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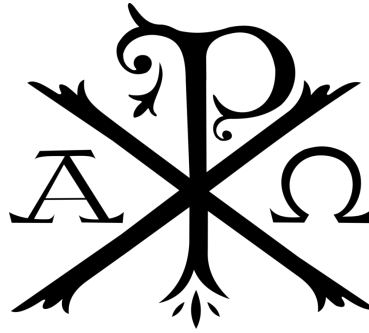


Reverend Bryan B. Wright
Pastor



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

23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME September 8, 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

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)

Monday, September 9 *St. Peter Claver, Priest*
 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † George Manikowski (by The Family)

Tuesday, September 10 *Weekday*
 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: Rhoda Dizon (by Becki Dizon)

Wednesday, September 11 *Weekday*
 No Mass

Thursday, September 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*
 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Dolly Garvelli
 (by The Colegrove & Mizdail Families)

Friday, September 13 *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*
 8:30 am, Holy Child: Scott & Theresa Delmotte
 (by Kyle & Rebecca Chamberlain)

Saturday, September 14 **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
VIGIL, 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Jerry & Dan Kostovick (by The Family)

Sunday, September 15 **24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00 am, St Mary's: † Andy Beaderman & Shirley Beaderman
 Skolny (by Nancy & Joann)
 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Saint Mary's: † Gabriel Partyka (by Paul & Elvira Partyka)
 Holy Child: † Alice Abrams
 (by Kevin Abrams & Mary Simmons)



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~



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful, by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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:

- * Kirk Euson
- * Richard Faber
- * Bernice Frederick
- * Catherine Gallagher
- * Lance Hall
- * Ann King
- * Tony Lupkowski
- * Tom MacBlane
- * Jane Mahonski
- * Christopher Mortensen
- * Terri Nash
- * Richard Niemczyk
- * Sandy Parker
- * Ethel Sandstrom
- * Lori Sherant
- * Kenneth Simpson
- * Yolanda Tacka
- * Jack Watson
- * Ron Yanuzzi
- * 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 9/8	Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37
Mon 9/9	1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-7,12 Lk 6:6-11
Tue 9/10	1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1-6,9 Lk 6:12-19
Wed 9/11	1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12,14-17 Lk 6:20-26
Thu 9/12	1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13 Ps 139:1b-3,13,14b,23-24 Lk 6:27-38
Fri 9/13	1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27 Ps 84:3-6,12 Lk 6:39-42
Sat 9/14	Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1-2,34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Sun 9/15	Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-6,8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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
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HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES



Prebiotics? Probiotics? Antibiotics? Why all the hub bub about these words and what do they mean? Well, let's start with some easy definitions. Prebiotics are usually found in high fiber foods and act as building blocks for the

micro flora of the gut. Probiotics are foods or supplements that contain live microorganisms intended to improve or maintain the good bacteria of the gut. Antibiotics are medication used to treat bacterial infections throughout the body. Antibiotics do not treat viral infections. Bacteria are living cellular organisms, antibiotics can destroy the living cell. Virus invade living cells and replicate inside the living cells. So with that information why all the fuss. With the over processing of foods and the ease of "fast foods", fiber has become lacking in many diets. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics causes a decrease in the absorption ability of the gut, as good bacteria are also destroyed. This causes diarrhea and a condition known as thrush. Thrush is an overgrowth of fungus, due to the micro flora imbalance. This yeast infection often starts at the mouth and continues through the entire gut. Replacing the micro flora with prebiotics and probiotics helps the body correct itself. So eat healthy, enjoy fresh foods that contain plenty of fiber and natural nutrients and keep your gut happy. Remember the song that said, don't worry be happy. Enjoy the bounty of the season as Fall is fast approaching.

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 | |

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC—THIS SUNDAY! AFTER THE 11:15 MASS AT HOLY CHILD CHURCH



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



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.

PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

Heart of Tioga Crisis Pregnancy Center: 570-948-2020
Project Rachel Helpline: 888-456-
HOPE for help after abortion
Abortion Pill Reversal 24/7 Hot-
line: 1-877-558-0333



heartoftioga@gmail.com
24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

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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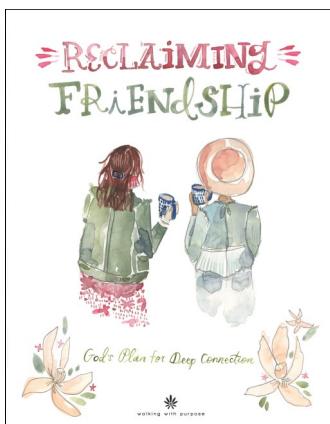
Mt. Saviour Monastery Retreat *"Pray Without Ceasing"*

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



HOLY CHILD HALL

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.

