



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

WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY 4:00 PM, SUNDAY 11:15 AM

WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY 9:00 AM

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 1, 2023



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.

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



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.

Matrimony: Couples 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 infirm and 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 a requirement for admission to our religious education programs and for reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Matrimony.

PARISH CONTACTS

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catholic.dre.holychild@gmail.com
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ prior to all Masses ~



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Saturday, Sept 30 Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

VIGIL: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Bob Swinsick (by Jackie)

Sunday, October 1 **26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Carolyn Folcarelli (by Doug & Kathy)

Monday, October 2 **The Holy Guardian Angels**

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Sharon Muldowney
(by the Brennan Family)

Tuesday, October 3 Weekday

8:00 am, Holy Child: † Leona Winder (by the Family)

Wednesday, October 4 **Saint Francis of Assisi**

No Mass

Thursday, October 5 **Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin**

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Robert Wood (by Rita Hanson)

Friday, October 6 First Friday; **Saint Bruno, Priest**

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Margaret Horton (by Dawn Egan)

Saturday, October 7 First Saturday; **Our Lady of the Rosary**

9:30 am, St. Mary's: † August Steve Hurban

(by Bob and Sophie Schwoyer)

VIGIL: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Robert Dalton (by the Family)

Sunday, October 8 **27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Elizabeth & Stanley Wasowicz

(by Kathryn, Ann, & Frank)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

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.

Week of October 1– 7, 2023 Intentions:

Saint Mary's: living and deceased Parishioners

Holy Child: † Jesse Thomas by the Family

Contact the Parish Office for a Sanctuary Light intention.

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.



PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 18 - 24, 2023

Sunday Envelopes: \$3,176.00

Loose: 340.00

Church dues: 40.00

Fuel: 558.00

Religious Education: 10.00

Candles: 34.00

Total: 4,158.00

Care and Education of Priests: 130.00

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:

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| * Charles Chamberlain | * Christopher Mortensen |
| * Richard Faber | * Richard Niemczyk |
| * Bernice Frederick | * Ethel Sandstrom |
| * Catherine Gallagher | * Lori Sherant |
| * Tom MacBlane | * Kenneth Simpson |
| * Tony Lupkowski | * Yolanda Tacka |
| * Jane Mahonski | |

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**

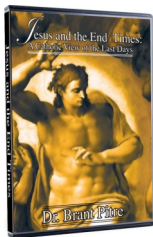


**Ronald Becker
Ann Monaghan
9/18/2023**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 10/1	Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32
Mon 10/2	Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:2, 16-23 Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Tue 10/3	Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1-7 Luke 9:51-56
Wed 10/4	Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Luke 9:57-62
Thu 10/5	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 Luke 10:1-12
Fri 10/6	Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1-5, 8-9 Luke 10:13-16
Sat 10/7	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Luke 10:17-24
Sun 10/8	Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

**BIBLE STUDY: JESUS & THE END TIMES;
A CATHOLIC VIEW OF THE LAST DAYS**



Have you ever wondered what the Bible teaches about the End of Time? Many Catholics have heard of “the Rapture”, the “Antichrist”, and the Second Coming, but are unsure exactly what to believe. The Catholic Church has very explicit teachings about these topics. What is the meaning of Jesus’ prophecies of tribulation and the coming of the Son of Man? Are we in the “end times” now? Why did Jesus prophecy the destruction of the Temple, and how does it relate to the End of the World? Why is the Protestant belief in a secret “Rapture” such a dangerous belief? What does the Bible teach about the coming of the Antichrist? What will the Final Judgment be like, and how will we be judged? These and many more questions will be answered in this eight-part series—surely Dr. Pitre’s most fascinating Bible study yet! Join us October 1st after the 11:15am Mass.



WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2023

**FAUSTINA AND THE SPREAD OF DIVINE MERCY |
DIVINE MERCY | EPISODE 4**



How a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.

BROTHER FRANCIS: THE BAREFOOT SAINT OF ASSISI



In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi, a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.

THE FEAST OF ST. THERESE



In celebration of the feast of St. Therese, Drs. Ben Akers and Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

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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. Peter's in Wellsboro **Wednesdays from October 4th—November 15th** from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm for **Discovering Christ**—a 7-week series with a life-changing retreat on Saturday Nov 4th. Come for a free delicious dinner, great conversation, an engaging talk, and the chance to share your thoughts and opinions about Jesus, Christianity, and the meaning of life. To learn more or to register, contact Norb @ 570-724-9095 / norb.josten@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Oct 1: Bible Study: *Jesus & The End Times*
Oct 1: Life Chain, 2:30pm, intersection of Main Street and Route 6 in Mansfield
Oct 1: Knights of Columbus Council, 6:30 pm, Holy Child
Oct 4: Parish Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
Oct 5: Parish Pastoral Council, 6 pm, Holy Child Church
Oct 8: No Bible Study
Oct 8: *Afternoon of Reflection*, St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro, 11:30 am—6 pm
Oct 10: Ladies Guild, 7pm, Holy Child Hall
Oct 16-20: No Daily Masses; Convocation of Priests
Oct 19: Knights of Columbus Assembly, 6:30pm, Holy Child
Nov 1: Parish Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall

LIFE CHAIN—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST—2:30-3:30 PM

We will gather at the intersection of Main Street and Route 6 in Mansfield. Pro-life signs will be available. Bring a chair if you are unable to stand. See you there!

