



**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

# 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT February 18, 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

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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, February 17** **VIGIL: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
4:00 pm, Holy Child: IHO Martin Anthony Ostapowicz  
(by The Ostapowicz Family)

**Sunday, February 18** **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners  
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Annette "Dolly" Garvelli  
(by Ladies' Guild)

**Monday, February 19** **Lenten Weekday**  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † The Bogaczyk Family  
(by John Frederick)

**Tuesday, February 20** **Lenten Weekday**  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Harold Andrews (by Pat)

**Wednesday, February 21** **Lenten Weekday**  
No Mass

**Thursday, Feb 22** **THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE**  
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Bonnie & Scott Luther  
(by The Charlie Brennan Family)

**Friday, February 23** **Lenten Weekday**  
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Theresa Carlson  
(by Keith & Bernadine Youmans)

**Saturday, February 24** **VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

**Sunday, February 25** **2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † The people of Poland and other  
Baltic States (by John F. Frederick)  
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Joan Flesch (by Ladies' Guild)



### SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † For the Lord to help married couples struggling with infertility to trust in His love and be sustained with His peace.

Saint Mary's: † Parishioners

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



### 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 FEB 10 & 11. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,321.18
Loose	472.78
Fuel:	30.00
Initial:	3.00
Dues:	80.00
Cemeteries	33.00
Christmas	10.00
Ash Wednesday	53.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5,002.96</b>
Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests	53.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	21.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

If you would like a **2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT** for your taxes, please leave a note in the collection or call the Parish Office.

### 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:

* Alice Abrams	* Jane Mahonski
* Ryan Bates	* Christopher Mortensen
* Kirk Euson	* Terri Nash
* 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.*

### 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.



### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 2/18	Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
Mon 2/19	Lv 19:11-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
Tue 2/20	Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wed 2/21	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
Thu 2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19
Fri 2/23	Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
Sat 2/24	Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48
Sun 2/25	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

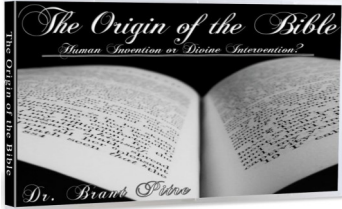


## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 18: *Origin of the Bible*, after 11:15 Mass  
 Feb 25: *Origin of the Bible*, after 11:15 Mass  
 Feb 28: Lenten Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera, 7:00 pm,  
 Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport, PA



### 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”?

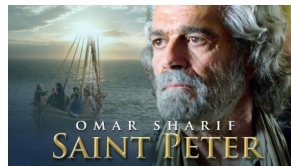
Join us this **Sunday, February 18th, following the 11:15 Mass** for refreshments and session five.



### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2024

#### SAINT PETER

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



#### THE AFTERLIFE | ETERNAL REST | EPISODE 2

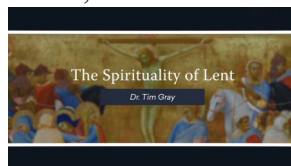
What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



#### WEEK ONE | RESTORE: LENT

#### WITH SR. MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.



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### LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN

All men ages 18 years and older are invited to an overnight Lenten Retreat titled *"Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering"* from 6 pm Friday, March 15 until 2 pm Saturday, March 16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton. Participants will examine the spiritual journey of men in our world, moving from wandering to wondering about God's will in their lives. There will be talks by Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Stan Fortuna, Fr. Brian Van Fossen, and Mike Donovan. Adoration and Confession will be offered. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Bambera. This will be a great way to renew one's heart and mind before Easter. The cost of the retreat is only \$75, which includes meals and overnight accommodation at the retreat center.

