

**Holy Child Church** 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

# HOLY WEEK PALM SUNDAY March 24, 2024



**Reverend Bryan B. Wright** Pastor





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

**PARISH OFFICE** Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm 237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933 Phone: 570-662-3568 Email: hlychild@ptd.net

# **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**

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	e 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.

Web: holychildparish.com									
WEEKEND MASSES									
Saturday	4:00		Holy Child	•					
Sunday	9:00		Saint Mary's						
Sunday	11:15	AM	Holy Child	•					
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament									
Saturday	3:00	PM	Holy Child	سېت					
Sunday	8:30	AM	Saint Mary's	AND ALLER					
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						
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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 Jude					
• •	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 Ladies Guild: Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2034									
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St. Mary's Hall: 638-2783 Holy Child Hall: 662-9996



# **MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Saturday, March 23 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Harold Andrews (by Pat)

Sun, March 24 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners 11:15 am, Holy Child: † William & Jacqueline Gitchell

(by The Jim Thomas Family)

Monday, March 25 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Joan Flesch (by John & Ann Monaghan)

Tuesday, March 26Tuesday of Holy Week4:00 pm, Chrism Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton:† Theresa Carlson (by Tim & Cathy Bogaczyk)

<u>Wednesday, March 27</u> No Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday, March 28HOLY THURSDAY7:00 pm, Holy Child: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29GOOD FRIDAY1:00 pm, Holy Child: Celebration of the Lord's Passion3:00 pm, St. Mary's: Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Novena

Saturday, March 30 10:30 am, St. Mary's: Blessing of Baskets, Divine Mercy Novena 8:00 pm, Holy Child: Solemn Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 31EASTER SUNDAY9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners11:15 am, Holy Child: †Andrew Sleboda (by John & Sue Sleboda)



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK Holy Child: Sleboda Family by John & Sue Sleboda Saint Mary's: Buck Family by Dar Buck 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 Mar 11-17. Thank you!

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Sunday Envelopes	\$8,490.00
Loose	377.25
Fuel	30.00
Easter	40.00
Easter Flowers	651.00
Holy Thursday	20.00
Ash Wednesday	10.00
Total:	9,618.25
Diocesan Collections:	
Care & Education of Priests	45.00
Holy Land	10.00
Rice Bowl	442.00
Thank you for your ge	enerosity!
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If you would like a 2023 STATEMENT, contact the 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:

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

\* Jane Mahonski

\* Terri Nash

\* Christopher Mortensen

\* Richard Niemczyk

\* Ethel Sandstrom

\* Kenneth Simpson

\* Jack Watson

\* Lori Sherant

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.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Sun 3/24					
Mon 3/25	Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11				
Tue	Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17				
3/26	Jn 13:21-33,36-38				
Wed	Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21bcd-22,31,33-34				
3/27	Mt 26:14-25				
Thu	Ex 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-16c,17-18				
3/28	1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15				
Fri	Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25				
3/29	Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42				
Sat 3/30	<ul> <li>(1) Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1,26-31a Ps 104:1-2,5-6, 10,12-14,24,35 or Ps 33:4-7,12-13,20,22</li> <li>(2) Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Ps 16:5,8-11</li> <li>(3) Ex 14:15—15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6,17-18 (4) Is 54:5-14 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13 (5) Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-3,4-6 (6) Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4 Ps 19:8-11</li> <li>(7) Ez 36:16-17a,18-28 Pss 42:3,5; 43:3-4 (8) Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2,16-17, 22-23 (9) Mk 16:1-7</li> </ul>				
Sun	Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23				
3/31	Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7				

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



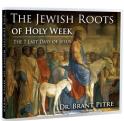
Mar 24: *Bible Study: Holy Week*, after 11:15 Mass Mar 31: KofC will lead the Rosary prior to Mass Apr 3: Health Ministry, 10:30am, Holy Child Hall Apr 7: KofC Council 6:30pm, Holy Child Hall Apr 9: Ladies Guild, 6:00pm, Holy Child Hall

## 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

John Manikowski

LECTIO BIBLE STUDY: 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: Holy Thursday: How exactly did the disciples prepare the Passover for Jesus? Good Friday: What is the meaning of the blood & water flowed from Jesus' side?