LIFE CHAIN is an annual, peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing in remembrance of the more than 65 million lives lost to abortion.



Beginning in 1987, LIFE CHAIN has grown to over 1,000 cities and towns across North America. On the first Sunday in October, participants stand on designated local sidewalks for one hour to pray and hold pro-life signs.

LIFE CHAIN is a powerful, solemn witness to thousands of motorists about the unconscionable killing of pre-born children. As a result of Life Chain, mothers have decided not to abort their children, saying “I couldn’t get the ‘Abortion Kills Children’ message out of my mind.”

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 Conference” on the memo line of the check.

MARIAN MINISTRIES:

THE LIVING ROSARY has been updated and is complete for October 1st-31st. It's not too late to participate in this powerful devotion; laurie.coffee@gmail.com / 703-470-2975. Participants will gather for a social at St. Mary's Church, Blossburg following First Saturday services, **November 4th**.

Mt. SAVIOUR MONASTERY

Seventeen pilgrims from Saint Peter's and Holy Child Parishes attended Mass at Mt. Saviour Monastery on Sept. 23rd. Br. Luke Zimicky addressed the group with fun and fascinating facts about monastic life. Theresa Delmotte followed with an informative talk on angels and how they appear in our daily lives. Participants enjoyed lunch, prayer time in the crypt, browsing the bookstore, and just being together.



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



"AUTUMN JAUNT" ORGAN CRAWL—WILLIAMSPORT

The Chemung Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to a tour of several pipe organs in Williamsport and Muncy on Saturday, October 14th. We will start in Williamsport @ 9:30am at St. Luke Lutheran Church 1400 Market St; St. Boniface Catholic Church 326 Washington Blvd @ 10:45am; Covenant-Central Presbyterian Church 807 W 4th St @ 1:30pm; Philip Zuckerberg Residence 1732 Clarion Dr @ 2:45pm; and finish at Muncy Presbyterian Church 10 E. Penn St. @ 3:45pm. Any questions, email davelen@epix.net or elizabethbrig@aol.com.

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!

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

Are you at risk for a heart attack or a stroke? Risk factors include age, sex, and family history... one factor we *can* control is our cholesterol. A lipoprotein profile is a test to find out your numbers. So what do all those numbers mean? Your total cholesterol should be less than 200 mg/dL. Greater than 240 mg/dL indicates high total cholesterol and puts you at twice the risk for stroke or heart attack. LDL (low density lipoprotein) is bad cholesterol and should be less than 100 mg/dL. HDL (high density lipoprotein) is good cholesterol; it lowers your risk for heart attack or stroke. Unlike other cholesterol numbers, for HDL, the higher the number the better; it can be raised by quitting smoking, losing weight, and being more active. Triglycerides are the most common fat in your body and serve as a major source of energy. Age, low activity levels, weight, and diabetes tend to raise triglyceride levels. Follow your health care provider's guidelines about medication, quitting smoking, increasing activity, and reducing stress. Your heart and blood vessels will thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT NEW TIOGA COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER

The Tioga County Homeless Initiative is seeking any individual or group to assist at any time in construction of the new homeless shelter. Currently, they have volunteers assisting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and on Saturdays. They have a workday set up for Saturday October 21st anytime after 8am until 4pm. They are starting to work inside the new building, and they need assistance with installing insulation, hanging dry wall, painting, wood working, flooring, interior design, and organization. If you are interested, please contact Matt Neclerio by phone at 808-551-8845.



MANSFIELD SHOE BANK—DONATIONS REQUESTED

THE MANSFIELD SHOE BANK requests donations of shoes, and there is a particular need for Winter wear, such as **Hats, Gloves, Mittens, and Scarves** for **children in 3rd grade or younger**. Financial donations also gratefully accepted. Thank you!



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 Tioga County Department of Human Services (TCDHS), providing basic needs to maintain and reunify families in crisis. 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!



