 15–JAN 21. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,970.00
Loose	500.00
Dues	88.00
Fuel	421.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,979.00</b>
Diocesan: The Church in Latin America	213.00

#### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2023 TAXES...

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.*

#### 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 2/4	Jb 7:1-4,6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mk 1:29-39
Mon 2/5	1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56
Tue 2/6	1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 Ps 84:3-5,10-11 Mk 7:1-13
Wed 2/7	1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40 Mk 7:14-23
Thu 2/8	1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40 Mk 7:24-30
Fri 2/9	1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19 Ps 81:10-15 Mk 7:31-37
Sat 2/10	1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7,19-22 Mk 8:1-10
Sun 2/11	Lv 13:1-2,44-46 Ps 32:1-2,5,11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

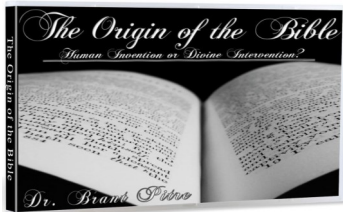


## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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 Hall  
 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 Hall  
 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, February 4th, following the 11:15 Mass** for refreshments and session three.

## “SPLIT THE POT!”



### PARISH FUNDRAISER

*Please congratulate our winners!*

Gus Pequignot \$1000

Ann Kulick \$1000

Lisa Hutcheson \$1000

Linda Brown \$500

Cheron Swody \$500

Paul Urban \$500

Ron Signor \$500

Sincere thanks to all who supported this fun, important fundraiser, generating \$5000 for our parish! Thank you!

*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 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.**

Hon. Rob W. Kauffman  
(717) 705-2004

Hon. David H. Rowe  
(717) 787-3443

Hon. Kate A. Klunk  
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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  
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Hon. Joe Hamm  
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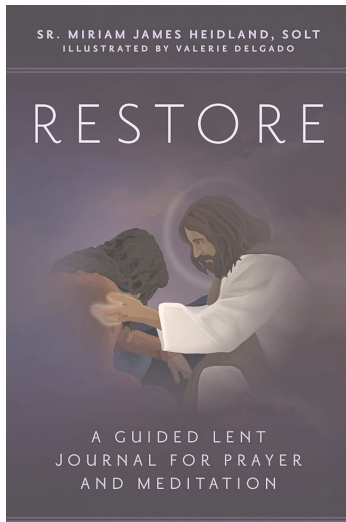
**Thank you for making these critical calls! Please share.**





### 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](mailto: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.

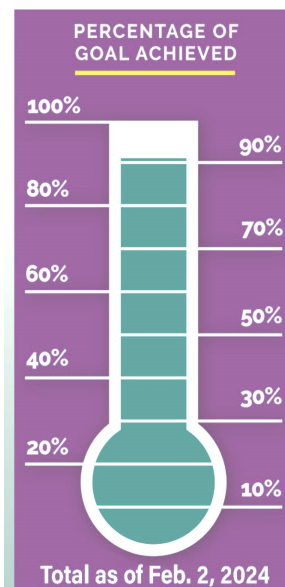
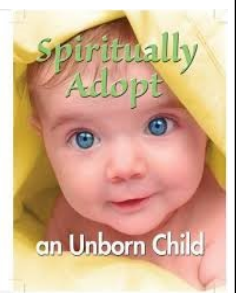
For more information visit:  
<https://rosarypilgrimage.org/>

\* 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!



