

Holy Child Church 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

# 4th Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024



Reverend Bryan B. Wright Pastor





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

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## 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.

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## **SACRAMENTS**

<u>Baptism</u>: 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.

<u>Holy Communion</u>: Those preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time are asked to call the Parish Office.

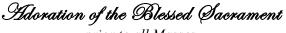
<u>Matrimony</u>: Couples should contact their Pastor at least six months before the planned wedding date.

<u>Anointing of the Sick:</u> For the infirm & homebound. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

<u>New Parishioners:</u> 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.

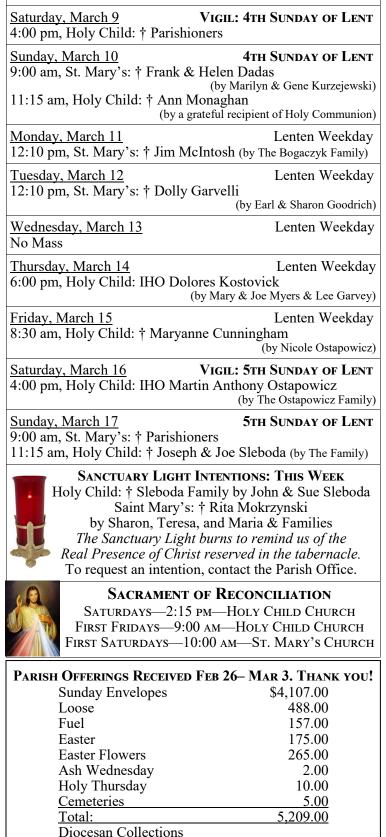
Weekend Masses									
Saturday	4:00	PM	Holy Child						
Sunday	9:00	AM	Saint Mary's						
Sunday	11:15	AM	Holy Child						
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament									
Saturday	3:00	PM	Holy Child	uģu					
Sunday	8:30	AM	Saint Mary's	NH Mar					
Sunday	10:45	AM	Holy Child						
Monday	11:30	AM	Saint Mary's						
Tuesday	11:30	AM	Saint Mary's	4					
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		PM	•	The Angelus					
Tuesday		PM	5	Saint Jude					
Thursday	6:00	PM	Holy Child	The Angelus					
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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									
Good Samaritans: Parish Office, 570-662-3637 Health Ministry & Medical Equipment Loaning:									
Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057									
Knights of Columbus: Scott DiMarco; srdimarco@hotmail.com									

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## **MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**



Care & Education of Priests

*Thank you for your generosity!* If you would like a **2023 STATEMENT**, contact the Office.

Rice Bowl

Holy Land

378.00

40.00

10.00

# 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:

- \* Ryan Bates
  - \* Kirk Euson
  - \* Richard Faber
  - \* Bernice Frederick
  - \* Catherine Gallagher
  - \* Ann King
  - \* Tony Lupkowski
  - \* Tom MacBlane
- \* Yolanda Tacka

\* Lori Sherant

\* Jane Mahonski

\* Terri Nash

\* Christopher Mortensen

\* Richard Niemczyk

\* Ethel Sandstrom

\* Kenneth Simpson

\* 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					
Sun	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10					
3/10	Jn 3:14-21					
Mon	Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b					
3/11	Jn 4:43-54					
Tue	Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9					
3/12	Jn 5:1-16					
Wed	Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18					
3/13	Jn 5:17-30					
Thu	Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9					
3/14	Lk 11:14-23					
Fri	Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23					
3/15	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30					
Sat	Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12					
3/16	Jn 7:40-53					
Sun	Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb5:7-9					
3/10	Jn 12:20-33					

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR Mar 10: Bible Study: Holv Week, after 11:15 Mass

Mar 12: Ladies Guild, 6:00pm, Holy Child Hall Mar 17: Bible Study: Holy Week, after 11:15 Mass

Mar 24: Bible Study: Holy Week, after 11:15 Mass Mar 31: KofC will lead the Rosary prior to Mass

Apr 3: Health Ministry, 10:30am, Holy Child Hall Apr 7: KofC Council 6:30pm, Holy Child Hall

Mar 10: Penance Service, 4pm, St Peter's, Wellsboro

Mar 21: KofC Assembly starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child

LECTIO BIBLE STUDY: THE JEWISH ROOTS OF HOLY WEEK



SAINT MARY OF **CZESTOCHOWA** CHURCH

**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS THIS WEEK!** 

**ESTABLISHED:** 

**MARCH 15, 1874** 



# LENT!

Mark your calendar to take advantage of the many opportunities to prepare 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
- Stations of the Cross:
  - \* 7:00 pm in Holy Child Church on Thursdays
  - \* 3:30 pm on Fridays: 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 18-59 years of age. 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.

