

Holy Child Church 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 11:15 am

# 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 17, 2023



**Reverend Bryan B. Wright,** 

Pastor



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

WEEKEND MASS Sunday 9:00 Am

PARISH RECTORY OFFICE HOURS 9 AM – 2 PM Monday, Tuesday and Friday Cemetery Business Hours: By Appointment 237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933 Phone: 570-662-3568 Fax: 570-662-2113 Email: hlychild@ptd.net

# **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>Matrimony</u>: Couples should contact their Pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.

<u>Anointing of the Sick:</u> Anointing and Holy Communion are available to the infirm and homebound. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

<u>New Parishioners:</u> Welcome to Holy Child Parish! New parishioners are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office. Registration is a requirement for admission to our religious education programs and for reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Matrimony.



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Holy Child:

3:00 pm Saturday 10:45 am Sunday 5:15 pm Thursday 8:00 am Friday



8:30 am Sunday 11:30 am Monday & Tuesday

# PARISH CONTACTS

Financial Secretary: Rita Hanson 570-662-3568 Secretary: Cara Clementi 570-662-3568 Cemeteries Manager: Cleo Warren 570-662-3568 Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck 570-540-1332 catholic.dre.holychild@gmail.com

Good Neighbors: Tom Wierbowski 570-404-3028 Good Samaritans: Parish Office 570-662-3568

Health Ministry: Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057

Knights of Columbus, MU Council: Scott DiMarco, Grand Knight, srdimarco@hotmail.com Knights of Columbus, Blossburg Council: Jim Weiskopff 570-662-7133

Ladies Guild: Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2034

Medical Equipment Loaning: Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057

"Spare a Prayer" Prayer Chain: Maryjane Seifried Dotty Welsh 570-549-7550 570-662-2057 seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com dhjrw@ptd.net

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Parish Office 662-3568 St. Mary's Hall: 570-638-2783; Holy Child Hall: 570-662-9996



# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ prior to all Masses ~

Mass Schedule & Intentions Daily Mass schedule is subject to change

Sat Sept 16 VIGIL: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:0 0pm, Holy Child: † Aisley Cecelia Faber (by Grandma)

Sunday, September 1724TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME9:00 am, St. Mary's: †Martha Saporowski

(by Marilyn & Gene Kurzejewski) 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Monday, September 18 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Tom Copello (by The Family)

Tuesday, September 19 Weekday 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Robert Dalton (by The Family)

Wednesday, Sept 20 Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and No Mass Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday, Sept 21SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST6:30pm, Holy Child: † Anna Marie Mimlitsch (by Rita Hanson)

Friday, September 22 Weekday 8:30 am, Holy Child: † Joe McSparron (by Pauline McSparron)

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest VIGIL: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Brad Brown (by Family)

Sunday, September 2425TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners11:15 am, Holy Child: † Carol Dalton (by The Family)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: SATURDAYS—2:15 PM—HOLY CHILD CHURCH FIRST FRIDAYS—9:00 AM—HOLY CHILD CHURCH FIRST SATURDAYS—10:00 AM—SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

### The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the Real Presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle. <u>Week of September 17 - 23, 2023:</u>

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Mary's Church burns in memory of living and deceased members of Holy Child Parish. The Sanctuary Light in Holy Child Church burns in memory of Brad Brown by Linda.

The *Altar Flowers* in Holy Child Church for the weekend of September 16th & 17th are donated in loving memory of my husband, Bob Swinsick, on our 45th Wedding Anniversary. *I will always love you, Helen* 



Parish Offerings Received September 4 - 10, 2023		
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,350.00	
Loose:	439.00	
Church dues:	30.00	
Fuel:	10.00	
Religious Education:	296.00	
Total:	\$4,125.00	
Care of Priests:	60.00	
Thank you for your continued support!		

# 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:

- \* Richard Faber
- \* Bernice Frederick
- \* Catherine Gallagher
- \* Tom MacBlane
- \* Tony Lupkowski
- \* Jane Mahonski
- \* Jane Manonski \* Christonhan Mart
- \* Christopher Mortensen

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.