Holy Saturday: Why did Jesus rest in the tomb? Where did Jesus' soul go on Holy Saturday? Easter Sunday: Why did Jesus rise on the "first day of the week"? If you're looking to truly enter into Holy Week with Jesus, then this Bible study is for you. *Join us this Sunday, March 24 after the 11:15 Mass for refreshments and Part 3.* 



# SCAM ALERT

If you receive a text message or call from an unknown number claiming to be Father Bryan, possibly asking for help...*disregard*. <u>If Father needs you, he will speak with you</u> <u>directly.</u> Thank you.

#### **EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES—LOCAL EXHIBITION, APRIL 5-7**

The Knights of Columbus at St. Michael Parish, Canton, PA, (106 Washington St., Canton, PA, 17724) will host an exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles, featuring 80 educational story panels documenting Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Catholic Church throughout the ages. Open to the public:

- Friday, April 5th: 7am—7pm (Adoration also available)
- Saturday, April 6th: 12 Noon—5pm
- Sunday, April 7th: 8am—1pm

During this time of Eucharistic Revival, come see these signs that Jesus gave to us of His Real Presence in the Eucharist.



# SEEKING MUSICIANS

A personal care home in Mainesburg is seeking musician(s) to provide music once or twice a month. Please contact Jody Chappell 570-404-5708. Thank you!



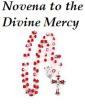
<u>MARCH 28TH - HOLY THURSDAY</u> 7:00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Holy Child Church <u>MARCH 29TH - GOOD FRIDAY</u> The Passion of The Lord 1:00 pm Solemn Services, Holy Child Church 3:00 pm Stations of The Cross & Divine Mercy Novena, St. Mary's Church (No Meager Meal) <u>MARCH 30TH - HOLY SATURDAY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



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



on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Holy Child Parish offers the following Novena schedule:

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<u>Day</u>	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
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. <u>Everyone</u> is welcome to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and attend the reception. Instructions can also be found at: catholicnove-naapp.com/novenas/divine-mercy-novena/#



#### SINCEREST THANK YOU FROM SAMARITAN HOUSE

Thank you so much to all those who made a donation to Samaritan House of Wellsboro during last week's "Raise the Region". We were gifted a total of \$4,051.00 which will go a long way toward keeping this beautiful ministry going.

We are so grateful that people see Samaritan House as worthy of financial support. JUST A REMINDER: We are always in need of volunteers. If interested, or if you have questions, please contact Mary D. Grab at:

Samaritan.House.3@gmail.com or 607-857-3447.

#### FORMED **WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024**

#### **TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE**

Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, you are brought tangibly nearer to the story. landscape, and reality of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

### **EMBRACED IN MERCY: THE RITE EXPLAINED**

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.

#### HOLY THURSDAY | CATHOLIC ALL YEAR AT HOME

Explore Holy Thursday contradictions with the Tierney family: joyful Eucharist and sacramental priesthood vs. somber start of Jesus' passion. Get family activity ideas, music suggestions, and a Holy Thursday seder-



RIDUUM





inspired feast featuring lamb, knishes, bitter herb salad, homemade applesauce, flatbread, and wine/grape juice. Don't miss a messy but special dessert.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription! *To set up your free account, visit signup.formed.org and use* zip code 16933 to search for and select our parish.

## \*\*\*\*\* **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.

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#### 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.

As of March 22nd. 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.

#### **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.



# **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"

#### **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.



#### HEALTH MINISTRY GIFT TO YOU—LITTLE WHITE BOOK

If you loved the Little Blue Book for Advent and the Little Black Book for Lent, The Health Ministry invites you to pick up the Little White Book next weekend. The Little White Book encourages you to spend some quiet time each day with Jesus during the 50 days of the Easter Season. Enjoy!

"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 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY to anyone who knows him. Sunday March 24th, 2:00-4:00 PM **Tioga County Fairgrounds** 2258 Charleston Rd, Wellsboro, PA Thanks so much." Celeste Thomas (John's Granddaughter)

#### 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. Kate A. Klunk (717) 787-4790 Hon. Torren C. Ecker (717) 783-8875 Hon. Clint Owlett (717) 772-5371 Hon. Timothy R. Bonner (717) 783-6438 Hon. Joe Hamm (717) 787-5270

Hon. David H. Rowe (717) 787-3443 Hon. Jim Rigby (717) 772-9924 Hon. Joe Kerwin (717) 260-6148 Hon. Paul Schemel (717) 783-5218 Hon. Robert Leadbeter (717) 783-1102

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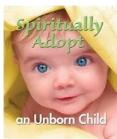
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Thank you for making these critical calls! Please share.

## 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:

