

Holy Child Church 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

15th Sunday Ordinary Time July 14, 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 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

<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	e 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	Saturday 4:00 PM Holy Child								
Sunday	9:00	AM	Saint Mary's	•					
Sunday	11:15	AM	Holy Child	•					
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament									
Saturday	day 3:00 PM Holy Child 🕂								
Sunday	8:30	AM	Saint Mary's						
Sunday	10:45	AM	Holy Child						
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Tuesday	Tuesday 11:30 AM Saint Mary's 🛛 🏅								
Thursday	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 Mary's	Saint Jude					
Thursday	6:00	PM	Holy Child	The Angelus					
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Financial Se	cretary	: Darle	ene Buck 570-66	52-3568					
Secretary: C	ara Cle	menti	570-662-3568	•					
Director of I	Religiou	ıs Edu	cation: Darlene	Buck 570-540-1332					
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									
St. Mary's Hall: 638-2783 Holy Child Hall: 662-9996									

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ~ prior to all Masses ~

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 13 VIGIL, 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Gail & Peter Keating (by John & Sue Sleboda)

Sunday, July 14 **15th Sunday In Ordinary Time** 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners 11:15 am, Holy Child: † George Kump (by Anita)

Monday, July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † James Parnick Sr. (by Ladies Guild)

Tuesday, July 16 *Our Lady of Mount Carmel* 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Dave Jaquish & Carolyn Jaquish Bond (by Nancy & Heather)

Wednesday, July 17 No Mass

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Thursday, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Eugene Fessler

(by Samie & Sharon Wilcox)

Weekday Friday, July 19 8:30 am, Holy Child: † Ann Monaghan (by Dolores Kostovick)

Saturday, July 20 VIGIL, 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Jim McIntosh (by Pat Andrews)

Sunday, July 21 **16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Larry Mitchell (by Siblings) 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Saint Mary's: John, Kelly, and Jim (by Darlene & Cara) Holy Child: † Gail & Peter Keating (by John & Sue Sleboda) 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 ~Or By Appointment~

Parish Offerings Received July 1-7. Thank you!					
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,199.00				
Loose	594.00				
Dues	10.00				
Summer Drive	310.00				
Parish Charity	10.00				
Total:	\$4,123.00				
Care & Education of Priests:	221.00				
Thank you for your generosity!					

Pray the Rosary Every Day

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
 - * Richard Faber
- * Bernice Frederick
- * Catherine Gallagher
- * Lance Hall
- * Ann King
- * Tony Lupkowski
- * Tom MacBlane
- * Jane Mahonski
- * Sandy Parker * Ethel Sandstrom

* Richard Niemczyk

* Christopher Mortensen

* Lori Sherant

* Terri Nash

- * Kenneth Simpson
- * Yolanda Tacka
- * Jack Watson

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.

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	Scripture Readings						
Sun	Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10						
7/14	Mk 6:7-13						
Mon	Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8,9,16,17,21,23						
7/15	Mt 10:34-11:1						
Tue	Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-8 Mt 11:20-24						
7/16	18 7.1-9 FS 46.2-6 Mit 11.20-24						
Wed	Is 10:5-7,13b-16 Ps 94:5-10,14-15 Mt 11:25-27						
7/17	18 10.5-7,150-10 18 94.5-10,14-15 Wit 11.25-27						
Thu	Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 Ps 102:13-21 Mt 11:28-30						
7/18	18 20.7-9,12,10-19 18 102.13-21 Wit 11.20-30						
Fri	Is 38:1-8,21,22 (Ps) Is 38:10-12,16 Mt 12:1-8						
7/19	18 50.1-0,21,22 (18) 18 50.10-12,10 Mit 12.1-0						
Sat	Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-4,7,8,14 Mt 12:14-21						
7/20	1VII 2.1-5 1510.1-7,7,0,17 IVII 12.14-21						
Sun	Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18						
7/21	Mk 6:30-34						

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 8: Parish Council following 6pm Mass at Holy Child Aug 22: Finance Council following 6pm Mass at Holy Child

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit Coming to St. Peter's Parish

St. Peter's Parish will host a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit on **Saturday**, **July 13**th from 1:00pm – 7:00pm, **and Sunday**, **July 14**th, from 9:30am – 11:30am in the Parish Center.

This exhibition consists of approximately 80 educational story panels documenting the accounts of miracles recognized by the universal Catholic Church throughout the ages. The event is free and open to the public, so all are welcome to attend.

Mark your calendar and plan to view these signs that Jesus gave of his Real Presence in the Eucharist.

For information on displaying this exhibit at other local parishes, please contact Gloria at 570/479-1175.

FROM TIOGA COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE

Dear Church Partner— As our new facility becomes reality, TCHI is praying that the churches of Tioga County will assist us in providing the following items.



for the new building's guest bedrooms. If your church sends funding (~\$140.00 per closet), we will place a dedication tag on it, naming your church.

Monthly food supplies (guests will cook their own meals):

- Beef, pork, chicken, turkey, hot dogs
- Milk, eggs, margarine / butter, bread, non-perishables Volunteer opportunities:
- Help sort and organize supplies—TCHI receives a lot of donated items and supplies from everywhere.
- Cover the entrance desk—answer phones, take messages, direct individuals to staff, simple office duties (filing).
- Other opportunities will be posted as needed.

Sincerely, Abby Thorborg, TCHI Director of Operations Phone: 570-724-9001 or 570-439-9383 Website: tiogahomeless.org Email: tiogacountyhomelessinitiative@yahoo.com

Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died



in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, or accident.

The Mass is scheduled for **Thursday**, **July 25**, **2024** at **7:00pm** in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton, and will be televised on CTV. All who have lost a loved one through violent or tragic death are invited to this liturgy.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in your Parish Office or www.dioceseofscranton.org. All forms must be received by July 19, 2024.



ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER... START PLANNING YOUR RAFFLE BASKETS! Just a reminder that our Parish's annual Roast Beef Dinner and Basket Raffle will soon be upon us... a good time to plan and gather materials for your baskets! The dinner and raffle are very popular, with many excellent and creative baskets every year. This is a fun and

important fundraiser for our Parish. Stay tuned for details!

Sponsored by Marian Ministries:

Mt. Saviour Monastery Retreat Saturday, September 21, 2024 • 9:00am—3:00pm

Tioga County Deanery Women's Retreat Saturday, October 19th, 2024 Immaculate Conception Church, Williamsport, PA

Details in upcoming bulletins

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

Burn baby burn?! Not exactly what you want after a day of fun in the sun. Protection is prevention for those painful, red blistering burns. Remember the days of slathering baby oil on your body and laying out in the sun all day? Ouch! My shoulders and back hurt



just thinking about those horrible blisters. Unfortunately, those blisters and sunburns of our youth can turn into skin cancers later in life. Melanoma is the most deadly form of skin cancer. So, to prevent further injury... protect yourself. Avoid sun during the hours of 12 Noon to 3:00 pm; that's when UV rays are the strongest. Use sunscreen frequently. Don't forget your face, nose, and ears. Remember that sun glare off of water increases the intensity of the rays and bounces them onto areas that you don't normally think will burn. Ever have an under the chin burn after being at the beach or on a boat? Be kind to your birthday suit—it's the only one you'll get.

COLD WATER THERAPY MACHINE NOW AVAILABLE

Health Ministry purchased a cold water therapy machine for use following knee, hip, shoulder, or ankle surgery. It provides wonderful, convenient, programmable cold applications. To borrow this machine, contact Dotty 662-2057.



"IHS" AND "XP"

"IHS" and "XP" can be seen on the Eucharist, Priests' vestments, Tabernacles, Monstrances, and sacred art and architecture... but what do they mean? Where do they come from?

IHS and XP are Christograms – combinations of letters that represent the holy name "Jesus." Early scribes would abbreviate the sacred names of Jesus by using the first two letters of the name, or the first and last letters, with a line over the letters. For example, the Greek letters Chi-Rho (which looks like our English X and P) was an abbreviation for the name "Christ." Likewise, I (iota) and H (eta) are the first two Greek letters for "Jesus." Sometime in the second century, the third letter, S (sigma), was added, thereby rendering IHS. These Christograms, such as XP or IHS, served as secret codes, whereby inscribed on a tomb, they indicated a deceased Christian, or on a doorpost, a Christian home. IHS is not an acronym for "I have suffered."

St. Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444) and his student St. John of Capistrano (1386-1456) used the Christogram IHS to promote devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. In their preaching missions throughout Italy, they carried wooden placards with the IHS surrounded by rays. St. Bernardine and St. John blessed the faithful with this monogram, invoking the name of Jesus, and many miracles were reported. They also encouraged people to have the monogram placed over the city gates and the doorways of their homes, instead of a family crest, to show their devotion and allegiance to the Lord. Countering the objections of some who considered this veneration superstitious, Pope Martin V in 1427 approved the proper veneration to the Holy Name and asked that the cross be included in the monogram IHS. Largely due to St. Bernadine's preaching, the name "Jesus" was added to the Hail Mary: "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus."

Also during this time, due to the decline of Greek and predominance of Latin, IHS was viewed as an acronym for the Latin Iesus Hominum Salvator, meaning "Jesus Savior of Mankind."

What is most important is that each of us shows proper respect, reverence and devotion for the name of Jesus. St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians wrote, "So that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord" (2:10-11). Just as a name gives identity to a person, the name of Jesus reminds the hearer of who He is and what He has done for us. Keep in mind that the name Jesus means "Yahweh saves" or "Yahweh is salvation."

Invoking Our Lord's name with reverential faith is turning to Him and imploring His divine assistance. An old spiritual manual cited four special rewards of invoking the holy name: First, the name of Jesus brings help in bodily needs. Jesus Himself promised at the Ascension, "In my name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues, they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them, they will lay their hands on the sick and they will recover" (Mk 16:17-19).

Second, the name of Jesus gives help in spiritual trials. Jesus forgave sins, and through the invocation of His name, sins continue to be forgiven. At Pentecost, St. Peter echoed the prophecy of Joel: "Then shall everyone be saved who calls on the name of the Lord" (Acts 2:21). As St. Stephen, the first martyr, was being stoned, he called upon the name of the Lord and prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59).

Third, the name of Jesus protects against Satan and his temptations. Jesus on His own authority rebuked Satan and exorcized demons (e.g., the temptations in the desert, Mt 4:1-11).

Finally, we receive every grace and blessing through the Holy Name of Jesus. He said, "I give you my assurance, whatever you ask the Father, He will give you in my name" (Jn 16:23-24). In summary, St. Paul said, "Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col 3:17).

https://www.catholicherald.com/article/columns/what-does-ihs-mean/

Christograms composed of Greek letters: Iota (I; "I" or "J") Eta (H; "E") Sigma (Σ ; "S") = Jesus Chi (X; "Ch") Rho (P; "R") = Christ

Chi (X; "Ch") Rho (P; "R") = ChristAlpha (A; "A") Omega (Ω ; "O") = first & last letters of Greek alphabet "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last..." *Rev 22:13*



EUCHARISTIC ACT OF FAITH

(2004-11-07) In a letter addressed to Archbishop Carlo Ghidelli of Lanciano- Orlona, the Pope said: "I very much desire that, during the Year of the Eucharist, every diocesan community renew publicly its act of faith in Jesus present in the sacrament of the altar and inspire all its life and pastoral action in the Eucharistic spirituality that emerges so clearly in the evangelical accounts."

In response to the above statement, the Catholic Doors Ministry authored this Eucharistic Act of Faith:

I believe in God the Father Almighty. I believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ. I believe in God the Holy Spirit. I believe in the Holy Trinity. I believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. I believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Body of Christ, the Consecrated Bread. I believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blood of Christ, the Consecrated Wine. I believe that Jesus instituted the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church as His dwelling Home on earth. I believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacred Tabernacles of the Catholic Church. I believe that Jesus is truly present physically among us, over and above being spiritually present within us.

May this truth be known to all for the glory of God. Amen.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man. Blessed be the name of Jesus. Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart. Blessed be His Most Precious Blood. Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the paraclete. Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception. Blessed be her glorious Assumption. Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother. Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

Heart of Tioga Crisis Pregnancy Center: 570-948-2020 *Project Rachel* Helpline: 888-456-HOPE for help after abortion Abortion Pill Reversal 24/7 Hotline: 1-877-558-0333

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of My heavenly Father." (Matthew 18:10)



<u>heartoftioga@gmail.com</u> 24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT





Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother; to you do we come; before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer them. Amen.



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!

For the 2024 Annual Appeal, Holy Child Parish reached 93% of our \$28,000 goal.



Our parish participation rate was 39%, with 128 families participating in the 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you for your support.

PA HOUSE BILL 1888—PLEASE CALL

We need a full court press to defeat House Bill 1888, a proposed pro-abortion Constitutional Amendment.

Governor Shapiro has shut down the funds that always went to Pro-Life *Real Alternatives* and has directed funds toward pro-abortion organizations. Another reason to contact our State Representatives and State Senator and let them know the importance of state funds for *Real Alternatives*.

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

Thank you for making these critical calls! Please share.

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 Pennsylvaniar

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Visitors to St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, or the Vatican Museums are required to abide by an official dress code: men can wear long pants and shirts with at least short sleeves; women can wear trousers, capri pants, or skirts and dresses (knee length or longer). Bare shoulders, shorts, and short skirts are not permitted. It seems reasonable to abide by the same standards in our own church during Divine worship. By doing so, we show our respect for God and one another. *www.papalaudience.org/dress-code*

Parish	Goal	Raised-To- Date	Cash Raised	Goal Reached	No. of Donors	% of Parishioner s
Holy Child Parish - Mansfield	\$28,000	\$26,129.00	\$25,892.00	93.32%	128	39.38%
Immaculate Conception Parish - Williamsport	\$26,000	\$23,060.00	\$22,635.00	88.69%	108	30.00%
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish - Montoursville	\$41,000	\$35,052.00	\$32,332.00	85.49%	169	25.84%
Resurrection Parish - Muncy	\$33,000	\$28,195.00	\$27,963.00	85.44%	112	20.40%
St. Ann Parish - Williamsport	\$59,000	\$51,555.00	\$50,547.50	87.38%	162	29.67%
St. Boniface Parish - Williamsport	\$60,000	\$59,970.00	\$57,270.00	99.95%	202	32.90%
St. Joseph the Worker Parish - Williamsport	\$75,000	\$82,136.40	\$76,855.83	109.52%	253	13.84%
St. Lawrence Parish - S. Williamsport	\$26,000	\$26,150.00	\$24,210.00	100.58%	112	36.72%
St. Luke Parish - Jersey Shore	\$16,000	\$11,674.33	\$11,490.33	72.96%	79	33.19%
St. Peter Parish - Wellsboro	\$43,000	\$38,195.00	\$37,326.70	88.83%	110	28.28%
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish - Elkland	\$13,000	\$8,058.00	\$8,058.00	61.98%	33	25.00%
Total	\$420,000.00	\$390,174.73	\$374,580.36	92.90%		