\* Howdy Moser

\* Lori Sherant

\* Richard Niemczyk

\* Ethel Sandstrom

\* Kenneth Simpson

\* Yolanda Tacka

# "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.

# VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

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.



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.

	Scripture Readings		
Sun	Sir 27:30–28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9		
9/17	Matthew 18:21-35		
Mon	1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9		
9/18	Luke 7:1-10		
Tue	1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1-3, 5-6		
9/19	Luke 7:11-17		
Wed	1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6		
9/20	Luke 7:31-35		
Thu	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5		
9/21	Matthew 9:9-13		
Fri	1 Tm 6:2c-13 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20		
9/22	Luke 8:1-3		
Sat	1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1-5		
9/23	Luke 8:4-15		
Sun	Is 55:6-9 Pd 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18		
9/24	Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Matthew 20:1-16a		

#### MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE

In observance of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in September, Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 12:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, located at 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. The Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to suicide, and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing. Those attending the Mass will be invited to offer a flower in memory of a loved one who died from sui-



cide. All are welcome. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocesan website, YouTube channel and Facebook.



**Discovering Christ** 

SEARCHING FOR MORE?

**QUESTIONS WORTH ASKING:** 

What is my purpose? How can I begin a better life?

What gives ultimate meaning & purpose to life?

Why does Jesus matter?

Join us in the Parish Center at St. Peters in Wellsboro Wednesdays from October 4th—November 15th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm for *Discovering Christ*—a 7-week series with

# NEXT WEEKEND

We invite you to join us in answering



individuals and families in need, fostering positive change and building communities where faith is nourished and shared Scan to donate or visit annualappeal.org

PRAYER: God, Loving Creator and Source of all that we have, thank you for the many gifts you have given your people, our parishes and the Diocese of Scranton. Grant us the spirit of true Christian Stewardship so we may carry out Your Mission. Open our minds to the Gospel Message. Open our hearts to conversion. Open our hands that we might freely share the gifts you have bestowed upon us. May sorrow, conflict and poverty be diminished in our Diocese because we have responded in Christ-like love and generosity. Gracious God, send us your Spirit to accompany us on our Journey to Stewardship. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### MARIAN MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Mt. Saviour Monastery Retreat, Pine City, NY Saturday, September 23rd, 9:00am-3:15pm

All parishioners are invited to participate in this pilgrimage.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. **Deadline for registration: Sunday, September 17th.** Use the sign-up sheets at your parishes. A free-will donation of 10.00/person is suggested. \*Pilgrims traveling from Mansfield,



please contact Laurie Coffee at (703) 470-2975 for carpool information.

#### DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE—SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

For more information about this Pilgrimage, visit Rosarypilgrimage.org. Prayer cards for the event can be found on the holy handout table.

#### LIVING ROSARY—OCTOBER 2023

The Living Rosary will be updated and prayed from October 1st-31st. We need 20 people to pray one decade each day (the same decade for 31 days) so that all four sets of the mysteries are covered. Participants will gather for a social at St. Mary's Church following First Saturday services on **November 4th.** For more information or to sign up, call Laurie Coffee (703) 470-2975 or email <u>laurie.coffee@gmail.com</u>.

#### AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION, "IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD" SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 11:30AM-6PM, ST. PETER'S CHURCH

This event will begin with Mass at 11:30am at St. Peter's Church. The program will include Mary

Hallman's Presentation, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Evening Prayer, and Benediction. Following the Holy Hour, participants are invited to a catered meal in the Parish Center. We suggest a free-will offering of \$10 to assist with costs. Deadline for registration: Sunday, September 24th. Register with the square below or use the sign-up sheets in your church.



Please note: Contact information *must be* provided to secure your registration.

