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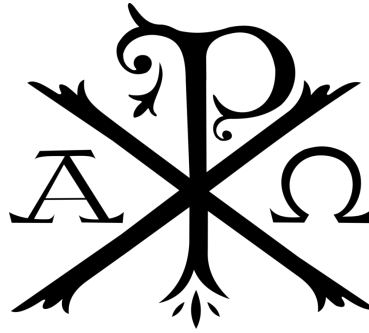


Reverend Bryan B. Wright
Pastor



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

22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME September 1, 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
- Secretary: Cara Clementi 570-662-3568
- Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck 570-540-1332
- Good Samaritans: Parish Office, 570-662-3637
- Health Ministry & Medical Equipment Loaning:
Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057
- Knights of Columbus:
Scott DiMarco; srdimarco@hotmail.com
- 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, August 31 VIGIL, 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Jason Gonzalez (by Ann & Andrew Kulick)

Sunday, September 1 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St Mary's: † Parishioners
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Jesse & Dolores Thomas
(by The Jim Thomas Family)

Monday, September 2 Weekday
No Daily Mass; Father Away: Alicia Augustine (by Cara Clementi)

Tuesday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
No Daily Mass; Father Away: † Martha Dzikowski (by Chet)

Wednesday, September 4 Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, September 5 St. Theresa of Calcutta, Virgin
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Mary Ellen Hill (by Tom Wierbowski)

First Friday, September 6 Weekday
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Jean Kendrick (by Theresa Thomas)

First Saturday, September 7 Blessed Virgin Mary
9:30 am, St. Mary's: Family of Mary & Bruce Nance
(by Scott & Theresa Delmotte)
VIGIL, 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, September 8 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St Mary's: † Martha Saporowski
(by Marilyn & Gene Kurzejewski)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † The Harding Family (by Alice Abrams)



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK
Saint Mary's: † living and deceased Parishioners
Holy Child: The Ben Augustine Family (by Cara Clementi)
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
~OR BY APPOINTMENT~



The Altar flowers in Holy Child Church this weekend (8/31-9/1) were donated in memory of † Dominic & Monica Leone.

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED AUG 19-25. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,586.00
Loose	308.00
Holy Days (Assumption)	10.00
Roast Beef Dinner	2,014.00
Basket Raffle	1,751.00
Total:	\$7,669.00
Cemetery maintenance	47.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Pray the Rosary Every Day

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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| * Kirk Euson | * Terri Nash |
| * Richard Faber | * Richard Niemczyk |
| * Bernice Frederick | * Sandy Parker |
| * Catherine Gallagher | * Ethel Sandstrom |
| * Lance Hall | * Lori Sherant |
| * Ann King | * Kenneth Simpson |
| * Tony Lupkowski | * Yolanda Tacka |
| * Tom MacBlane | * Jack Watson |
| * Jane Mahonski | * Ron Yanuzzi |
| * Christopher Mortensen | * Judi Bonk-Guy |

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



To request prayer for someone (e.g. due to illness, surgery, hardship, other) please contact the Parish Office. To respect 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 9/1	Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
Mon 9/2	1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30
Tue 9/3	1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37
Wed 9/4	1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15,20-21 Lk 4:38-44
Thu 9/5	1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 5:1-11
Fri 9/6	1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40 Lk 5:33-39
Sat 9/7	1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5
Sun 9/8	Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sep 4: Health Ministry, 10:30am, Holy Child Hall
- Sep 8: Annual Parish Picnic, after 11:15 Mass
- Sep 10: Ladies Guild, 6:00pm, Holy Child Hall
- Sep 12: Pastoral Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child
- Oct 2: Health Ministry, 10:30am, Holy Child Hall
- Oct 6: KofC Meeting, 6:30pm, Holy Child Hall
- Oct 8: Ladies Guild, 6:00pm, Holy Child Hall



Religious Education

Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 Religious Education program! Registration Forms are in both churches. If you have questions, contact Darlene Buck, Director of Religious Education at 570-540-1332.



Next Weekend Parish Special Collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

NEXT WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION

This year, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its first public Mass. Over the last century, the National Shrine has celebrated more than 800,000 Masses and more than 7,000 Ordinations to the Priesthood, and welcomed the faithful and pilgrims from around the world, including Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Saint John Paul II, and Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

The National Shrine is neither a cathedral nor a parish church. For the National Shrine to continue to serve almost one million pilgrims each year, the task of updating its aged infrastructure has become a necessity. Your prayerful and financial support will leave a lasting legacy.

Next weekend, our parish will take a special one-time second collection at all Masses to support the renewal project which is underway and is essential to 365-day-a-year ministry. You can also give directly online by visiting nationalshrine.org/centennial. Thank you for your generous support to preserve Mary's Shrine for generations to come!



HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, 9/4, 10:30AM, HOLY CHILD

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

As the last Summer holiday is upon us, take some time to enjoy the weather, if it ever stops raining, as well as the memories that you have made over the Summer. Our thoughts turn to school. Classrooms are a wonderful breeding ground for spreading germs. Have you ever watched children at play? Teach your children to cover their coughs and sneezes, in the crook of their arms, for example. Hand washing is vital to prevent the spread of germs. Be sure your children are getting enough rest, at least eight hours nightly, and eating properly. Fruits and vegetables, with their natural vitamins and minerals, will boost immune systems. Make healthy snacks for lunches and after school. May the school year be a healthy one for all.