Men's Book Study

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



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.

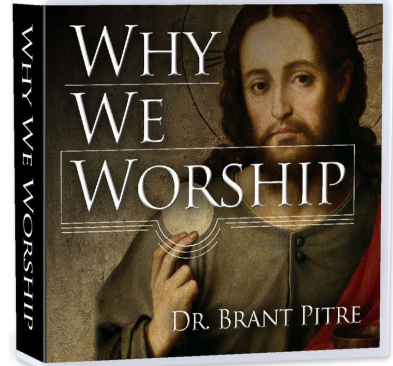
The book study will begin on **September 16 and end on the 15th of October** and is brought to you by the Marian Ministries.

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 / troncy@hotmail.com.

LECTIO BIBLE STUDY — "WHY WE WORSHIP" BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, AFTER 11:15 MASS *Volunteers are needed to pick up the refreshments - if you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!*

Christians today have lots of different opinions about what "worship" should look like. Some think it should be all preaching, others think it should be 'entertaining', still others think it's all about the music. But what does the Bible say about worship? And why do Catholics do what they do at Mass? Why all the standing, sitting,



kneeling, and repetition? Where does it all come from? Many non-Catholics are confused by the rituals & words of the Mass; some even think the Mass is just 'made up'--a tradition of men. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Dr. Brant Pitre takes you on a scriptural tour of these topics:

- *The Shape of Worship:* Who determines how we worship? God or us?
- *The Meaning of Sacrifice:* Why did God demand animal sacrifice in the Old Testament? What was the meaning of blood sacrifice? Does it play a role in Christian worship?
- *The Tabernacle of Moses:* What did worship look like in the Old Testament? How does it parallel the Mass today?
- *The Book of Revelation:* What does worship look like in Heaven? How does Revelation reveal the Mass?
- *The Jewish Passover:* What was Passover worship like at the time of Jesus? Why was it so important, and how does it parallel Catholic worship today?
- *The Last Supper and the Death of Christ:* Why did Jesus choose to die during the Passover? How did his death fulfill the Jewish sacrifices in the Temple?

Why We Worship is perfect for anyone who wants to understand what the Bible really says about the mystery of worship.



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

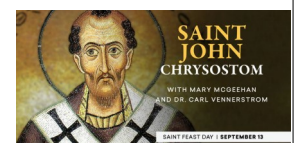
A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

A brief study of Luke 1:26–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words, concluding with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life in this time of suffering.



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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

St. Peter's

Parish Center
50 Central Ave
Wellsboro



POLISH DINNER

Friday

September 27, 2024

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Dine In or Take Out

**Pierogies
Kielbasa
Hot Dogs
Halupki
(Stuffed Cabbage)
Sauerkraut
Applesauce
Desserts**

\$15.00 -ADULT

\$5.00 - 12 & UNDER

Free - 3 & UNDER

ATTN: HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS—CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH
Details: capuchinsisters.com

Come & See Discernment Retreat: Sept. 27-29
Mother of the Eucharist Convent, 6100 Jacks Hollow Rd.,
Williamsport, PA 17702

Nazareth Group (11a-4:30p): 10/12, 12/7, 2/1, 4/5, 6/7
Mother of the Eucharist Convent, Williamsport, PA
RSVP with Sr. Clare (570) 745-3334
Or Mother of God Convent, Tunkhannock, PA
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**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO:
CONTACT MAUREN BENOIT AT
SHPDRE@GMAIL.COM OR 774-289-0249**

Registration deadline Nov 1st


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~ Thank You From the Weiskopff Family ~
We just wanted to say thank you to all the friends and family that have helped, passed their condolences to, or simply were thinking about us over the last month or so. The outpouring show of love and compassion from everyone shows the astounding impact JoAnn has had on the community, and the hole she will leave with her absence. Thank You.



The local food pantries need our donations of *nonperishable* items.
Collection bins are in both churches.
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, worker 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 Elections 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. †