<u>Registration Form</u> Afternoon of Reflection *"In the Breaking of Bread"* Sunday, October 8th, 11:30-6pm, St. Peter's Church



Name	
Number Attending:	
Phone Number	

Email

#### THE HIDDEN KING: THE JEWISH ROOTS OF ST. JOSEPH

Many books on Saint Joseph focus on apocryphal legends & private revelations. In this Bible Study, Dr. Brant Pitre fo-

cuses on what we can learn about Joseph from the Bible, ancient Jewish & Roman history, and the living Tradition of the Church. Although Joseph is silent in the pages of the New Testament, when looked at through ancient Jewish eyes, he stands with Jesus & Mary at the very center of salvation history:



- Joseph, the Hidden King of the JewsJoseph, threat to the Fake King Herod
- Why Herod Murdered his own Wife, Sons, & the Infants of Bethlehem
- Why Joseph Accepted Mary's Jewish Vow of Virginity
- How Joseph Hid the Virgin Birth from Satan
- Joseph's Relation to the "Brothers" of Jesus
- Apocryphal Legend of the Elderly Joseph
- The Biblical Age of Saint Joseph
- The Persecution of Joseph's Family
- Joseph, the earthly Shadow of Jesus' heavenly Father

If you already have a devotion to Joseph, or if you just want to understand what the Bible really teaches about the man who was closest to Jesus, join us for this Study **Sept. 17th**, **24th & Oct. 1st after the 11:15am Mass** in Holy Child Hall.

ATTENTION, ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG WOMEN: CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH GROUP MEETINGS The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth invite all High School young women (grades 9-12) to their Nazareth Group meetings from 11:00 am - 4:30 pm on the following Saturdays:

2023: November 4th

2024: January 20th, April 20th, June 1st Encounter deep prayer, enriching talks & discussions, faith-based friends, nature walks, and more! Two locations available: Mother of God Convent (Tunkhannock; Sister Ange-



la 570-836-2737) and Mother of the Eucharist Convent (Williamsport; Sister Clare 570-745-3334). Please RSVP with the Sisters before each meeting.

#### 8th Annual Be A Catholic Man Conference Stand Firm in the Faith



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023. 8 AM - 3 PM. HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, WILKES BARRE **Speakers** Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton Mark Houck, founder and president of The King's Men Fr. John Anthony Boughton, C.F.R., General Vicar, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal Sam Blair, former Navy SEAL. Fee: \$40, Early Bird \$30, Students \$15 Priest/Deacon free. To attend, please register either online at www.BeACatholicMan.com, or by mail to: Be a Catholic Man, Inc P.O Box 669 Wyalusing, PA, 18853 Include your name, address, email & parish with your check payable to "Be a Catholic Man, Inc" and "Men's Con-

ference" on the memo line of the check.

#### HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

Have you noticed the leaves starting to change color? Must mean fall is in the air! So how to remember some of those wonderful summer flavors? Stock your freezer with fruits and vegetables. Whether you get fresh just picked items from the local farmer's market or the freezer aisle at the supermarket you will find these items tasty and fresh as the weather turns colder. Frozen items are stored at their peak freshness without added salts or sugars. Freezing also locks in the foods nutrients which often gets lost during processing. If freezing your farmer's market finds remember to clean the produce well. Have a few leftover onions, celery stalks, carrots? Freeze them together and use as a flavorful addition to your dishes. By boiling the vegetables with meat juices you can make your own flavorful stock without all the unnecessary additives. How about a peach pie or blueberry cobbler or strawberry shortcake? Easy to make anytime with frozen ingredients. So enjoy but remember that even frozen foods do not last forever. A good rule of thumb is no longer than 6 months according to the USDA, and don't use freezer burnt foods as the quality and flavor will be in question.

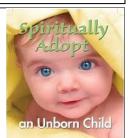
#### Our Parish Health Ministry Needs YOU! Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4th, 10:30 am

We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am in Holy Child Hall. Our purpose is to meet the needs of the community by providing care visits, meals, medical equipment, education, and prayers by supporting the food pantries, the homeless initiative, Seeds of Hope, and other charities. Consider sharing your blessings by participating. Join us on October 4th. We need YOU!

Homeless Shelter volunteers contact Matt Neclerio by phone at 888-551-8845.

#### Spiritual Adoption Program

LOOK AT ME GROW!!! I am now 24 days old, and here is my growth progress report. Please be sure to pray for me every day.