#### SAMARITAN HOUSE NEWS

Whether or not we have a guest, our average monthly expenses at Samaritan House are almost \$300.00! We are participating with Raise the Region—a 30-hour online giving campaign that begins at 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 13 and ends at 11:59pm on Thursday, March 14th to raise funds for Samaritan House. Please consider making a donation to us during this time period. Our link is: https:// www.raisetheregion.org/organizations/samaritan-house. THANK YOU!!

# THE JEWISH ROOTS OF HOLY WEEK

Dr. Brant Pitre takes his knowledge of the Jewish roots of Christianity and uses it to unveil the mysteries of the most sacred and solemn week of the entire year: 1. Palm Sunday: Why did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey? 2-3. Holy Monday-Tuesday: Why did

Jesus curse the fig tree on holy Monday? 4. Spy Wednesday: What is the hidden

meaning to Judas' betrayal of Jesus? Why is this day called "Spy Wednesday"?

5. Holy Thursday: How exactly did the disciples prepare the Passover for Jesus?

6. Good Friday: What is the meaning of the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side?

7. Holy Saturday: Why did Jesus rest in the tomb? Where did Jesus' soul go on Holy Saturday?

8. Easter Sunday: Why did Jesus rise on the "first day of the week"?

Join us this Sunday, March 10 after the 11:15 Mass for refreshments and the first episode.

#### FORMED **WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2024**

## 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.



## THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED | ETERNAL REST | EPISODE 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? Learn about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead; the work remaining for the living 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? | FEARLESS | EPISODE 4

Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death. Chris shares the powerful story of Sarah Kirchner and her courageous battle against pediatric bone cancer.



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#### LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN

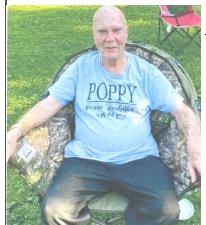
All men ages 18 years and older are invited to an overnight Lenten Retreat titled "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering" from 6 pm Friday, March 15 until 2 pm Saturday, March 16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton. Participants will examine the spiritual journey of men in our world, 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. To register, visit:

*https://beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1* More information: www.beacatholicman.com or contact Joe Adcroft at jadcroft@kknepa.com or call 570-380-5070.

### **GOOD SAMARITANS**

Watch your mailbox for the Good Samaritans Spring Raffle. Please make all raffle returns by the weekend of March 17. Drawing date: March 24, 2024. Donation: \$5/ticket. Prizes: 1st - \$500.00, 2nd - \$250.00, 3rd - \$150.00, 4th - \$100.00.

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 SU RPRISE 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY to anyone who knows him. Sunday March 24th, 2:00-4:00 PM Tioga County Fairgrounds 2258 Charleston Rd, Wellsboro, PA RSVP to Celeste @ 570-404-0841 by 3/1. Thanks so much. Celeste Thomas

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM—MONTH SEVEN-EIGHT

You're in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He is completely formed, and has been since 8 weeks. He is gaining weight and making his mother uncomfortable with his size. But she's not worried now. In a short time, her baby will be born. She has planned to bring her baby home or place her baby for adoption. Either



way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic Church and from the crisis pregnancy centers. Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It hasn't been easy, but your prayers have given her grace to seek the help she needs. 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, Pray for us, and especially for your little ones in danger of abortion. Amen.* 

## MARIAN MINISTRIES

**Restore Book Study** (Ash Wednesday-Easter)

A stipend of \$10 is suggested to assist with the cost of the books. Drop your dona-



tion 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" w/ 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 details.

#### Women's Brunch

Saturday, May 18th, St. Peter's Parish Center, Wellsboro An amazing guest speaker and so much more is in store for this event. Mark your calendars, invite a friend, & stay tuned.

### Paint & Pray

Saturday, April 27th, Holy Child Hall (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

Details are on the parish website: https://holychildparish.com/parish-news/pilgrimage-to-thebasilica-of-the-national-shrine-of-the-immaculate-conception -saturday-june-29-2024/

Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment should accompany registrations. Return the form below 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.

Name

Cell Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Pickup Location \_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact & Phone #:\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies:

Email Address:

# SUNDAY, MARCH 10: LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 4:00 PM, ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WELLSBORO

#### BEFORE CONFESSION

Confession can seem intimidating for a lot of people, but with some simple preparation, it can be a healing encounter with Christ that will leave you filled with peace.

<u>Pray</u>: Pray that God will give you peace and help you make a good confession.

## A Prayer Before Confession

Dear Jesus, help me to make a good Confession, Help me to find out my sins, Help me to be sorry for them, Have mercy on me, O Lord, and forgive me. Mary, my mother, pray for me.

<u>Reflect</u>: Reflect on ways you have harmed your relationship with God, yourself & others. Consider using an *Exami*nation of Conscience to reflect in preparation for confession.

### DURING CONFESSION

<u>Greeting</u>: The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.

Sign of the Cross: Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (give weeks, months, or years) since my last confession."

<u>Confession</u>: Confess all your sins aloud to the priest, who listens lovingly on behalf of Christ & the Church. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: "I am sorry for these and all my sins."

<u>Penance</u>: The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

<u>Act of Contrition</u>: A simple expression to expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to leave sin behind and live more like Jesus Christ!

## An Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy.

<u>Absolution</u>: The priest then blesses you in the person of Christ as he says the prayer of Absolution which frees you from your sins.

## AFTER CONFESSION

<u>Rejoice</u>: Through the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God has reminded you of His unending love! <u>Resolve</u>: Resolve to leave sin behind & live in the Light! <u>Respond</u>: Follow through with the penance the priest

gave you and share the mercy you received with others. *"With the help of Your grace"* 

These words in an act of contrition remind you that when avoiding sin seems too difficult, you can rely on God by turning to Him in prayer and the Sacraments.

In large part from: https://thelightison.org/guide-to-confession/



<u>MARCH 28TH - HOLY THURSDAY</u> 7:00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Holy Child Church <u>MARCH 29TH - GOOD FRIDAY</u> The Passion of The Lord 1:00 pm Solemn Services, Holy Child Church 3:00 pm Stations of The Cross & Divine Mercy Novena, St. Mary's Church (No Meager Meal) <u>MARCH 30TH - HOLY SATURDAY</u> 10:30 am Blessing of Baskets & Divine Mercy Novena, St. Mary's 8:00 pm Solemn Easter Vigil Mass, Holy Child Church



<u>MARCH 31st</u> 9:00 am Mass, St. Mary's Church 11:15 am Mass & Divine Mercy Novena, Holy Child Church

## **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina and invited her to spread the message of His Divine Mercy to the world. He gave her the Divine Mercy Novena, which starts



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on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Holy Child Parish offers the following Novena schedule:

Day	Date	Time	Church	
Good Friday	March 29th	3:00 pm	St. Mary's	
Holy Saturday	March 30th	10:30 am	St. Mary's	
Easter Sunday	March 31st	12:30 pm	Holy Child	
Monday	April 1st	12:10 pm	St. Mary's	
Tuesday	April 2nd	12:10 pm	St. Mary's	
Wednesday	April 3rd	8:30 am	Holy Child	
Thursday	April 4th	6:00 pm	Holy Child	
Friday	April 5th	7:00 pm	Holy Child	
Saturday	April 6th	5:00 pm	Holy Child	
Diving Margy Sunday	April 7th	2.20  mm	Holy Child	

Divine Mercy Sunday April 7th 2:30 pm Holy Child \*Times are approximate; immediately following Masses.\*

On April 7th, Divine Mercy Sunday, Holy Hour with Adoration & Confessions begins at 2:30 pm followed by the final Novena chaplet. A reception will be held in Holy Child Hall at the conclusion of the Novena.

The Novena can always be said in private. *Everyone* is welcome to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and attend the reception. Instructions can also be found at: catholicnove-naapp.com/novenas/divine-mercy-novena/#

