



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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 21, 2024



PARISH OFFICE

Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933
Phone: 570-662-3568
Email: hlychild@ptd.net
Web: holychildparish.com

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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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 20 VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Tom Stitch (by The Copperman Family)

Sunday, January 21 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Mary Margaret Leary
(by The Charles Brennan Family)

Monday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Lenny, Joe, & Martin Mahosky
(by Dale & Marge Morgan)

Tuesday, January 23 Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † David Meck (by David Bogaczky)

Wednesday, January 24 *Saint Francis de Sales*
No Mass

Thursday, January 25 Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Thomas Stitch
(by Scott & Maryann Copperman)

Friday, January 26 *Saints Timothy & Titus*
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Peter Flisock (by Anita Kump)

Saturday, January 27 VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Betty Rieppel (by Jim & Pat Pietro)

Sunday, January 28 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Pauline Morley (by The Family)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Saint Mary's: Parishioners
Holy Child: Wilbur & Janet Miller
(by Bernie & Marie Sabol)

*The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the
Real Presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.
Contact the Parish Office for all intention requests.*



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

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED JAN 8—JAN 14, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,034.00
Loose	429.00
Christmas	40.00
Holy Days	67.00
Initial Offering	14.00
Dues	212.00
Fuel	20.00
Total:	\$4,816.00
Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests	157.00

Thank you for your generosity!



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023

If you would like a financial statement for 2023,
please leave a note in the collection or call the
Parish Office. Any contributions after
December 31st are credited to 2024.

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. For those who need special prayers:

* Ryan Bates	* Jane Mahonski
* Kirk Euson	* Christopher Mortensen
* Richard Faber	* Richard Niemczyk
* Bernice Frederick	* Ethel Sandstrom
* Catherine Gallagher	* Lori Sherant
* Tony Lupkowski	* Kenneth Simpson
* Tom MacBlane	* Yolanda Tacka

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



To request prayer for someone due to sudden illness, upcoming surgery, hospital stay, or those experiencing a hardship, please contact the Parish Office. 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.

"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.

Our Lord is always listening.

Please pray for our recently deceased.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**



**George
Manikowski**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 1/21	Jon 3:1-5,10	Ps 25:4-9	1 Cor 7:29-31
		Mk 1:14-20	
Mon 1/22	2 Sm 5:1-7,10	Ps 89:20-22,25-26	Mk 3:22-30
Tue 1/23	2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19	Ps 24:7-10	Mk 3:31-35
Wed 1/24	2 Sm 7:4-17	Ps 89:4-5,27-30	Mk 4:1-20
Thu 1/25	Acts 22:3-16	Ps 117:1bc, 2	Mk 16:15-18
Fri 1/26	2 Tm 1:1-8	Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10	Mk 4:26-34
Sat 1/27	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	Ps 51:12-17	Mk 4:35-41
Sun 1/28	Dt 18:15-20	Ps 95:1-2,6-9	1 Cor 7:32-35
		Mk 1:21-28	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

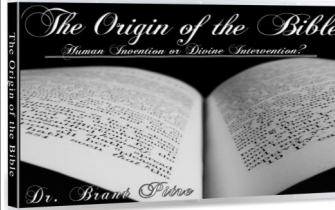
Jan 21: *Origin of the Bible*, after 11:15 Mass
 Jan 28: *Origin of the Bible*, after 11:15 Mass
 Feb 4: *Origin of the Bible*, after 11:15 Mass
 Feb 4: KofC MU Council, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Feb 7: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
 Feb 8: Pastoral Council starting w/ 6:00pm Mass, Holy Child
 Feb 11: *Origin of the Bible*, after 11:15 Mass
 Feb 13: Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Feb 15: KofC Assembly starting w/ 6:00pm Mass, Holy Child



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If local schools are delayed/closed, for the safety of our parishioners, daily Mass will be said by Father in Holy Child Church that day. Office hours may be affected.

NEW LECTIO BIBLE STUDY: *THE ORIGIN OF THE BIBLE—HUMAN INVENTION OR DIVINE INTERVENTION?*



In this study of the origins of the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Brant Pitre explores how the canon (the official list of books in the Bible) came to be, and the central role the Catholic Church played in its formation.

- ◆ Where did the Bible come from?
- ◆ Why are there so many different versions of the Bible?
- ◆ Why are those books in the Bible?
- ◆ What was the Jewish Bible like at the time of Jesus?
- ◆ Why are there seven fewer books in Protestant Bibles than in Catholic Bibles?
- ◆ How do we know that the Gospels are reliable?
- ◆ What are the Dead Sea Scrolls and the “Lost Gospels”?
- ◆ How did Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformers change the Bible?
- ◆ What about “Sola Scriptura”, belief in the “Bible Alone”?

Join us this **Sunday, January 21st, following the 11:15 Mass** for refreshments and the first session.

“SPLIT THE POT!”

PARISH FUNDRAISER



Only 10 tickets left!

(Only 200 total will be sold)

Three lucky winners will each receive **\$1,000** cash!

Four lucky winners will each receive **\$500** cash!

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Tickets are \$50.00 each,
 available after all Masses and in the Parish Office.

Thank you for supporting this fun, important fundraiser!