LOCAL EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE

THE EUCHARIST: A MIRACLE

— A Priesthood Perspective by the Rev. Thomas J. Petro, J.C.L., KCHS —
Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont, Pennsylvania

Soon afterward he journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region. (Luke 7:11-17)

Miracles happen every day. It takes eyes of faith to see them, however. As a pastor of souls, I do my best to discourage people from chasing after the fantastic and the exceptional in the spiritual life. Such religious phenomena can distract more than ground one in the faith. This is not to dismiss miracles, but instead to call people to a greater depth of belief in the power of God daily operative in their lives, especially manifested in the sacraments of the Church. The greatest miracle that we can behold daily is the enduring true presence of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharist. Each time Mass is celebrated, God condescends to us: He makes Himself present to us in a most miraculous way. The bread and wine consumed at Mass is truly the Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The Church knows no greater miracle than the Eucharist. We see the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as the ritual murder of the Son of God, offered to the Father for the remission of our sins and for life everlasting.

The great mercy of God for us poor sinners continues to amaze me as nothing short of miraculous. Daily we offend Him by our sins and daily He calls us to partake of Him for the healing of our souls and bodies. I am keenly aware of my own unworthiness as I daily ascend the altar of God to offer again the unbloodied sacrifice. I know that Jesus Christ has come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first! This belief compels me to now make public a record of God's Eucharistic mercy that was experienced in a most personal way.

During the beginning of September, 2021, a young man named Thomas Pistack fell seriously ill with COVID. He received medical attention and he recovered. His father, Joseph, subsequently became infected with the COVID-19 virus. On October 1, 2021, Joseph's daughter, Mary, took her father to the emergency room and he was admitted for observation. At 5:00 a.m. on October 2, his family received word that Joseph was admitted to the intensive care unit and were told, "Say what you have to say to him as this might be the last time you speak to him." At this point, Joseph was put on a ventilator, intubated, induced into a coma and medically paralyzed. Joseph's mother, Mary Ann Pistack, called the hospital at 6:00 a.m. to see how he was doing and was told that he was "near death" and would probably not live. She immediately called for a priest to administer the anointing of the sick and went to the hospital, only to discover that her daughter-in-law and Joseph's wife, Marie, was also admitted to the hospital with COVID. After one week Marie was released from the hospital to recover at home, but her husband remained in the ICU. Joseph's mother then asked the attending physician if patients that were as ill as her son ever recovered. The doctor answered "Rarely," and told his mother that if Joseph lived, he would likely have to learn how to talk, walk and eat again. She was also told that he may have to be on oxygen for the rest of his life, and may have liver, kidney and lung problems. Mary Ann asked me and many other people to pray for the recovery and good health of her son.

Prior to the 4:00 p.m. vigil Mass in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Dupont on Saturday, October 9, I noticed that Mary Ann was filled with anguish as she prepared to pray the rosary. She was scheduled to assist as the extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at that Mass. As I was on my way to the confessional, I stopped and asked her if she felt well enough to distribute Holy Communion. She responded that she was indeed able, and I answered, "I will pray for Joseph." Mary Ann relates that as she started to pray the rosary, she looked at the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our church and said, "Mary you know how it is to lose a son, would you spare mine?" She states that she immediately heard a most beautiful voice from over her left shoulder say: "I will."

Following confessions, I prepared for Mass in the usual way, personally preparing the chalice, ciborium, and other liturgical items. Mary Ann at this point did not share with me the special grace she had just received. The vigil Mass for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time then began. I experienced nothing unusual at that Mass until the singing of the *Agnus Dei*. It was at that moment my eyes were cast upon the ciborium and I was taken aback by what I saw. (...continued on next page...)

... There, upon the very top of the consecrated Hosts, I beheld a single Host with what appeared to be a very visible droplet of blood. It had not been there prior. Since I had personally prepared the ciborium, and had carefully removed the lid at the altar after the offertory procession, and observed the ciborium throughout the Mass, I can testify and affirm with moral certitude that nothing unusual in appearance or substance was present in that ciborium until the *Agnus Dei* chant. Upon seeing the unusual Host, I carefully removed it and placed it on the paten. After the distribution of Holy Communion, I placed the Host in question on top of the others in the ciborium and reposed it in the tabernacle for inspection later. I did not know what to think or believe at that time; I was somewhat stoic, a little incredulous and apprehensive. "What just happened?" I thought. I was in the sacristy after Mass taking off my vestments when Mary Ann entered and asked if she could "run something by me." She proceeded to tell me about the beautiful voice she believed that she had heard as she prayed the rosary before Mass, and wondered if it might have been Our Lady answering her petition for her son, Joseph. Having just experienced something unusual of my own at Mass, I responded, "You just gave me the chills." I then asked Mary Ann, "Do you believe in Eucharistic miracles? Because now I am going to show you something that will give you the chills." She replied, "Absolutely." What follows is Mary Ann's first-hand account of what she experienced:



Father said, 'I have something to show you,' and when Father went to get the key to the Tabernacle, I had no idea what Father was about to show me. Father brought the ciborium to the sacristy and removed the cover and there ON THE BODY OF CHRIST WAS A DROP OF HIS BLOOD. Father said, "I told you I would pray for your son." I fell to my knee.

