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Pastor



Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church 144 St Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

The Cathedral of Rome November 9, 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

<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 Parish Office.

<u>Holy Communion:</u> Those preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time, please 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.

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 Saint Mary's Sunday 8:30 AM Holy Child 10:45 AM Sunday Saint Mary's Monday 11:30 AM Tuesday 11:30 AM Saint Mary's Thursday 5:15 PM Holy Child Holy Child Friday 8:00 AM



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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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ~ prior to all Masses ~



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 8 VIGIL—FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Richard (Dick) Clark (by Ann Clark)

Sunday, November 9

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Himlin Family (by Sue & John Sleboda)

Monday, November 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Jane Mahonski (by Dolores Kostovick)

Tuesday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Catherine Badolato &

Marguerite Bombaski (by Ann Clark)

Wednesday, November 12 No Mass

St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

Thursday, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Bob Swinsick (by Helen & Jacqueline)

Friday, November 14

Weekday

8:30 am, Holy Child: † All Souls in Purgatory

(by The Ostapowicz Family)

Saturday. November 15 Vigil—33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, November 16 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Marie Moroschok (by Ron & Sue Signor) 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Charlene S. Plowcha (by Paul & Family)



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † Himlin Family (by Sue & John Sleboda) St. Mary's: † William & Leona Winder (by Darlene Buck)

The Sanctuary Candle burns to remind us of the Real Presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday-2:15 pm-Holy Child Church First Fridays-9:15 am-Holy Child Church First Saturdays-10:15 am-St. Mary's Church ~Or By Appointment~

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PRAYER LIST

Please pray... for deceased parishioners, family, & friends. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. For troops & first responders: Lord, hold them 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, Linda Cloos, Kirk Euson, Richard Faber, Bernice Frederick, Catherine Gallagher, Lance Hall, Ann King, Patrick Lindquist, Tony Lupkowski, Tom MacBlane, Christopher Mortensen, Richard Niemczyk, Sandy Parker, Lori Sherant, Yolanda Tacka, Jack Watson

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



To request prayer for someone, please contact the Parish Office. To respect privacy, please 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 (seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com or 570-549-7550) or Dotty (dhjrw@ptd.net or 570-662-2057).

The Lord is always listening.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

For Communion or a Pastoral visit, 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. Mary can be reached at (717) 203-9090.

PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

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SCRIPTURE READINGS	
Sun	Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
11/9	1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17
Mon 11/10	Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1b-10 Lk 17:1-6
Tu 11/11	Wis 2:23—3:9 Ps 34:2-3,16-19 Lk 17:7-10
Wed 11/12	Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4,6-7 Lk 17:11-19
Thu	Wis 7:22b—8:1 Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175
11/13	Lk 17:20-25
Fri	Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5b Lk 17:26-37
11/14	W18 13.1-9 F8 19.2-3D LK 17.20-37
Sat	Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43
11/15	Lk 18:1-8
Sun	Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9
11/16	2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

November 9th

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

This weekend, we celebrate the 1,701st anniversary of the Dedication of The Lateran Basilica in Rome, the first Christian Basilica built explicitly to gather the entire city around its bishop, although Christians had already started to build churches before then. The Lateran Basilica is honored as:

- The Mother and Head of All the Churches in the City and the World (Omnium Ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis Mater et Caput - the inscription that greets pilgrims at the entrance of the Basilica, expressing its unity with the entire Catholic Church)
- The Cathedral of Rome; the episcopal seat (the cathedra) of the pope as bishop of Rome. Even today, the offices of the Diocese of Rome are in the Lateran Palace, a building just behind the basilica.
- The oldest of the four major papal basilicas in Rome, the four most highly ranked churches:
 - Archbasilica of St. John Lateran
 - Basilica of St. Mary Major
 - Basilica of St. Peter (in Vatican City)
 - Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls
- Residence of the popes from the 4th to the 14th century.
- Site of five ecumenical councils.

An Unusual Liturgical Day

The dedication anniversary of every cathedral is a feast day for all the churches in that diocese. As the Lateran is the cathedral of Rome, it is a feast day for the entire Church, celebrated everywhere.

In fact, the feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran is of such great importance that it outranks a Sunday in Ordinary Time when it falls on a Sunday, as it does this year.

Who Is St. John Lateran?

It's an excellent Catholic trivia question: Who is St. John Lateran?

It's a trick question. There is no such saint. The Lateran basilica—the mother church of the whole world—was suitably dedicated to Christ the Savior on November 9th in 324.

Much later, in the 10th century, a dedication was added to St. John the Baptist, and another dedication in the 12th century added St. John the Evangelist.

Thus, its official name is a mouthful: The Papal Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior and Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist in the Lateran. This is simplified in common parlance to St. John Lateran or The Lateran Basilica.

"The Lateran" takes its name from the family historically associated with land; the complex of buildings on the site was known as the palace of the Laterani family, a high-ranking family in service to several Roman emperors.

During the first Christian centuries, when the Church was illegal, formal structures were difficult to establish. That changed with Constantine, who, early in the fourth century, first legalized Christianity and then gave it official favor. The Lateran Palace came into his possession around 311; Constantine gave it to the Church in 313, and it became the seat of the bishops of Rome from that time.

In Rome, Constantine supervised not only the construction of the Basilica of the Savior (the Lateran) but also a further nine basilicas, including Old St. Peter's (Rome), St. Paul Outside the Walls (Rome), The Holy Sepulchre (Jerusalem), and The Nativity (Bethlehem).

The Lateran quickly became the center of ecclesial life—early on, a meeting of bishops was held there to discuss the Donatist controversy.

The popes lived at the Lateran from the 4th century until the 14th century, when the papacy moved to Avignon, France, in 1309. Two fires — in 1309 and 1361 — badly damaged the Lateran complex, so when the papacy returned to Rome from Avignon in 1378, the popes shifted their residence and court to the Vatican. The official cathedral, though, remained at the Lateran. Thus the Vatican has been the residence of the popes for only about 600 years. The popes lived at the Lateran for nearly 1,000 years.

The old Lateran basilica was torn down in the 16th century and rebuilt in its current state; the current façade was completed in 1735. Of the Constantine building, the two columns at the left and right of the ciborium have survived.

Just as Vatican I and Vatican II were held where the pope lived in the 19th and 20th centuries, five ecumenical councils were held at the Lateran when the popes lived there. The First Lateran Council was held in 1119. Lateran V was held 1512-1517 and was not a successful venture; the Protestant Reformation began as it ended.

The 1929 treaty between the Republic of Italy and the Holy See, which regulated the end of the Papal States and created the Vatican City State, was signed at the Lateran and is known as the Lateran Treaty.

Still Standing

The Lateran is a visible expression the Church's passage through history. Battered and damaged, reformed and rebuilt — she stands. The Lateran — near the Roman city walls — has been sacked many times by invading armies. The most recent attack upon it was in July 1993, when the rear portico was bombed by the mafia in reaction to St. John Paul the Great's condemnation of the mafia in Sicily in May of that year.

Most of ravages of the Lateran have been due to fires, floods and the deterioration of time — walls bulging out, foundations eroding. So it has been repaired, rebuilt — even entirely reconstructed — several times. The Lateran doesn't look like it used to, but has the same identity and mission.

Several notable features have endured. The great doors of the Lateran are taken from the Roman Forum. Likely the most ancient part of the complex, the doors indicate that while the Roman Empire is long extinct, what survives of it is that which was taken up in the life of the Church.

Beneath its high altar rests the remains of the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, St. Peter celebrated Mass.

The basilica conserves the Pope's "cathedra", the sign of his being a "pastor." The ritual of the election of every new pope still concludes with enthronement in this cathedra. The pontiff journeys from Saint Peter's in procession, and is seated on the cathedra, surrounded by all the clergy of Rome, who pray for him and applaud him.

One of the jewels of the Lateran is the Constantinian Cross, also known as the Lateran Cross. Produced between the thirteenth and fourteenth century, it was used at the opening of papal processions, alongside the two candles that accompanied it. The gilded silver plates that compose the cross are engraved with the entire Genesis cycle and the New Testament episodes that echo it.

Relics of the Passion

The most valuable part of the Lateran is no longer housed within it. Just a few years after its dedication in 324, St. Helena, mother of Constantine, traveled to Jerusalem and returned with the relics of the Passion.

Some of those relics are now kept across the street from the Lateran, including the Scala Santa — the "Holy Steps" from Pilate's praetorium. A short walk takes the pilgrim to the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, so named because it is meant to bring Jerusalem to Rome, as it were. There are kept relics of the True Cross, as well as instruments of the Passion — fragments of the nails, thorns and scourging pillar.

Papal Tombs

Six papal tombs are in the Lateran today. More popes had been buried there in the first millennium but their graves were lost over time. Two tombs are of special note.

Innocent III (1198-1216) reigned when St. Francis of Assisi came to Rome to establish his new order. Innocent was initially skeptical that the radicalism of the Franciscan proposal was practical. As he was considering the matter, Innocent had a dream in which he saw Francis holding up the Lateran basilica. Convinced that this was a sign that Francis was needed to support a Church in need of reform, Innocent gave his approval in 1210.

Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) is also entombed at the Lateran, the last pope not to be buried at St. Peter's. (Pope Francis also chose to buried elsewhere, at St. Mary Major, a place he has visited more than 100 times, as the Holy Father goes there before and after every papal trip.)

Leo came to the papacy while the question of the Papal States was still unresolved. Consequently, he never left the Vatican during his long 25-year papacy. Knowing that a bishop belongs in his cathedral, he was determined to get there in death if he could not do so in life.

Such is the importance of the Lateran, the cathedral of the whole world, as it enters its 18th century of service.

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The De Profundis (Psalm 129/130)

The *De Profundis* ("of the depths") is the famous Psalm 130 of anguish and sorrow for sins, set to music by many great composers. It is a penitential psalm that is used by the Roman Catholic Church, sung as part of Vespers (evening prayer), in Masses for the dead, **in prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory** (the Church Suffering), and to express remorse for our faults to Christ, a beautiful expression of repentence.

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities:

Lord, who shall stand it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord. My soul hath relied on His word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with him plentiful redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

V/. Lord, hear my prayer.

R/. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V/. Let us pray. O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful; grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that by our devout supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest world without end.

R/. Amen.

V/. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R/. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V/. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R/. Amen.



Mark Your Calendar

Nov 13: Veterans' Mass & Dinner, 6 pm, Holy Child
Nov 18: Ladies Guild Meeting, 6 pm, Holy Child Hall
Dec 7: Knights MU Council, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
Dec 3: Health Ministry Meeting, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
Dec 11: 6pm Mass & Dinner for Our Lady of Guadalupe at Holy Child
Dec 18: Pastoral Council starting w/ 6pm Mass, Holy Child

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON THANKSGIVING

For many years, our parish's Community Thanksgiving Dinner has provided hot meals to local individuals and families, the elderly, the needy, and the homebound for Thanksgiving.

Volunteers are needed to:

Bake pies

(deliver to Holy Child Hall between Tuesday, Nov. 25th and Thursday, Thanksgiving Day at 9AM)

Volunteers are also needed on Thanksgiving Day to help:

Serve meals

Deliver meals locally Assist our delivery drivers Clean up

To sign up, please contact the office (662-3568). Thank you!

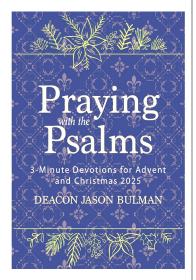


MARIAN MINISTRIES

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Join Marian Ministries as we prayerfully observe the Advent and Christmas seasons. Praying with the Psalms by Deacon Jason Bulman inspires us to devote three minutes each day, from November 30 to January 11, to reflect on the Psalms. To register, contact Chris Troncone (troncy@hotmail.com) or Linda Sampson (marianministries@outlook.com).

Marian Ministries will provide the books.



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Our Lady of Guadalupe
-Mother of America-

Mark your calendar for our celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 11th, the ever of her Feast Day. Mass will begin at 6:00 pm in Holy Child Church, followed by a special dinner celebration in the Hall. Stay tuned! Details to follow.







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Reminder for Funerals...

Eulogies are permitted during:

- ♦Funeral home vigil services
- ♦ Graveside committal services
- ◆Luncheons (after Funeral *Masses*)

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