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240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

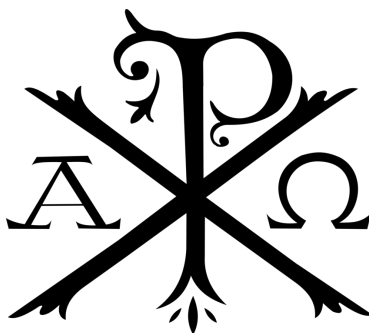


Reverend Bryan B. Wright
Pastor



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

24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME September 15, 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, 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

Monday, September 16 Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Harold Andrews (by Pat)

Tuesday, September 17 Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Aisley Faber (by The Family)

Wednesday, September 18 Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, September 19 Weekday
6:00 pm, Holy Child: Daniel & Charol Clementi (by Cara)

Friday, September 20 Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions, Martyrs
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Andy Berenty (by Mr. & Mrs. Wolbert)

Saturday, September 21 VIGIL, 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Brad Brown (by The Family)

Sunday, September 22 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St Mary's: † Floyd & Genevieve Stachowski (by Bernadine)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK



Saint Mary's: † Andy Beaderman and
Shirley Beaderman Skolny (by Nancy & Joann)
Holy Child: † 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
~OR BY APPOINTMENT~

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED 9/2-9/8. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,366.00
Loose	581.00
Religious Education	60.00
Holy Days	25.00
Votives	76.50
Cemetery	30.00
Fuel	100.00
Dues	70.00
Total:	\$5,308.00
Care & Education of Priests	594.00

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED 9/9-9/15. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,921.00
Loose	496.00
Dues	43.00
Religious Education	222.00
Holy Days	2.00
Votives	31.00
Total:	\$4,715.00
Collection for National Basilica	663.65

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 9/15	Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-6,8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35
Mon 9/16	1 Cor 11:17-26,33 Ps 40:7-10,17 Lk 7:1-10
Tue 9/17	1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a Ps 100:1-5 Lk 7:11-17
Wed 9/18	1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Ps 33:2-5,12,22 Lk 7:31-35
Thu 9/19	1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2,16ab-17,28 Lk 7:36-50
Fri 9/20	1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1bcd,6-7,8b,15 Lk 8:1-3
Sat 9/21	Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13
Sun 9/22	Wis 2:12,17-20 Ps 54:3-4,5,6-8 Jas 3:16—4:3 Mk 9:30-37

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sep 26: Finance 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
 Oct 10: Pastoral Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child
 Nov 3: KofC Meeting, 6:30pm, Holy Child Hall
 Nov 6: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall



Religious Education

Classes begin Sunday, 9/22 at 10 am in Holy Child Hall.
 To register, contact Darlene Buck at 570-540-1332.

ROAST BEEF DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE: FINANCE REPORT

Dinner Proceeds: \$2,378.00
 Basket Proceeds: \$1,751.00
 Donations: \$1,010.00
 Dinner Costs: \$1,871.19
 NET REVENUE: \$3,267.81



HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

If bacteria are single celled living organisms, then what are viruses? A virus is basically a collection of cell material with a protein coat that invades living cells and is only able to multiply within another living cell, sort of like a parasite. Without a host the virus dies. A healthy immune system is able to combat a virus. Staying healthy, getting plenty of rest, and eating properly are all good ways to combat viruses. Hand washing is still the best and easiest way to combat illness. You don't have to use scalding hot water but warm water with hand soap and a good 20 second scrub are sufficient to eliminate the germs. Hand sanitizers can also be used. It also helps to avoid touching your nose and eyes with dirty hands. 'Tis the season for colds and flu, so protect yourself and enjoy the Fall weather.

HEALTH MINISTRY

AVAILABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:

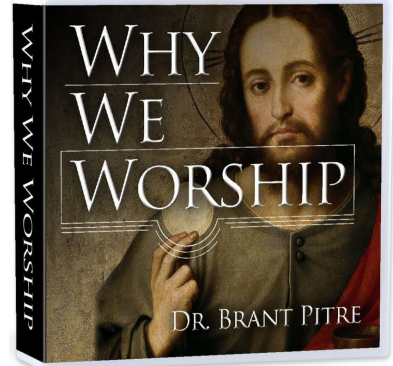
Baskets for walkers	Transfer Bench
Canes	Toilet Handles
Crutches	Transfer Board
Emesis Basin	Tub Handle
Foot Bath	Tubing
Hospital Bed	Walkers
Hoyer Lift	Walker with Seat
Ice Therapy Machine	Wash Basin
Knee Crutch	Wheelchairs
Knee Scooter	Wheelchair Cushion
Potty Chairs	Baby Items at the Welsh's:
Raised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

LECTIO BIBLE STUDY — "WHY WE WORSHIP"

BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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?