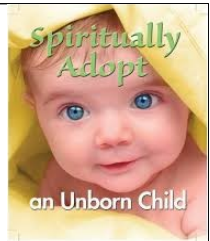
If you have not already registered you can use this link

<https://beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1>

For more information visit [www.beacatholicman.com](http://www.beacatholicman.com) or contact Joe Adcroft at [jadcroft@kknepa.com](mailto:jadcroft@kknepa.com) or call 570-380-5070. The retreat is sponsored by Be A Catholic Man, Inc., a nonprofit "on a mission to encourage and empower men to deepen their relationship with Christ, to be spiritual leaders in their families, their church, and their community, and to live their faith in everyday life."

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Month Six - Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies born at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mother might still feel pressure to abort.



*Mary, our Mother in heaven Pray for us, and especially for your little ones in danger of abortion. Amen.*

Spiritual Adoption Warriors,

continue to pray for my mother and me.

*Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name. - Isaiah 49:15-16 (NAB)*

### 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. Jim Rigby  
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Hon. Torren C. Ecker  
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Hon. Joe Kerwin  
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Hon. Clint Owlett  
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Hon. Paul Schemel  
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Hon. Timothy R. Bonner  
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Hon. Robert Leadbeter  
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Hon. Joe Hamm  
(717) 787-5270

**Thank you for making these critical calls! Please share.**



## MARIAN MINISTRIES

### Restore Book Study

Ash Wednesday-Easter

There's still time to register for this online Book Study. Contact Linda Sampson @ 570-404-2180 or email [marian-ministries@outlook.com](mailto:marian-ministries@outlook.com) A stipend of \$10 is suggested to assist with the cost of the books. Drop your donation in the collection basket. To receive a copy of the book, contact Linda Sampson (570-404-2180) or Chris Troncone (570-404-7278.) \*Those who have received the books can leave their stipends at Holy Child or St. Peter's rectory.

"A Morning Mary Pilgrimage" with Christine DiNova

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, 9am-3pm

Notre Dame Retreat Center, Canandaigua

Participants will form a carpool for this event. The cost is \$35, which includes lunch. Watch the bulletin for more information.

### Women's Brunch

Saturday, May 18th, St. Peter's Parish Center

We have an amazing guest speaker and so much more in store for this event. Mark your calendars, invite a friend, and stay tuned.

### Paint & Pray

Saturday, April 27th, Holy Child Parish Center  
(Details coming soon.)

### Women's Conference

Saturday, June 8th, 2024, Marywood College, Scranton

Marian Ministries will be represented at this year's conference! The team is busy preparing items to sell and share at our vendor's table. The annual Women's Conference is always a powerful, inspiring event, so mark your calendars now. We will arrange a carpool for those who plan to attend.

### Mt. Saviour Retreat

Saturday, September 21, 2024, 9am-3pm

Back by popular demand, participants will welcome the first weekend of Fall at the beautiful Mt. Saviour Monastery.

### Living Rosary Celebration

Saturday, October 5, 2024, St. Mary's Church, Blossburg

### Advent Book Study

December 1-24, 2024

### Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, June 29th, 2024

More details are on the parish website at:

<https://holychildparish.com/parish-news/pilgrimage-to-the-basilica-of-the-national-shrine-of-the-immaculate-conception-saturday-june-29-2024/>

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Payment should accompany registrations. Return using the collection basket at St. Peter's Church or mail to St. Peter's Rectory, 47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, PA 16901. Make checks payable to St. Peter's Church. For more information, contact Terrie Thomas at (570) 418-3881.



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# LENTEN HOLY HOUR

with Bishop Bambera

**Wednesday, Feb. 28  
at 7:00 P.M.**

**St. Joseph the Worker Parish**  
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Go to [daily.formed.org/len](https://daily.formed.org/len) to have these two programs sent



The beautiful flower arrangements in Holy Child Church last weekend, February 10 & 11, were donated in loving memory of Bob Swinsick by Helen and Jacqueline.

*Altar Flowers*

### GOOD SAMARITANS

Watch your mailbox for the Good Samaritans Spring Raffle. Please make all raffle returns by the weekend of March 17, 2024. The drawing will be March 24, 2024. The donations for tickets is \$5/ticket.

