



**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

# 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 1, 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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Knights of Columbus:  
Scott DiMarco; [srdimarco@hotmail.com](mailto: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, November 30 VIGIL, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Floyd & Isabelle Harzinski (by Pat Andrews)

**Sunday, December 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
9:00 am, St Mary's: † Parishioners  
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Costy, Elaine, & Doug Sr. Kurzejewski  
(by Denny, Ginger, & Jeff Kurzejewski)

**Monday, December 2 Advent Weekday**  
**No Mass; Father Away:** † James Edel Hauck (by Dad)

**Tuesday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest**  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Alice Abrams (by Ladies Guild)

**Wednesday, December 4 Advent Weekday**  
No Mass

**Thursday, December 5 Advent Weekday**  
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Rita Mokrzynski  
(by Samie & Sharon Wilcox & Family)

**Friday, December 6 Advent Weekday**  
8:30 am, Holy Child (First Friday): † Crystal Webster  
(by Theresa Thomas)

**Saturday, December 7 VIGIL, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
9:30 am, St. Mary's (First Saturday): † Jerry & Dan Kostovick  
(by The Family)  
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Jim & Betty Rieppel  
(by Rosemary, Adele, & Marcia, & Families)

**Sunday, December 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
9:00 am, St Mary's: † Anna Tokarz (by The Family)  
11:15 am, Holy Child: Parishioners

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK**  
Holy Child: † Bob & John Cook (by Cathy & Dave Slusser)  
Saint Mary's: † Parishioners  
*The Sanctuary Candle 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 11/18-11/24. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,723.00
Loose	545.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Holy Days	45.00
Thanksgiving	402.00
Advent	15.00
Christmas Offering, Flowers	85.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,825.00</b>
Care & Education of Priests	200.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	60.00

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

28% of Holy Child parishioners have made gifts amounting to 69% of our goal. Please consider giving what you can to support our extended family in the Diocese of Scranton (QR code below). If you've already made a gift, thank you!



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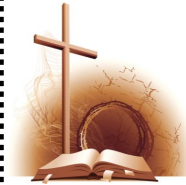


### PRAYER LIST

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. Bless those who need special prayers:

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

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



To request prayer for someone due to illness, surgery, hardship, or other reason, 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](mailto:seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com) or 549-7550 or Dotty Welsh at [dhjrw@ptd.net](mailto:dhjrw@ptd.net) or 662-2057.

*The 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.

### PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

*Heart of Tioga* Crisis Pregnancy Center: 570-948-2020



*Project Rachel* Helpline: 888-456-  
HOPE for help after abortion

[heartoftioga@gmail.com](mailto:heartoftioga@gmail.com)  
24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

Abortion Pill Reversal 24/7 Hotline: 1-877-558-0333

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 12/1	Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28,34-36
Mon 12/2	Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
Tue 12/3	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Lk 10:21-24
Wed 12/4	Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37
Thu 12/5	Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a Mt 7:21,24-27
Fri 12/6	Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Mt 9:27-31
Sat 12/7	Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8
Sun 12/8	Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6



Giving Trees are in both churches.  
Please return unwrapped gifts  
by the dates listed on the tags.  
Thank you for your generosity  
to local children & adults in need.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 1: Lectio: *Jewish Roots of Advent* (2) after 11:15 Mass  
Dec 1: KofC Meeting, 6:30pm, Holy Child Hall  
Dec 4: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall  
Dec 5: Pastoral Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child  
Dec 8: Lectio: *Jewish Roots of Advent* (3) after 11:15 Mass  
Dec 10: Ladies Guild Member Dinner, 5pm, CoreyCreekCountry Club  
Dec 12: Dedication of Marian Ministries to OLG, 6pm, Holy Child  
Dec 15: Lectio: *Jewish Roots of Advent* (4) after 11:15 Mass  
Dec 22: Lectio: *Jewish Roots of Advent* (5) after 11:15 Mass  
**Dec 22: Advent Penance Service, 4pm, Holy Child**  
Dec 29: Lectio: *Jewish Roots of Advent* (6) after 11:15 Mass  
Jan 8: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall  
Jan 14: Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall



### Ladies Guild Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 10th  
5:00 pm at Corey Creek Country Club  
RSVP to Sophie 570-404-9303 by Dec. 6th.

### MARIAN MINISTRIES

#### Dedication to Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Thursday, December 12, 2024, Marian Ministries will be dedicated to the Patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm at Holy Child Church, followed by a light reception in the Hall. All are welcome!



#### Pope John Paul II's Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

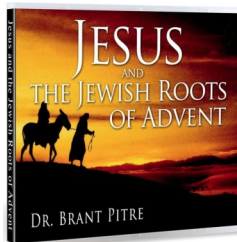
*Mother of Mercy, teacher of hidden and silent sacrifice, to you who come to meet us sinners, we consecrate on this day all our being and all our love. We also consecrate to you our life, our work, our joys, our infirmities, and our sorrows. Grant peace, justice, and prosperity to our peoples, for we entrust to your care all that we have and all that we are, our Lady and Mother. We wish to be entirely yours and to walk with you along the way of complete faithfulness to Jesus Christ in His church. Hold us always in your loving hand.*

### HEALTH MINISTRY—NOTES



Support caregivers! Caregiving can be emotionally and physically challenging, especially at this time of year. The stress of providing care to someone, especially a family member, can take a toll on the caregiver's overall wellbeing. Depression and a sense of isolation and loneliness are often felt by caregivers. Communication is one way to combat feelings of isolation and depression. How to help? Text or call at regular intervals just to check in. Plan get togethers or participate in activities as schedules permit. Discuss topics outside the caregiving role such as interests and hobbies. Offer assistance if even for only a short time. All of these can provide a much needed break and rejuvenation. As you stress about the upcoming holidays, remember the caregivers; nurses, doctors, aides, mothers with babies, family members caring for loved ones, and let them know you are thinking of them, too.

NEXT WEEKEND: DECEMBER 7TH, 8TH  
**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION**  
Retirement Fund for Religious  
<https://retiredreligious.org/>



### LECTIO BIBLE STUDY: JESUS & THE JEWISH ROOTS OF ADVENT

Sundays after 11:15 Mass, 11/24-12/29

Dr. Brant Pitre shows how the ancient Jewish prophecies of the Messiah can help unlock the hidden meanings of Advent. In this study of readings from the Advent lectionary, you will learn about:

- The Second Advent at the End of Time • The Jewish Prophecies of the Messiah • John the Baptist • The Jesse Tree • The City of Bethlehem • The Virgin Birth

*Please join us! Light refreshments provided.*



### HOLY CHILD PARISH MASS & CANDLE INTENTIONS 2025 CALENDAR NOW OPEN



*Please use the Request Forms* provided in our churches and available to print from our website ([holychildparish.com](http://holychildparish.com)) (menu > "Mass Intentions").

#### Each family may request:

Up to a total of ten (10) Mass intentions per year, including up to three (3) weekend Mass intentions per year, one (1) First Friday, and one (1) First Saturday.  
Up to ten (10) Sanctuary Candle intentions per year.



### WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2024

#### 30 MINUTES BC

The profound emotions and struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. The couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



#### CHRISTMAS (PART 1) | WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE

Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!



#### NICHOLAS: THE BOY WHO BECAME SANTA

Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love for others make him one of the most popular figures of all times. Today, more than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus.



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**Health Ministry—Available Medical Equipment:**  
Basket for walker, Canes, Crutches, Emesis Basin,  
Foot Bath, Hospital Bed, Hoyer Lift, Ice Therapy  
Machine, Knee Crutch, Knee Scooter, Toilet  
Chairs, Raised Toilet Seats, Toilet Handles, Rising  
Frame for Chair, Rollator Walker, Shower Bench,  
Shower Chair, Transfer Bench, Transfer Board,  
Tub Handle, Tubing, Walkers, Walker with Seat,  
Wash Basin, Wheelchair, Wheelchair Cushion,  
Baby Items at the Welsh's: Bath Tub, Booster  
Seat, Bed Rails, Safety Gate

**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, worker  
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 an-  
swered (if it be God's will).  
It has never been known to fail.  
Thank you, St. Jude. Amen.

**The Blessed  
Sacrament is  
reserved in the  
Tabernacle.**  
*Please help to  
maintain a prayerful*



**SILENCE AND REVERENCE**

**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.*