Mary Ann then revealed something further to my surprise. She told me at that very Mass, during the elevation of the chalice, she looked at the chalice containing the Most Precious Blood and prayed, "Jesus, would you please just send one drop of Blood down to cure my son?" With this revelation I knew that these special graces we had received were meant ultimately for Joseph Pistack. I felt that these experiences were glad tidings of prayers answered and favors to be received. The graces from this Eucharist were intended by God to be shared with this sorrowful family, I believed. Since Mary Ann is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion who has brought the Eucharist to the homebound, I instructed her to take the special Host and give it to her ill family members. Before the Host was consumed, Mary Ann's friend, Judy Lendacky, agreed to hold the pyx containing the Host so that Mary Ann could photograph the Host. That photograph is reproduced here.

Joseph was in the hospital for 105 days and relates that he received many private graces and spiritual consolations. When he entered the hospital, his oxygen was "16" when normal is 96 or 97. His family was told by the physicians that he would have brain damage if he survived. While in the hospital, Joseph developed a severe bed sore which caused him to become septic. After emergency surgery, he was put on an intravenous antibiotic for six weeks. It took twenty months of daily wound care for this sore to be healed. He was on a feeding tube while in the hospital, was intubated and on oxygen. Joseph was told that anyone who was that ill would never leave the hospital without being on oxygen for the rest of his life. However, he never used oxygen upon his return home. Joseph needed a ramp to enter his home while using a wheel chair, but then graduated to a walker, then two canes and is now walking without these devices. He does not have kidney damage, lung damage, heart damage or brain damage. Joseph has gone back to teaching nurses, which was his job before getting ill. I see him and his wife every weekend at Mass in Dupont. He is one of the happiest, and most grateful, people that I know.

American novelist Flannery O'Connor once said, "If it's just a symbol, to hell with it," in response to a friend who described the Eucharist as a "pretty good symbol." Heaven has revealed to us that we truly partake of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, in the mystical supper of the Lord. This is an awesome miracle! Let us worthily thank the Lord all the day, in all that we do, so that kept in His holiness, we may live according to His truth. †



Daily Mass Schedule (subject to change)

October 2023

1st Friday: 8 am Adoration, 8:30 am Mass, Holy Child Church, followed by Adoration (Confession available during Adoration)

1st Saturday: 9:30 am Mass, St. Mary's Church, followed by Adoration (Confession available during Adoration)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>•Bible Study following 11:15 Mass</p> <p>•Life Chain, 2:30pm, Rts 6&15 Mansfield</p> <p>•K of C Council, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 am Daily Mass Holy Child Church</p>	<p>4 Health Ministry 10:30am Holy Child Hall</p>  <p>Saint Francis of Assisi</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pastoral Council beginning with 6pm Mass at Holy Child</p>	<p>6 First Friday</p> 	<p>6 First Saturday</p>  <p>Our Lady of the Rosary</p> <p><i>Be a Catholic Men Con-fERENCE, Holy Redeemer HS, Wilkes-Barre, 8 am</i></p>
<p>8 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>No Bible Study</p> <p><i>Afternoon of Reflection, St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro, 11:30am</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Ladies Guild 7:00 pm Holy Child Hall</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Bible Study: <i>Jesus & the End Times</i> following 11:15 Mass Holy Child Hall</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Convocation of Priests 8:30 am Daily Mass Holy Child Church</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Convocation of Priests No Daily Mass</p> <p>Saint Ignatius of Antioch Bishop, Martyr</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Convocation of Priests No Daily Mass</p> <p>SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Convocation of Priests No Daily Mass KofC Assembly, 6:30p</p> <p>Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 pm Daily Mass Holy Child Church</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Bible Study: <i>Jesus & the End Times</i> following 11:15 Mass Holy Child Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>No Daily Mass</p>	<p>24</p> <p>No Daily Mass</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No Daily Mass</p>	<p>26</p> <p>No Daily Mass</p>	<p>27</p> <p>No Daily Mass</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>SAINTS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES</p>
<p>29 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Bible Study <i>Jesus & the End Times</i> following 11:15 Mass Holy Child Hall</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</p> <p>Monday, Tuesday: 11:30 am, St. Mary's Saturday: 3:00 pm, Holy Child</p> <p>Thursday: 5:00 pm, Holy Child Sunday: 8:30 am, St. Mary's</p> <p>Friday: 8:00 am, Holy Child Sunday: 10:45 am, Holy Child</p> <p>First Friday, First Saturday: additional Adoration times; see above</p>			

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