



**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

# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## January 5, 2025



**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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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, January 4** First Saturday; **Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
9:30 am, St. Mary's: 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)

**Monday, January 6** Christmas weekday  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † The Dead  
(by Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Diocese of Scranton)

**Tuesday, January 7** Christmas weekday  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Wilson & Catharine Brown  
(by The Family)

**Wednesday, January 8** Christmas weekday  
No Mass

**Thursday, January 9** Christmas weekday  
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Rose Bunn  
(by Rosemary, Adele, Marsha, Scott, and Families)

**Friday, January 10** Christmas weekday  
8:30 am, Holy Child: Kevin Abrams (by Cara Clementi)

**Saturday, January 11** **Vigil: Baptism of the Lord**  
4:00 pm, St. Mary's: Bruce & Mary Nance  
(by Kyle & Rebecca Chamberlain)

**Sunday, January 12** **Baptism of the Lord**  
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Gabe Partyka (by Doris, Laura, Linda)  
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners



### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: Parishioners

Saint Mary's: † Raymond Roupp Family (by Anna Bogaczyk)

*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

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



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24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 5: Lectio: 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

34% of Holy Child parishioners have made gifts amounting to 76% 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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## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, also known as Three Kings Day, falls on Sunday, January 5, 2025. In the Catholic tradition, Epiphany was always celebrated on January 6. Beginning with the 1970 liturgical year (which commenced on November 30, 1969), the feast was moved in the United States (and elsewhere in the Latin-Rite Church) to the first Sunday following January 1 (i.e., from January 2-8 inclusive).

The Feast of the Epiphany is rooted in the fourth-century, instituted, in part, to emphasize the universal nature of Christ's mission. The term "Epiphany," based on the Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "revelation," commemorates key events in the life of Christ: the visitation of the Magi (also known as the Three Wise Men), the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, and Christ's first public miracle at Cana. Each reflects a moment of divine revelation.

The Three Wise Men or Magi, often depicted as kings, witnessed the sudden appearance of a new and brilliant star (the Star of Bethlehem). This bright light indicated to the Magi the birth of an important person: in fact, a king. They didn't literally follow the star as legend repeats. Rather, they journeyed to Jerusalem and asked Herod, "Where is the newborn king?" They were told Bethlehem. So the Magi then headed toward the star.

The Epiphany calls us to reflect on the gifts given by the Magi to Jesus: gold, symbolizing the Lord's royalty; frankincense, used in the worship of God, signifies his divinity; and, myrrh, a burial ointment, points to Jesus' redemptive Passion and death. Through their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, the Magi express who Christ is: King, God, and Savior (Isa. 60:6; Matt. 2:11), the greatest gift to all humanity.

Although little is known about the Magi, tradition provides us with their names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Tradition venerates the Magi as saints because they not only recognized Christ but also revealed him to the Gentiles and to the world.

In the U.S., Catholics may celebrate with Epiphany chalk blessings 2025, marking their homes with a special blessing. Eastern Christians, including Eastern Catholics, focus on the baptism of Jesus, with water blessings in churches and rivers. In France, families enjoy the French King Cake (Galette des Rois), with a hidden figurine of Baby Jesus inside. Spanish-speaking countries celebrate Los Reyes Magos with festivities and Three Kings gifts for children. Special meals, like roasted meats, are symbolic of the Magi's generosity.

For Catholics, Epiphany marks the culmination of the traditional Christmastide celebrations, i.e., the traditional Twelve Days of Christmas (which typically don't add up to exactly twelve in the new calendar, given that Epiphany is now a moveable feast).

Traditional Epiphany celebrations commence and overlap with the continued Christmas season, with both culminating on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Christmas decorations often remain until Epiphany or the Baptism of the Lord, emphasizing the enduring joy of Christ's birth. The following day we transition into Ordinary Time.

<https://www.catholic.com/tract/epiphany-2025-catholic-answers-guide>



### **Leader**

Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here.

### **All**

And may all who enter experience Christ's blessing.

### **Leader**

Let us pray

O Lord, grant that your blessing may rest on this home and all who dwell within it. May Christ who was made manifest to the nations through the star of Bethlehem dwell with us always. Bless this chalk that it may be used as a sign of your protection. May this home be filled with the light of Christ, and may our comings and goings be guided by his love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### **All**

Amen.

The leader then writes the Epiphany

inscription over the main door using the blessed chalk:

20 + C + M + B + 25 (INSERT THE CURRENT YEAR)

### **Inscription Meaning**

The numbers represent the year, and the letters stand for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" ("May Christ bless this house"), as well as the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar).

### **Leader**

May Christ bless this house and remain with us throughout the new year.

### **All**

Amen.

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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

**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.*