Total Cash Value of prizes is \$1,000.00.

Prizes: 1st - \$500.00, 2nd - \$250.00, 3rd - \$150.00, 4th - \$100.00



# WEEKLY OPPORTUNITY FOR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, BENEDICTION, AND VESPERS WEDNESDAYS IN LENT AT 7PM

FEBRUARY 21ST AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

FEBRUARY 28TH AT SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER  
SPECIAL HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

MARCH 6TH AT CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

MARCH 13TH AT SAINT LAWRENCE

MARCH 20TH AT SAINT ANN

MARCH 27TH AT SAINT BONIFACE  
AREA PENANCE SERVICE BEGINNING AT 6:30PM

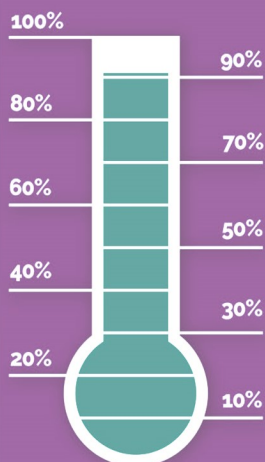
A LIGHT RECEPTION WILL  
FOLLOW EACH EVENT



## ROAD TO RESURRECTION LYCOMING COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES



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Total as of Feb. 2, 2024

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goal of \$28,000 and has  
raised 91% (\$25,479) to  
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For your past generosity, prayerful consideration and  
future sharing — thank you and God bless your loved ones!

## LENT!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and ends with Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28th. Mark your calendars now to take advantage of the many Lenten opportunities to help prepare yourself spiritually for the Triduum and Easter Season.

- Sacrament of Reconciliation:
  - \* During Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays and First Saturdays
  - \* During *The Light is ON for You* on Mondays during Lent from 5:30-7:00 pm in Holy Child Church
  - \* 2:15-3:00 pm on Saturdays in Holy Child Church
  - \* Communal Penance Service, Sunday, March 10th, 4:00 pm, St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro
  - \* By appointment (call the parish office)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
  - \* First Friday and First Saturday following Mass
  - \* During *The Light is ON for You* (see above)
  - \* Thursdays, 5-6 pm, Holy Child Church
  - \* Daily according to the schedule on the bulletin cover
  - \* Road to Resurrection (Williamsport Deanery): Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Vespers at 7:00 pm. A light reception will follow each event.
    - ◇ February 21: Immaculate Conception Church, 5973 Jacks Hollow Road, Williamsport, PA 17702
    - ◇ February 28: St. Joseph the Worker Church, 711 West Edwin Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 (Lenten Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera)
    - ◇ March 6: Saint Lawrence Church, 800 West Central Avenue, South Williamsport, PA 17701
    - ◇ March 20, Saint Ann Church, 1220 Northway Road, Williamsport, PA 17701
    - ◇ March 27, Saint Boniface Church, 326 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport, PA 17701 (Area Penance Service beginning at 6:30 pm)
- Stations of the Cross:
  - \* 7:00 pm in Holy Child Church on Thursdays
  - \* 3:30 pm on Fridays: February 16, 23 & March 1 in Holy Child Church. March 8, 15 & 22nd in St. Mary's Church. Meager Meals will follow.
- Fasting and 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 (to abstain from eating meat).
  - \* For Roman Catholics, 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 Roman Catholics from age 14 onwards.
- Mansfield Ministerium Lenten Lunch: Noon on Thursdays in the First Baptist Church, Mansfield. Bring your own brown bag lunch, drinks & dessert provided.
- Adult Education: LECTIO: THE ORIGIN OF THE BIBLE. Sundays following the 11:15 am Mass.

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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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pantries need  
our donations of  
nonperishable  
items.

Collection bins are in both churches.  
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 **The Blessed  
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reserved in the  
Tabernacle.**

Please help to  
maintain a prayerful

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**Please contact the  
Parish Office.**