Drawing: January 28, 2024

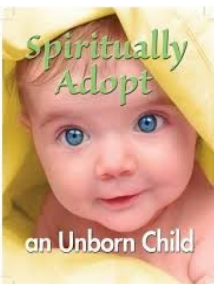
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DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN—THIS MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND

“In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the ‘Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life.’” -General Instructions of the Roman Missal

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE PREBORN—MONTH FIVE

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time, 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 wall and dent it—the inside wall of the uterus has little 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. *Please keep praying for me & my mother. Thank you.*



PA HOUSE BILL 1888—PLEASE CALL

We need a full court press to defeat House Bill 1888, proposed pro-abortion Constitutional Amendment.

Please call PA House Judiciary Committee members below with this message: **Please oppose House Bill 1888. I do not want my hard-earned tax money to pay for abortion.**

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Hon. Timothy R. Bonner
 (717) 783-6438

Hon. Robert Leadbeter
 (717) 783-1102

Hon. Joe Hamm
 (717) 787-5270

Thank you for making these critical calls! Please share.

HOLY CHILD HEALTH MINISTRY

PLEASE JOIN US!



Have you heard of it?

What's it all about?

Our mission is to promote the health & wellness of the community. Organized in 2001, we provide:

- ♦ Medical equipment (hospital beds, walkers, shower chairs, "potty" items, crutches, wheelchairs)
- ♦ Transportation for appointments, shopping, supplying meals, visiting, and praying.
- ♦ Financial support for local food pantries, pro-life facilities, veterans & homeless facilities, Seeds of Hope in Wellsboro, and Well Spring in Mansfield.
- ♦ Educational programs, support for retreats & youth camps.
- ♦ Ongoing card outreach program.
- ♦ October Life Chain and January Stand for Life.

For a decade, we have received grant money from the Diocese of Scranton and occasionally received donations from recipients of our services. **SURPRISE!** We are not asking you for money. We need new members. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month for 10 months of the year.

Please consider sharing your time & talents through our ministry. Membership requires a caring heart & willingness to help. Isn't that you? Join us for a meeting or contact any member for more info (Darlene Buck, Laurie Coffee, Kathy Draxler, Terry Faber, Lillian Fox, Mary Kay Hawn, Terri Nash, Matthew Neclerio, Sophie Schwoyer, Dotty Welsh).

We bid you the Peace of our Lord.

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.



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The Conversion of St. Paul

Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. James Prothro

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The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.

Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.

The Conversion of Saint Paul

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.

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Lenten Book Study—Restore

Please join us for “*Restore*,” a beautiful guided journal for prayer and meditation, facilitated through email by Chris Troncone & Linda Sampson of Marian Ministries.



“Take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole. Meet the tenderness of God’s mercy, the power of his love, and the restoration of your heart and life.

Stunning original art, daily meditations on a passage from scripture, reflection questions, guided prayer, and space for journaling and notetaking.

“You’ll move through four phases of healing, focusing on traditional Lenten practices:

1. Prayer—healing our relationship with God.
2. Fasting—healing our relationship with ourselves.
3. Almsgiving—healing our relationships with others.
4. Sacrifice—shows us the path to heaven, union with God.

“With Christ this Lent, your heart will see more clearly, be pierced more easily, love more strongly, serve more passionately.”

Sign-Up Sheets: St. Peter’s, Holy Child, St. Mary’s, St. Thomas, St. Catherine’s, or marian-ministries@outlook.com.

Suggested Donation: \$10.00 to assist with the cost of the books; please place a marked envelope in the collection.

Registration Deadline: Sunday, February 4th

2024 Calendar of Events

Jan. 26-28th

Bold & Beautiful Women's Retreat

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton, PA

Feb. 14 - Mar. 31

Online Lenten Book Study

"Restore" by Sr. Miriam James Heidland

March or April

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, DC

May 7th

"A Morning Marian Pilgrimage" with Christine DiNova

Notre Dame Retreat,

Canandaigua

May 18th

Women's Brunch

St. Peter's Church

June 8th

Women's Conference

Scranton, PA

October 4th, First Saturday

Living Rosary Celebration

St. Mary's

Living Rosary

Dec. 1. - Dec. 24

Advent Book Study

Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage

Please join the Dominican Friars in a national pilgrimage devoted to Christ and Our Lady. Pray the Nine Month Novena on the Last Saturday of each month, starting on January 27, 2024.

For more information

visit: <https://rosarypilgrimage.org/>

* We will arrange a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, sometime during the coming year. See future bulletins for details!





Women's Retreat

Bold and Beloved

Inspired by the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

January 26-28, 2024

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION RETREAT CENTER
1000 SEMINARY RD, DALTON, PA 18414



Inspired by the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux. Talks and Music Ministry by Kara Kardell (sinner striving for sainthood; wife and mother of 3) and Fred Shellabarger (husband, father, spiritual arsonist, big kid who loves Jesus). \$75 for students; \$125 for shared room; \$175 for single room. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/BoldandBeloved>

The Marian Ministries Team invites and encourages women from our parishes to take advantage of this amazing opportunity to rest, reflect, and begin the New Year. A carpool or other transportation may be arranged, depending on the number of reservations. Email marian-ministries@outlook.com or call Linda Sampson @ 570-404-2180.



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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.*

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, work-
er 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 answered (if it be God's will.) It has
never been known to fail. Publication must
be promised. Thank you, St. Jude. Amen.

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The local food
pantries need
our donations of
non-perishable
items.

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 The Blessed
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Please help to maintain a prayerful

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Please contact the
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