



Holy Child Church
240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Rev. Bryan Wright, Pastor
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Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church
144 St Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 29, 2023



Rectory Office Hours

9 AM – 2 PM Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Cemetery Business Hours: By Appointment

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MISSION STATEMENT: HOLY CHILD PARISH

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 church office to make arrangements to meet with the pastor and schedule the time and date of the ceremony.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturday from 2:30 to 3:00 pm in Holy Child Church, on First Friday from 9 to 10 am in Holy Child Church, and on First Saturday from 10 to 11 am in Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church. For other times, call the office to make an appointment.

Matrimony: Couples planning to marry should contact their Pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing and Holy Communion are available to the infirmed and homebound. Families are asked to notify the church office to arrange a visit.

New Parishioners: Holy Child Parish welcomes you! New members are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office. Registration is a requirement for admission to our religious education programs and reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Penance, Confirmation, and Matrimony.

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Child:

3:00 pm Saturday

10:45 am Sunday

5:15 pm Thursday

8:00 am Friday

Saint Mary's:

8:30 am Sunday

11:30 am Monday & Tuesday



PARISH CONTACTS

Director of Religious Education:

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Good Samaritans:

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**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
prior to all
weekend Masses**

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

(THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.)

Saturday, January 28 Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, January 29 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Loretta Brundage
(by The Good Samaritans)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Mary Ann Markowski
(by Fran Mercincavage & Family)

Monday, January 30 Weekday
No Mass

Tuesday, January 31 Saint John Bosco, Priest
No Mass

Wednesday, February 1 Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, February 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Ed Horne (by Greg & Kathleen Anna)

First Friday, February 3 Weekday
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Bob Swinsick (by Family)

First Saturday, February 4 Weekday
9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Jim & Betty Rieppel
(by Rosemary, Adele, Marsha & Families)
VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Leo Frederick
(by Dave & Janie Hilfiger & Leona Frederick)

Sunday, February 5 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Elena Nicholas (by The Nortons)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN
HOLY CHILD CHURCH AT 2:30 PM ON SATURDAYS.

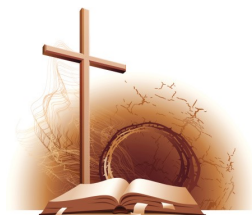
PRAYER LIST

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.

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

For those who need special prayers:

- Catherine Gallagher
- Richard Faber
- Bernice Frederick
- Tom MacBlane
- Rose Mahosky
- Christopher Mortensen
- Howdy Moser
- Richard Niemczyk
- Ethel Sandstrom
- Lori Sherant
- Kenneth Simpson
- Yolanda Tacka
- Nancy Winslow



Please contact the parish office to add names of those who are in need of prayer due to sudden illness, upcoming surgery, hospital stay or those experiencing a hardship. To respect our parishioners' privacy, please ask and specify if their names are to be put in the bulletin, added to the prayer chain, or both.

To make a request on our "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. To add a name to the bulletin Prayer list, contact the parish office by phone, email or regular mail.
Our Lord is always listening.

**The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the
real presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.**

Week of January 29 - February 4, 2023

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church
burns this week in memory of Robert Stoudt Jr.
by Mom & Dad.

The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church
burns this week in memory of deceased members
of The Kenesky Family by Bernie & Marie Sabol.
*Call the parish office to request a Sanctuary Light
intention. The donation is \$5 per candle.*



If you or someone you know
cannot get to Mass and would
like to receive Holy Communion
or a pastoral visit, please contact
the parish office.

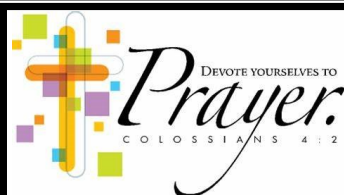


PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED JANUARY 16 - 22, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,721.00
Loose:	461.00
Church Dues:	36.00
Fuel:	648.00
Total:	<u>\$3,866.00</u>

Thank you for your continued support.

2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
are available by request. State-
ments will cover all donations made
from 01/01/2022 through
12/31/2022. To request a statement,
contact the parish office or write
"send statement" on the front of
your collection envelope.



**The Blessed Sacrament is
reserved in the Tabernacle.
Please be mindful of this
and try to keep a
Silent reverence.**

SILENCE AND REVERENCE



WHAT IN THE WORLD IS CANDLEMAS DAY?

Candlemas is the colloquial name for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which is celebrated on February 2. In the new calendar (1970), the Christmas season ends with the Baptism of the Lord in early January. However, traditionally, Candlemas was seen as the last day of the Christmas season. But what is Candlemas? To understand this feast, we must understand a bit about Jewish tradition and history.

