

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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT February 25, 2024



PARISH OFFICE

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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.

Holy Communion: Those preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time are asked to call the Parish Office.

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

<u>Anointing of the Sick:</u> For the infirm & 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 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 |
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| Sunday | 9:00 | AM | Saint Mary's |
| Sunday | 11:15 | AM | Holy Child |

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

| Saturday | 3:00 | PM | Holy Child |
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| 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 |
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| 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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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 24 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)

Monday, February 26 Lenten Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Margaret Berguson

(by Thomas Wierbowski)

Tuesday, February 27
Lenten Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Dolly Garvelli (by Tom Wierbowski)

Wednesday, February 28

Lenten Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, February 29 Lenten Weekday 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † JoAnn Wemesfelder

(by Dave, JJ & David Sabol)

First Friday, March 1 Lenten Weekday

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Ann Monaghan

(by Doug & Kathy Draxler)

First Saturday, March 2

Lenten Weekday

9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Jack & Joan Miller & John Miller, Jr.

(by Theresa & Scott Delmotte)
VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Harold Andrews (by Connie McNamara)

Sunday, March 3 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners

11:15 am, Holy Child: † William & Mary Brennan

(by The Muldowney Cousins)



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † In memory of Carolyn Jaquish by Mom 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 17 & 18. THANK YOU!

| Sunday Envelopes | \$2819.00 |
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| Loose | 609.41 |
| Fuel | 32.00 |
| Dues | 213.00 |
| Cemeteries | 105.00 |
| Ash Wednesday | 1311.75 |
| Total: | 5090 16 |

Diocesan:

Church in Central & Eastern Europe 720.53

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:

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



* Tom MacBlane

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.

* 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 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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| SCRIPTURE READINGS | | | |
| Sun | Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19 | | |
| 2/25 | Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10 | | |
| Mon | Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 | | |
| 2/26 | Lk 6:36-38 | | |
| Tue | Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 | | |
| 2/27 | Mt 23:1-12 | | |
| Wed 2/28 | Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28 | | |
| Thu 2/29 | Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31 | | |
| Fri 3/1 | Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 | | |
| Sat | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 | | |
| 3/2 | Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 | | |
| Sun | Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 | | |
| 3/3 | Jn 2:13-25 | | |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

FORMED

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024

THE THREE TEMPTATIONS WITH DR. BRANT PITRE

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



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.



TALKING BACK: SCRIPTURE'S TO ANSWER COMMON FEARS Fearless | Episode 3

How can the Word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides con-



crete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear.

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LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN

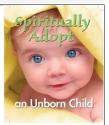
All men ages 18 years and older are invited to an overnight Lenten Retreat titled "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering" from 6 pm Friday, March 15 until 2 pm Saturday, March 16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton. Participants will examine the spiritual journey of men in our world, 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 or contact Joe Adcroft at 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 vour 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.

Hon. Rob W. Kauffman (717) 705-2004 Hon. Kate A. Klunk (717) 787-4790 Hon. Torren C. Ecker (717) 783-8875 Hon. Clint Owlett (717) 772-5371 Hon. Timothy R. Bonner (717) 783-6438 Hon. Joe Hamm (717) 787-5270 Thank you for making these

critical calls! Please share.

Hon. Jim Rigby (717) 772-9924 Hon. Joe Kerwin (717) 260-6148 Hon. Paul Schemel (717) 783-5218 Hon. Robert Leadbeter (717) 783-1102

Hon. David H. Rowe

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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 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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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

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

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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"

FORMED

Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture with Dr. Brant Pitre

DAILY BREAD: Discover THE EU-CHARIST IN SCRIPTURE explores the biblical roots of the Eucharist and how the earliest Christians understood it as the fulfillment of many Old Testament promises. Based on



Dr. Brant Pitre's book Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, these daily Lenten reflection videos will radically transform your love for the Blessed Sacrament.

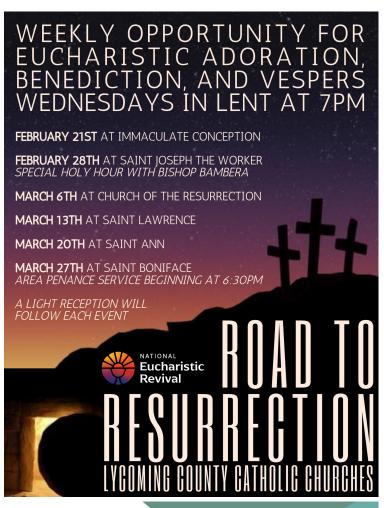
DRAWING CLOSER TO GOD: LENT

Your kids or grandkids will love 10 exciting new Lenten episodes of Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids! Through the beauty of art, host



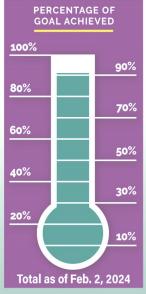
Ms. Kim helps kids follow Christ from the desert to his Passion and Resurrection—learning what it means to turn away from sin and back to God—as they draw and color each biblical scene.

Go to *daily.formed.org/lent* to have these two programs sent









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to those who have given to the Diocesan Annual Appeal

Those whose lives you change are grateful for your gift

Holy Child Parish has a goal of \$28,000 and has raised 91% (\$25,479) to date.

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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 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: 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.

Thank you,
Our Lady of Knock,
for prayers answered.

- Parishioner

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.



The local food pantries need our donations of nonperishable items.

Collection bins are in both churches.

Thank you for your support!



The Blessed
Sacrament is
reserved in the
Tabernacle.
Please help to
maintain a prayerful

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Please contact the Parish Office.