



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

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 5, 2024



PARISH OFFICE

Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm
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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.

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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Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057
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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

Saturday, May 4 Easter Weekday
9:30 am, St. Mary's, First Saturday: † Jacqueline Gitchell
(by The Jim Thomas Family)

4:00 pm, Holy Child, **VIGIL, 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**
† Ronald Becker (by The Troncone Family)

Sunday, May 5 **6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Merton & Theresa Saunders
(by The Jim Thomas Family)

Monday, May 6 Easter Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Marion Dzikowski (by Mike Dzikowski)

Tuesday, May 7 Easter Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Frank & Helen Dadas
(by Marilyn & Gene Kurzejewski)

Wednesday, May 8 No Mass Easter Weekday

Thursday, May 9 **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
(Holy Day of Obligation)
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Parishioners
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Charles Chamberlain (by Ladies Guild)

Friday, May 10 *St. John of Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church*
8:30 am, Holy Child: † deceased members of the
Grishka Family (by Denise Grishka)

Saturday, May 11 **VIGIL, 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † All Mothers

Sunday, May 12 **7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † All Mothers
11:15 am, Holy Child: † All Mothers



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: Linda & Tom Sampson

by Chris Troncone

Saint Mary's: Dan & Charol Clementi (by Cara)

*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



The beautiful flower arrangements
in Holy Child Church for Ascension Thursday
and next weekend's Masses are donated
in loving memory of Connie Leone
by Ken and Mary Kay.

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED APR 22-28. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,784.00
Loose	579.00
Dues	3.00
Tax & Insurance	352.00
Total:	\$3,718.00
Diocesan Collections:	
Home Missions	812.00

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:

* Kirk Euson	* Christopher Mortensen
* Richard Faber	* Terri Nash
* Bernice Frederick	* Richard Niemczyk
* Catherine Gallagher	* Sandy Parker
* Jim Gilmour	* Ethel Sandstrom
* Lance Hall	* Lori Sherant
* Ann King	* Kenneth Simpson
* Tony Lupkowski	* Yolanda Tacka
* Tom MacBlane	* Jack Watson
* Jane Mahonski	

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



To request prayer for someone (e.g. due to illness, surgery, hardship, other) please contact the Parish Office. To respect 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 5/5	Acts 10:25,26,34,35,44-48 Ps 98:1-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17
Mon 5/6	Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tue 5/7	Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Jn 16:5-11
Wed 5/8	Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2,11-14 Jn 16:12-15
Thu 5/9	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,11-13 Mk 16:15-20
Fri 5/10	Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23a
Sat 5/11	Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3,8-10 Jn 16:23b-28
Sun 5/12	Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26 Ps 103:1,2,11,12,19,20 1 Jn 4:11-16 Jn 17:11b-19

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

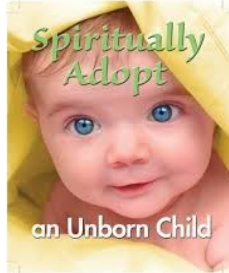
May 5: Lectio Bible Study after 11:15 Mass, Holy Child
May 5: KofC Council 6:30pm, Holy Child Hall
May 8: Health Ministry, 10:30am, Holy Child Hall
May 9: Pastoral Council, starting w/ 6pm Mass, Holy Child
May 12: Lectio Bible Study after 11:15 Mass, Holy Child
May 14: Ladies Guild, 6:00pm, Holy Child Hall

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION 9TH MONTH CELEBRATION!

Holy Child Health Ministry is having a *Spiritual Adoption 9th Month Celebration*, April 28—Mothers Day (May 12). Tables will be set up in the front & back of Holy Child Church for *new, unwrapped* donations to Heart of Tioga:

- Sippy cups
- Baby wipes
- Crib sheets
- Monetary donations made payable to “Heart of Tioga”
- No diapers; not needed at this time

A poster on which you can sign a baby’s name of your choice will be set up. Thank you for praying to prevent abortions and for welcoming mothers and their babies.



LECTIO BIBLE STUDY, PART 2: THE FOURTH CUP AND THE NEW PASSOVER—WITH DR. BRANT PITRE



Join us after 11:15 Mass this Sunday May 5 for refreshments and to learn how Jesus transformed what would have otherwise been simply a Roman *execution* into a Passover *sacrifice*.

- Why were four cups of wine required for every Passover?
- What were the stages of the Passover

“Order”? How do they correspond to the “Order” of the Mass?

- What psalms did Jesus sing at the Last Supper? How do they reveal the mystery of his Passion?
- Did Jesus actually finish the Last Supper? When did he drink the fourth Passover cup?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 20TH

The Holy Child Knights of Columbus invites all High School Seniors to apply for a scholarship. Instructions to applicants: please write a short essay (under 250 words) using real-life examples highlighting how Catholicism has affected your daily life and how it will affect your future plans. Please send applications to: Tony Hauck at tonyiv@msn.com and in the subject line please label SCHOLARSHIP. Due: May 20, 2024



CORPUS CHRISTI—OUTDOOR EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 12:30 PM, HOLY CHILD CHURCH

Father Bryan and the Holy Child Knights of Columbus will lead a Eucharistic Procession around the grounds of Holy Child Church in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Please join us. The procession will begin immediately following the 11:15 Mass, weather permitting.

SAINT MARY OF CZESTOCHOWA CHURCH

150TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Sunday, June 23rd, 3:00 pm, Saint Mary’s Hall

Please RSVP on sign-up sheets in the vestibules of our churches.

All parishioners and friends are invited!

Please RSVP on the sign-up sheets that will be placed in the vestibules of both churches—St. Mary’s and Holy Child. Please indicate the number of attendees.



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: **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.



HOLY CHILD PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Our Parish is blessed with the generosity of so many Parishioners who request Sanctuary Candle Intentions and Mass Intentions for the living and the dead. Please note:

The Mass Intentions Calendar for 2024 is full. The Calendar for 2025 will be opened later this year.

In the meantime, for Mass Intention requests, please note the following options (incomplete list):

- Association of Marian Helpers, Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA; marian.org
- Association of the Miraculous Medal, Perryville, MO; amm.org; 1-800-264-MARY
- Seraphic Mass Association, Pittsburgh, PA; myMassRequest.org; 1-877-737-9050
- Society of the Little Flower, Darien, IL; littleflower.org; 800-621-2806
- The Blue Army, U.S.A. World Apostolate of Fatima, Washington, NJ; bluearmy.com; 908-689-1700
- Sisters of Saint Joseph Guild, Flourtown, PA; 215-248-7838
- Dominican Nuns, Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, NJ; summitdominicans.org
- Carmel of JMJ Fairfield, 327 Water St., Fairfield, PA; fairfieldcarmelites.org/masscards-3

GOOD NEWS: PARISH FINANCE NOTES

NATURAL GAS INCOME

Good news: our Parish has begun to receive payments for natural gas harvesting on our properties, beginning in July 2023. To date, we have received \$109,542.63, including interest. These funds are vital and will be used to offset our Parish's loss of Bingo income the overall increased cost of operation. We would like to thank the parishioners who assisted us in this process.

MARIAN MINISTRIES



Brunch: "Walking with Mary"

Saturday, May 18th
St. Peter's Church
11am-1:30pm

Guest Speaker: Jessica Ryan
with Catered Brunch
Suggested Donation: \$15.00

Jessica will share:

- * beautiful personal stories and practical information about how to walk closely with Mary every day
- * powerful reflections on Our Lady of Lourdes & Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saints Bernadette, Juan Diego, & Maximillian Kolbe, connecting their stories to the virtue of charity.
- * practical and creative ways to pray with Mary.

Her presentation is amazing!

Jessica plans to bring some of her students from Notre Dame High School as our guests.

You won't want to miss this event, so register soon!

To Register, contact Laurie Coffee
@ (703) 470-2975 or (570) 549-2210
or use the Sign-Up Sheet at your Parish.

Living Rosary for May



The Living Rosary is a powerful devotion that allows people to pray the Rosary together even when they can't be in the same place.

Twenty participants each pray a different designated decade of the Rosary daily, so all together, the group prays an entire Rosary every day.

This devotion creates a sense of community even when people can't be physically together. Our collective intention for May is:

***"Peace in the world and
peace in the hearts of all people."***

To participate in the Living Rosary devotion,
Call Laurie Coffee at (703) 470-2975 or (570) 549-2210.

ASCENSION THURSDAY—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS THURSDAY, MAY 9TH



On the feast of the Ascension, we are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for

us. We pray that we would experience the new life that is ours in Christ.

Three aspects of that new life stand out in the Second Mass Reading for the feast: "May you know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe" (Ephesians 1:18-19).

As Christians, our hope is secure because it rests in Jesus' death and resurrection. Because Jesus has overcome sin forever, we can live in freedom and peace, no matter what situations we may face. We have been reconciled to God. We are no longer strangers. Every day, we can live in confidence, knowing that our God is with us to strengthen and comfort us.

Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us—none other than being with our Father forever, knowing him intimately, in all his splendor and beauty. In his ascension, Jesus has opened the door for us. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children and will live with him forever.

As we live every day in the hope of our eternal inheritance, however, we can begin to taste these blessings here and now. This is part of the "immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe." Before he returned to his Father, Jesus promised his disciples that anyone who believed in him would be able to cast out demons, heal the sick, and perform signs and wonders in his name (Mark 16:17-18). How? By the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is in our hearts, inviting us to yield to him and empowering us to live in the victory of the resurrection. No challenge is too great for a child of God!

Points for Meditation:

- As the disciples watched Jesus being lifted up to heaven, do you think that they would have been tempted to feel abandoned and panicked about their risen Lord leaving the earth? Think of a time in your life when you felt as if Jesus had abandoned you. How can Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5,8) bring you comfort at such a time?

- Exercise your hope today by calling to mind Jesus' death and resurrection and the salvation he won for you on the cross. How can you more fully place your hope and confidence in these truths?

- Have you "tasted" the blessings here and now of your eternal inheritance? Ask God for a powerful outpouring of his Spirit so that He can manifest his power in your life.

Lord Jesus, we rejoice today in your ascension to the Father's right hand. Thank you, Lord, for offering us a share in your heavenly life. By your Spirit, help us to lay hold of our inheritance in you—the hope, the glory, and the power that are the right of every child of God.—The WORD AmongUs



MOTHER'S DAY ADOPTION MASS

**Sunday, May 12, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

At this special Mass, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will recognize all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers.

CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live and provide a livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website.

Diocese of Scranton 

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.**

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Thank you for making these critical calls! Please share.

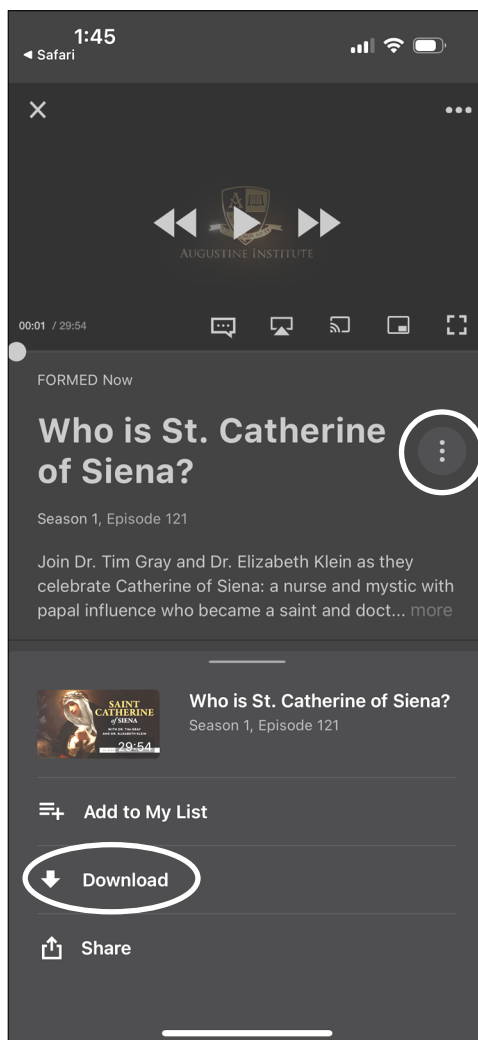
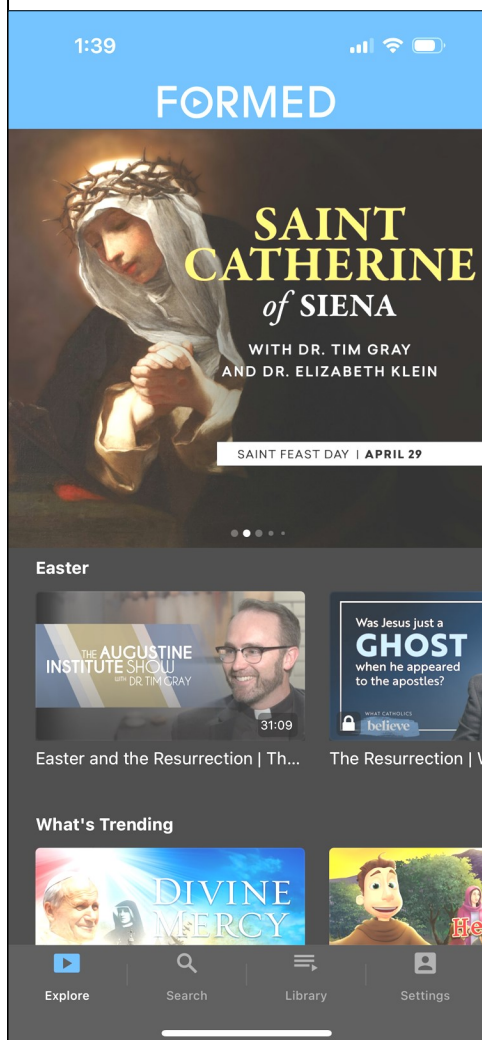


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58,000 names listed on the wall. If you
can help, please contact Jessica Barron
@ 570-418-2838 Thank you!



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.

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reserved in the
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maintain a prayerful
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