HEALTH MINISTRY

AVAILABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:

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| Baskets for walkers | Transfer Bench |
| Canes | Toilet Handles |
| Crutches | Transfer Board |
| Emesis Basin | Tub Handle |
| Foot Bath | Tubing |
| Hospital Bed | Walkers |
| Hoyer Lift | Walker with Seat |
| Ice Therapy Machine | Wash Basin |
| Knee Crutch | Wheelchairs |
| Knee Scooter | Wheelchair Cushion |
| Potty Chairs | Baby Items at the Welsh's: |
| Raised Toilet Seats | Bath tub |
| Rising Frame for Chair | Booster seat |
| Rollator Walker | Bed rails |
| Shower Bench | Safety gate |
| Shower Chair | |

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 at 6:00pm.

First meeting of the new year:

Tuesday, September 10th, 6:00pm, Holy Child Hall

Annual Membership: September through August.
Annual Dues: \$5.00.

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):

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



SCAM ALERT

If you receive a text message or phone call from an unknown number claiming to be Father Bryan, possibly asking for help...*disregard*. If Father needs you, he will speak with you directly. Thank you.

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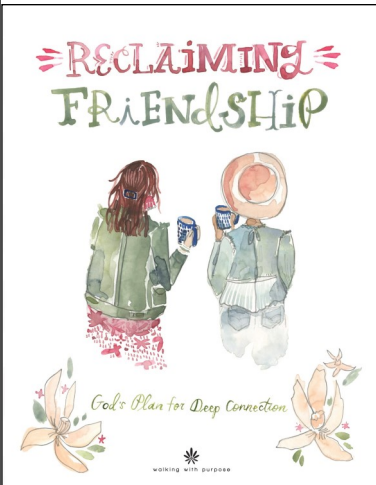
Mt. Saviour Monastery Retreat "Pray Without Ceasing"

Saturday, September 21st ♦ 9am—3pm



The retreat is full at this time. To add your name to a waiting list, email marian-ministries@outlook.com or contact Linda Sampson (570-404-2180). Registered individuals will receive an email with information about lunch, carpooling, etc. Please be sure to share your contact information with Linda or Laurie as soon as possible or email (address above).

Women's Book Study—Walking With Purpose Reclaiming Friendship—God's Plan for Deep Connection



Reclaiming Friendship is ideal if you...

- Are lonely and desire lasting friendships
- Need to know and understand what it means that God created each of us in His image
- Crave an authentic community, the kind in which we experience His joy and goodness

Join us for six in-person gatherings on the following dates:

HOLY CHILD PARISH CENTER

September 12th

October 10th

November 7th

ST. PETER'S PARISH CENTER

September 26th

October 24th

November 21st

Meetings begin at 5pm and conclude at 7pm. The evening will include a simple supper, video presentation and small group discussion. A donation of \$20 is suggested to cover costs. Drop your payment in the collection basket or mail to: St. Peter's Rectory, 47 Central Ave., Wellsboro, PA.

Register using the sign-up sheets at your parish or email marian-ministries@outlook.com.

Deadline for registration: Wed., Sept. 4th.

Men's Book Study

Ascending with Ignatius: A 30-Day At-Home Retreat

"A retreat in the Catholic Church happens when we set aside a bit of time to be more intentional about our conversation with God. It could be a small amount of time, as small as a day or so, or it could be a longer amount of time. The maximum length is typically thirty days."

Men of our parishes, you are invited to devote thirty days spending time reflecting on God and God's love for you. Talk with God, and let God love you a bit more. That is what this retreat is all about.

St. Ignatius of Loyola founded a retreat program called the Spiritual Exercises, and author Fr. Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ, has loosely based this retreat on those Spiritual Exercises.



The book study will begin on **September 16** and end on **the 15th of October** and is brought to you by the Marian Ministries. Anyone interested in the group will be responsible for obtaining their own book.

If you are interested in joining this book group or would like more information, please contact:

Chris Troncone (570) 404-7278 or



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

POPE SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

In the history of the Church, fewer than five popes are esteemed with the title "the Great." Pope St. Gregory the Great is known for prolific writing, radical humility, emphasis on missions, and dedication to almsgiving.



MODERNISM | HERESIES | EPISODE 7

We live in a post-modern world. But to understand the post-modern world, we must understand the heresy of modernism. What is modernism? Join Drs. Prothro and Mooney.

MODERNISM

THE CATHOLIC FAMILY IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD | THE MISSION OF THE FAMILY | EP. 1 Join Brother Francis in the delightfully inspirational and instructive presentation that teaches children all about the sacrament of the Eucharist!