### 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.*



# THANK YOU

to those who have given to the  
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Those whose lives you change  
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Holy Child Parish has a  
goal of \$28,000 and has  
raised 91% (\$25,479) to  
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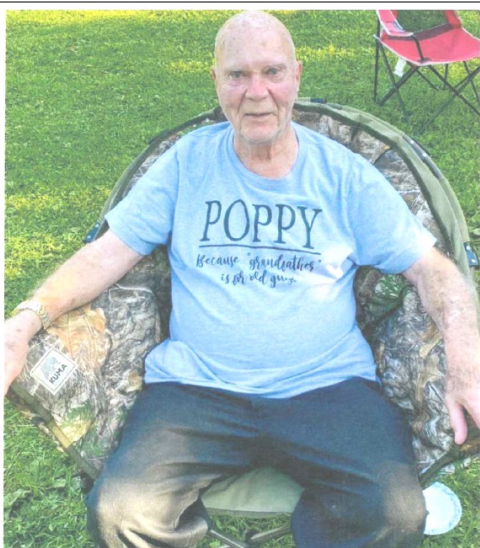


For your past generosity, prayerful consideration and  
future sharing — thank you and God bless your loved ones!



# Shhh... Surprise Birthday Party

JOHN KEARNS IS 90!



John & Ann Kearns were part of Holy Child Parish for decades. John was an usher.

Since relocating to Wellsboro and giving up their licenses, they are unable to attend Mass.

However, I was hoping you could spread the word about this SURPRISE birthday party to anyone who would have known him.

Sunday March 24th from 2:00-4:00 PM  
Tioga County Fairgrounds  
2258 Charleston Road, Wellsboro, PA  
RSVP to Celeste @ 570-404-0841 by 3/1

Thanks so much.

Celeste Thomas (John's granddaughter)

## ST. BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR

Through the intercession  
of Saint Blaise,  
bishop and martyr,  
may God deliver you  
from every disease of  
the throat and from  
every other illness.  
Amen.

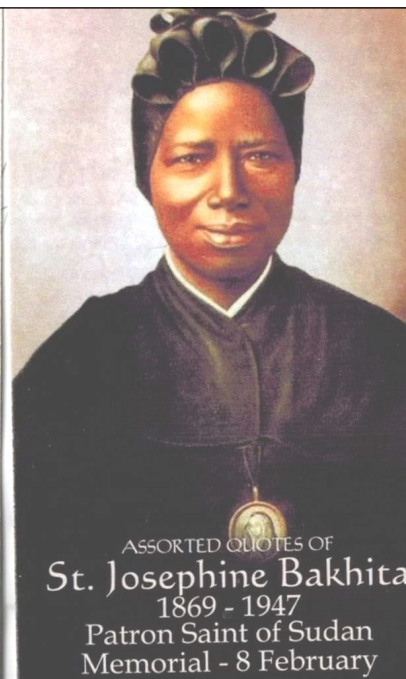
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"The best thing for us  
is not what  
we consider best,  
but what  
the Lord wants of us!"

"If I were to meet  
the slave-traders  
who kidnapped me  
and even those  
who tortured me,  
I would kneel and  
kiss their hands,  
for if that did not happen,  
I would not be  
a Christian today."

"The Lord has  
loved me so much:  
we must love everyone...  
we must be  
compassionate!"

-Assorted Quotes of St. Josephine Bakhita

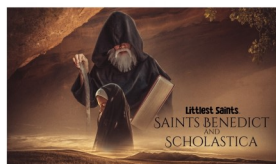


ASSORTED QUOTES OF  
**St. Josephine Bakhita**  
1869 - 1947  
Patron Saint of Sudan  
Memorial - 8 February

## ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

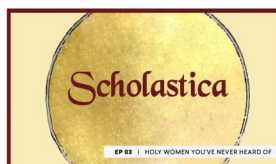
"If men knew the peace  
good Religious enjoy,  
the whole world would  
become a monastery!"

EWTN.com



### Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica. Visit their website here:  
[www.littlestsaints.com](http://www.littlestsaints.com)



### St. Scholastica | Holy Women You Never Heard Of | Episode 3

Dive into the lives of Holy Women You've Never Heard Of with Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. Jessica Murdoch. St. Scholastica is the sister of St. Benedict. Holy siblings and holy families change the world!



### Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

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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.

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

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**Please contact the**  
**Parish Office.**