"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much, I ask you to spare the lives of the unborn babies we have spiritually adopted who are in danger of abortion."

A new study shows that a baby's first heartbeat may occur as early as 16 days after conception, rather than the three weeks previously thought. The study is being considered a potentially vital breakthrough for treating congenital heart disease since researchers will be able to understand the initiation of the heart's function in the developing baby.

According to the University of Oxford, where the study was conducted:

In the study, published in the journal *eLife*, researchers looked at the developing mouse heart and found that the muscle started to contract as soon as it formed the cardiac crescent – an early stage in heart development. In mice, this crescent forms 7.5 days after conception, *which is equivalent to day 16 in the human embryo.* Previously, it was thought that the heart started to contract a stage later, when the heart appears as a linear tube.

Researchers hail this finding as crucial; twelve babies a day in the UK are born with congenital heart disease, and such knowledge of heart development could help medical professionals both treat these babies, as well as prevent heart attacks later in life.

Taken from LiveAction article by Susan Michelle -Hanson

#### SEEDS OF HOPE

SEEDS OF HOPE requests: shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, soups, mac & cheese, twin sheets, and blankets (collection boxes are in both churches). "SEEDS" is a ministry of area churches in partnership with TCDHS. They work with families in crisis to provide basic needs to maintain and reunify families. One focus is home repairs for health and safety. For families in need, SEEDS can provide diapers, clothing, hygiene, food, and transportation for necessary appointments. Beds and bedding for children is also a major priority. Thank you!

# PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

There are free rosary beads available in the vestibule of Holy Child Church. FORMED has a wealth of information on the Rosary. Check out the 30 minute video, "How and Why to Pray the Rosary"

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

#### PADRE PIO: MIRACLE MAN

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the

amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

#### THE CALLING OF MATTHEW

Dr. Tim Gray provides an extended analysis of Caravaggio's The Calling of St. Matthew.



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#### THE RELUCTANT SAINT THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO

This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother



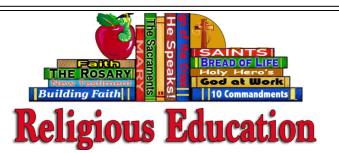
convinces the reluctant abbot to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription! To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and use zip code 16933 to search for and select our parish.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Sept 17: Bible Study: *the Jewish Roots of St. Joseph*
- Sept 24: 2023-2024 Religious Education begins, 10 am, Holy Child Hall
- Sept 24: Bible Study: the Jewish Roots of St. Joseph
- Oct 1: Bible Study: the Jewish Roots of St. Joseph
- Oct 1: Knights of Columbus, 6 pm, Holy Child Hall
- Oct 4: Parish Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
- Oct 5: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, beginning with 6 pm Mass, Holy Child Church



The 2023-24 Religious Education program will begin on **Sunday, September 24th at 10:00 am**. Registration Forms are in both churches. If you have questions or concerns, contact Dar Buck, Director of Religious Education at 570-540-1332 or <u>catholic.dre.holychild@gmail.com</u>

### DIOCESAN GRANT RECEIVED FOR THE WORD AMONG US

A generous grant of \$890 was received from the Diocese of Scranton through the Discipleship office. This grant will be used to purchase copies of <u>The Word Among Us</u>, a daily devotional used to assist people in reading, meditating on and understanding scripture and to provide sound, practical advice for Catholics on the living out of the Christian life. Free copies are made available to parishioners in the back of both churches.

# Holy Child Parish Ladies Guild

Ladies Guild invites all women in our parish to join the Holy Child Parish Ladies Guild.

Our primary ministry is to raise funds in support of Holy Child Parish, its members, and our Pastor.



Meetings are the Second Tuesday of every month in 7:00 pm in Holy Child Hall.

Annual Membership: September through August.

Annual Dues: \$5.00.

Please return this form & dues payment in the collection basket or mail to: Kathy Draxler, Guild Treasurer, 1482 Route 549, Mansfield, PA 16933.

Membership Information (please fill in, below):

Email:

