



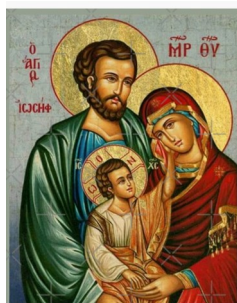
Holy Child Church
240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Reverend Bryan B. Wright
Pastor



Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church
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THE HOLY FAMILY

JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

December 29, 2024

PARISH OFFICE
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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

- Financial Secretary: Darlene Buck 570-662-3568
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- Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck 570-540-1332
- Good Samaritans: Parish Office, 570-662-3637
- Health Ministry & Medical Equipment Loaning:
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- 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
~ prior to all Masses ~



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28 **VIGIL, HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH**
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, December 29 **HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**
9:00 am, St Mary's: † Bill & Bernard Stachowski (by Bernadine)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † JoAnn Weiskopff (by Kathy & Doug Draxler)

Monday, December 30 **6TH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † The Deceased
(by Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Diocese of Scranton)

Tuesday, December 31 **VIGIL, SOLEMNITY OF MARY**
6:00 pm, Holy Child: Parishioners


Wednesday, January 1 **SOLEMNITY OF MARY
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: in honor of Rev. John F. Poplawski,
for 50 years of priesthood (by Holy Child Parish)


Thursday, January 2 *Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops, Doctors of the Church*
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † John & Marion Dwyer (by The Family)

Friday, January 3 *First Friday; The Most Holy Name of Jesus*
8:30 am, Holy Child: Healing for Pam Waldron
(by Mercedes Burns)

Saturday, January 4 *First Saturday; Elizabeth Ann Seton*
9:30 am, St. Mary's: in honor of Scott & Theresa Delmotte
(by Kyle & Rebecca Chamberlain)
VIGIL, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
4:00 pm, Holy Child: Parishioners

Sunday, January 5 **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
9:00 am, St Mary's: † Pauline Morley (by The Family)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Alice Abrams (by Cara Clementi)

 **SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK**
Holy Child: † Jane & Art Mahonski (by Anita Kump)
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~

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

Please use the Request Forms
available in our churches
and available to print from our website
(holychildparish.com) (menu > "Mass Intentions").



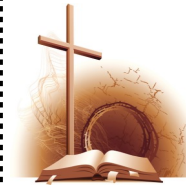
Each family may request:
Up to a total of ten (10) Mass intentions per year,
including up to three (3) weekend Mass intentions per year,
one (1) First Friday, and one (1) First Saturday.
Up to ten (10) Sanctuary Candle intentions per year.

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 ♦ 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 or 549-7550 or Dotty Welsh at 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
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Abortion Pill Reversal 24/7 Hotline: 1-877-558-0333

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 29: Lectio: *Jewish Roots of Advent* (6) after 11:15 Mass
Jan 5: KofC Meeting; 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
Jan 8: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
Jan 9: Pastoral Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child

Pray the Rosary Every Day

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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**MASSES FOR THE
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

(also a Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31, 6:00 pm, Holy Child
Wednesday, January 1, 12:10 pm, St. Mary's



MEMORARE

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.

"The family that prays together, stays together."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Solemnity of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph! This celebration occurs on the cusp of a new calendar year. As we begin the New Year, we should keep in mind the sacredness of the family and make a resolve to grow in Faith as a family and to pray for families. In the apparition known as "Our Lady of Good Success," Mary revealed that the last big battle, instigated by the Devil, would be over the family. She asked for prayer for the family.

During this past year we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the first Rosary Rally ever held in the United States, organized by Fr. Patrick Peyton to reignite the untold benefits of devotion to the Rosary and prayer to Our Blessed Mother. His slogan was "the family that prays together stays together." Perhaps as we begin this New Year we can make a resolve to pray the Rosary together as a family? The family Rosary is powerful and yields many fruits.

As we begin this New Year, it would be beneficial to make the nine (9) **First Friday** or five (5) **First Saturday** devotions. Both of these devotions are from Heaven. They make significant promises that should not be easily dismissed. They are special blessings, fountains of Grace. How "Grace-filled" it would be to make these devotions as a family!

12 Promises of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary (First Friday Devotion)

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
5. I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
9. I will bless those places wherein image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.
12. In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

Lent will be here before we know it! It would be good to attend the Stations of the Cross as a family.

God bless you,

Father Bryan


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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

**NEW Book Recommendation
from Father Bryan...**
The Exorcist Files
By Father Carlos Martins

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.*