PURIFICATION AND PRESENTATION

According to the Book of Leviticus (Lev. 12:1-4), when a woman bore a male child, she was considered "unclean" for seven days. Then, on the eighth day, the child was circumcised, in keeping with the covenant God made with Abraham.

Then, for the remaining thirty-three days, the woman stayed home to recover and stop post-natal bleeding. After forty days, the parents went to the Temple in Jerusalem for the rite of purification. A sin offering was then offered of a lamb or, for those who are poor, two pigeons and two turtledoves.

REDEMPTION OF THE FIRST-BORN SON

In Exodus, God spoke to Moses and said: "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine (Ex. 13:1)." By the time of the birth of Jesus, this constituted a temple tax of 5 shekels which the parents gave to the priest to offer the Passover sacrifice. By this sacrifice the first-born son was "redeemed" or bought back from slavery.

In the Gospel of St. Luke, the redemption is not mentioned in relationship to the presentation of the Lord. Instead, there is an emphasis on consecration to God. This shows how Jesus does not need redemption, but, rather, is the perfect sacrifice which will be offered to free us from the slavery of sin eternally.

PROPHECY OF SIMEON

During the presentation of the Lord, a just man named Simeon came to the Temple. He had waited his whole life for the coming of the Messiah. He held baby Jesus in his arms saying, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel (Lk. 2:29-32)."

In other words, the Messiah who he held in his arms was coming for the righteous and the sinner, for the Jew and the gentile. He then turned to Mary and Joseph and said to them, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed (Lk. 2:34-35)."

It is these words of Simeon which give rise to the idea of Candlemas. For Jesus, is a light to the nations. He is the light

coming into the world to banish sin and darkness. He is our Priest, Prophet, and King. This is revealed by the cryptic words of Simeon.

CANDLES

Think about your own "presentation" at your Baptism. The Paschal Candle, which is first lit at the Easter Vigil is the preeminent "Light of Christ" in liturgy, is lit at your Baptism. From that light is lit a smaller baptismal candle. This connection is not lost on the Church. Since the seventh century, candles have been blessed on February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is where we get the name "Candlemas."

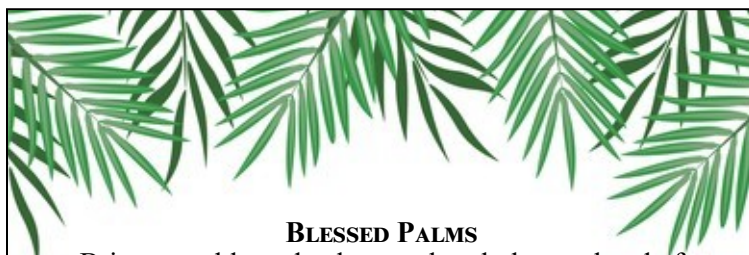
THE ORIGINAL GROUNDHOG DAY

Candlemas is the original Groundhog Day. In the United States, Protestants decided to replace the Catholic feast with a secular festival. There is an old English rhyme which says, "If Candlemas Day be fair and bright, Winter will have another flight; but if it be dark with clouds and rain, Winter is gone, and will not come again."

In other words, if the sun is brighter than the candles of Candlemas, then Winter will last for a longer time. But if the candles of Candlemas outshine the sun on February 2nd, then Winter is nearing an end. So goes the farmer tradition.

<https://catholic-link.org/candlemas-catholic/>

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BLESSED PALMS

Bring your blessed palms to church the weekend of February 18 & 19, place them in the box in the vestibule and they will be properly disposed of.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

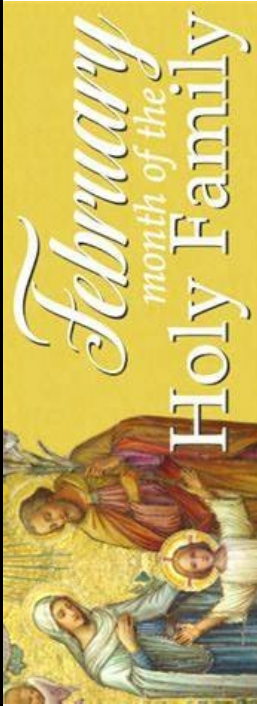
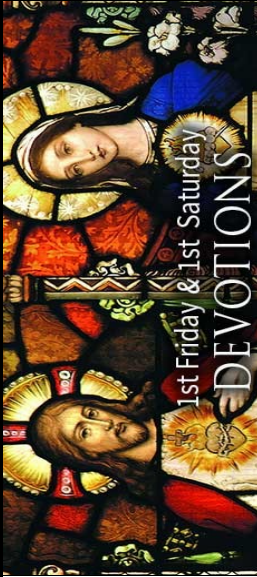
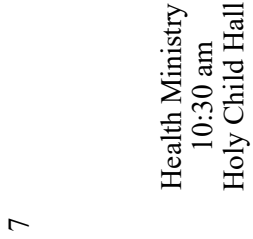
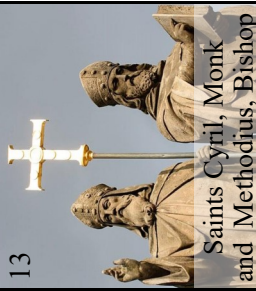
Daily Mass Schedule (subject to change)