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ROAST BEEF DINNER—THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DINED, DONATED BASKETS, AND HELPED!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS:

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| 1. Garden Work | Sam Irwin |
| 2. Men's Basket | Ann Davis |
| 3. Relax | Linda Kucharski |
| 4. Lawn Décor | Rob Minnich |
| 5. Time to Paint | Laurie Partyka |
| 6. Dinnerware | Frank Wasowicz |
| 7. Polish Basket | Leesa Lazourus |
| 8. Large Polish Basket | Paula Johnson |
| 9. Kitchen Helper | Rob Minnich |
| 10. Picnic Basket | Natalie Youmans |
| 11. Holiday Gift Card | Susan Signor |
| 12. Pasta Night | Katie King |
| 13. Wine Pack | Ron Signor |
| 14. Olive Oil | Sue Nowak |
| 15. Fall Wreath | Mary Nance |
| 16. Watkins Basket | Susan Bowne |
| 17. School Backpack | Linda Kucharski |
| 18. Activities Basket | Yolanda Tacka |
| 19. School Days | Marge Musshafen |
| 20. Autumn Décor | Kay Gallagher |
| 21. Fall Table | Kay Gallagher |
| 22. Itsy-Bitsy | Chris King |
| 23. Boys Toys | Peter Lupkowski |
| 24. Aroma Therapy | Mike Youmans |
| 25. Girls Toys | Marge Musshafen |
| 26. Hair Spa | Rhonda Gooch |
| 27. Axe Basket | Sam Irwin |
| 28. Flight Basket | Paula Johnson |
| 29. Quilt & Cash | Ed Signor |
| 30. Your Lucky Day | Kay Gallagher |
| 31. Christmas Décor | Ann Davis |
| 32. This 'N That | Jackie Coco |

9TH ANNUAL "BE A CATHOLIC MAN" CONFERENCE

October 5, Holy Redeemer High School

159 South Pennsylvania Ave.

Wilkes Barre, PA 18701

"Come Follow Me"

7:00am: Registration, Coffee, Rosary

8:00am-3:00pm: Program; Adoration+Confessions Available

1:45pm: Closing Mass with Bishop Bambera

Three outstanding speakers:

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers: guest on numerous international Catholic programs; host or co-host of several popular series on EWTN; member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars and the Confraternity of Catholic Clergy; award-winning author of five books, including Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality.

John Edwards: "Like so many men, I vowed to be a better person, husband and father time and time again. It wasn't until I felt the presence of Jesus as I walked out of a jail cell that I realized how much I wanted to change and how I could only do that with His help. Since that time, I've taken a journey to grow closer to Christ. I invite other Catholic men to accompany me." justaguyinthepew.com

Father Bill Casey: nationally renowned speaker; frequent guest on EWTN; former officer in the U.S. Army; was ordained a priest in the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy. Father has a love for Sacred Scripture and a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Regular Conference fee: \$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 9-15-24), Students \$15, Priests/Deacons/Seminarians are FREE

Register: www.BeACatholicMan.com Or send your name, address, email & parish, and check payable to "Be a Catholic Man, Inc" with "Men's Conference" in the memo to: "Be a Catholic Man, Inc", P.O Box 669, Wyalusing, Pa. 18853
For more information: Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872



56th ANNUAL ST BONIFACE CHURCH

CARNIVAL

FOOD—GAMES—RIDES—BINGO—PEIROGIES

SEPTEMBER 5 — 6 — 7

Nightly Sit-Down Dinners in Gym 4-7pm Take Outs Available Every Night

Thurs: Chicken & biscuits, real mashed potatoes, peas, coleslaw, rolls, dessert & drink.

Friday: Meatloaf or Fish, Tony's Mac n Cheese, fresh green beans, coleslaw, rolls, dessert & drink.

Saturday: Roast Pork, Homemade Filling, Real Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Corn, coleslaw, rolls, dessert & drink.

Beef, Meatball, Hot Sausage Sandwiches, Hot Dog, Ham & Cheese Pretzel Roll, Pizza, French Fries, Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream & homemade Pierogies

Outside Grounds Open Thursday & Friday 6pm & Saturday 5pm

Annual Raffle Drawing Final Night @ 10pm (need not be present to win)

White Elephant Sale inside school gym 4-8pm

Diocese of Scranton VOCATIONS



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Open to Men 18 +

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A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

Rev. Alex Roche



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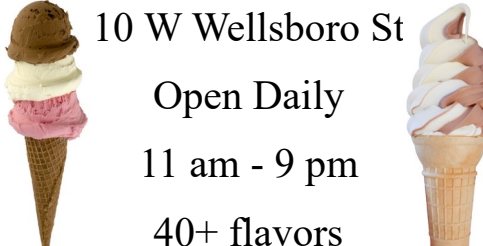
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Book Recommendation
from Father Bryan...
A Church in Crisis:
Pathways Forward
By Ralph Martin

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our donations of
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Thank you for your support!



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.
Thank you, St. Jude. Amen.

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

SILENCE AND REVERENCE



**Binding Prayer for Fair & Moral Elec-
tions by Father Chad Ripperger**
By the Power of the Precious Blood, with
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, I petition Our Lord Jesus Christ,
to bind any spirit that interferes with fair
and moral elections in the United States,
to go to the foot of the Cross
† and receive their sentence. Amen. †