Mon & Tues, 12:10 pm, Saint Mary's
Thurs, 6:00 pm, Holy Child
Fri, 8:30 am, Holy Child

February 2023

1st Friday: 8 am Adoration, 8:30 am Mass, Holy Child Church, followed by Adoration. & Confessions, Benediction at 7:25 pm.

1st Saturday: 9:30 am Mass, Saint Mary's Church, followed by 1 hour of Adoration. Confessions available during Adoration.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Parish Council beginning with 6 pm Mass Holy Child Church THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD / CANDLEMAS		
5 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 	7 	8	9	10 	11
12 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 	13 	14	15	16  Following 6:00 pm Mass, Holy Child Hall	17	18
19 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20	21	22 12:10 pm: St. Mary's 6:00 pm: Holy Child	23 Stations of the Cross following 6 pm Mass Holy Child Church	24 Stations of the Cross 4:00 pm Holy Child Church	25
26 	27  5:30 - 7:00 pm Holy Child Church	28	+ Fasting & Abstinence		ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- February 1: 10:30 am, Health Ministry, Holy Child
- February 2: Parish Pastoral Council beginning with 6 pm Mass, Holy Child
- February 14: 7 pm Ladies Guild, Holy Child
- February 22: Ash Wednesday
- February 23: Stations of the Cross following 6 pm Mass, Holy Child
- February 24: 4:00 pm, Stations of the Cross, Holy Child



Holy Baptism

Holy Child Parish welcomes our newest member

Ty Scott Pollock

on the event of his January 28th Baptism in Holy Child Church, and congratulates his parents, John & Lacy Pollock.



Food Pantry

Don't forget your food pantry donations of non-perishable items. Consider volunteering to help feed the hungry! Boxes are in both churches for nonperishable donations.



WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

SAINT JOHN BOSCO: MISSION TO LOVE

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

A BIBLE STUDY ON THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES
THE PRESENTATION

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Protho and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.

DON BOSCO: THE TRUE STORY OF THE APOSTLE OF YOUTH

Don Bosco tells the true story of a brave and holy priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere.

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Visit www.annualappeal.org to make your gift and view the Diocesan Annual Appeal videos, which highlight the wonderful work your gifts support. As of January 18th we are at 81.19% of our \$28,000 parish goal! \$22,732 has been donated or pledged thus far! Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, January 29: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10
1 Cor 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12a

Monday, January 30: Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 31: Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28, 30-32
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 1: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15
Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 2: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10
Heb 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

Friday, February 3: Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9
Mark 6:14-29

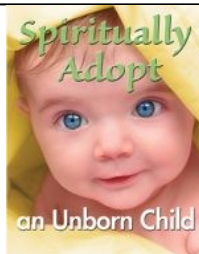
Saturday, February 4: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 5: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Month Five - Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. His mother can feel him moving now. Before he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it-the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

Dear Lord, You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works.



2023 HOLY CHILD PARISH LOTTERY

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! TICKETS CONTINUE TO BE ON SALE!

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The winners are based on the 7:00 pm drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery Pick 3 in January, February, and March, 2023

(number straight only; in the event of a double draw, only the first number drawn will be valid for this lottery).

Monday - Friday winners receive \$50

Saturday winners receive \$150

Sunday winners receive \$200

Here's the Bonus:

February 5th & March 5th winners receive **\$500!**

Tickets are available for sale in the rectory office on Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 9 am - 2 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

Day	Date	Ticket #	Winner	Amount Won
Sunday	1/15/23	#568	no winner	
Monday	1/16/23	#285	no winner	
Tuesday	1/17/23	#976	no winner	
Wednesday	1/18/23	#989	no winner	
Thursday	1/19/23	#969	no winner	
Friday	1/20/23	#129	Patricia Wright	\$50.00
Saturday	1/21/23	#311	no winner	



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