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: _____



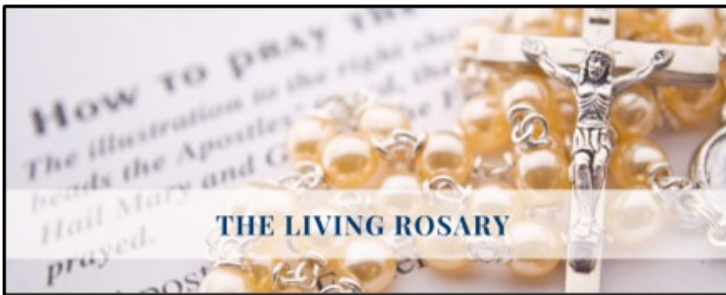
SPONSORED BY MARIAN MINISTRIES:

Mt. Saviour Monastery Retreat
"Pray Without Ceasing"

Saturday, September 21st ♦ 9am—3pm



A carpool will leave St. Peter's parking lot (upper end, near Samaritan House) at 7:45am. For transportation from Mansfield, contact Laurie Coffee (703-470-2975.) Participants will return to Wellsboro at about 4pm. **Please be sure your phone numbers and email address are on file.** Lunches and carpools will be arranged via email, so contact information is imperative.



To honor our Blessed Mother during the month of October, a Living Rosary will be prayed by parishioners of our local parishes. The Living Rosary will begin on **Tuesday October 1st**, and continue through October 31st.

What is a Living Rosary? The devotion appears to have begun in France in 1826 when Venerable Pauline-Marie Jaricot formed the Living Rosary Association. She was inspired to pull together groups of 15 persons who would each be responsible for praying one decade of the Rosary daily so that the full 15-decades Rosary would be prayed daily by the group.

With 20 decades to cover now, we need at least that many participants. For those who struggle with the Rosary, the Living Rosary is a beautiful way to participate in one of the most powerful prayers of the Church - ***praying the same mystery every day and dedicating it to a specific intention.*** Interested persons are asked to contact Laurie Coffee (703-470-2975.)

This Year's Living Rosary Intention:

God's guidance in the 2024 Presidential Election

Women's Deanery Retreat

"Go and Fear Nothing, I Am With You."

Saturday, October 19th

10am-4pm

Immaculate Conception Church

Williamsport (Bastress), PA

All participants who plan to attend the Deanery Retreat must register and pay online using this link: <https://www.osvhub.com/saintannrcc/forms/williamsport-deanery-women-s-retreat>.

If you need assistance with registration, call Laurie (703-470-2975) or Linda (570-404-2180.)

The retreat begins at 10am and includes a finger food breakfast, lunch, (pork and chicken cutlet with side of roasted red potatoes with a colorful vegetable medley) and three unique sessions, (Soulcare, Catholic Temperament, and Adoration/Confession). The day concludes with Mass at 4pm. Comfortable, casual clothing is suggested.



Our sisters in Christ have many surprises and special touches for those who attend. You won't want to miss this lovely day which surely will be full of grace!

"Sending God's Love"



Marian Ministries' "Sending God's Love" initiative is about remembering people who need a kind word of support, encouragement, or just a friendly hello to let them know they haven't been forgotten. These can be people from our community or from out of state. Let us know who they are, a little bit about their situation, and their address so we can send them a warm greeting through the mail. At Holy Child you can contact Laurie Coffee, Terrie Thomas, or Chris Troncone (troncy@hotmail.com or 570-404-7278).

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.



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 1:1-25

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of this incredible Gospel.



PETER BAR JONAH: HOW PETER CAME TO ROME

Dr. Tim Gray shows how the life of a man named Cornelius intersects with Peter's and redirects the New Covenant in a remarkable way. Peter points the Church to an all-encompassing love—and sets the stage for the work of the Apostle Paul.



LOTR AND CATHOLICISM | CHRIS STEFANICK SHOW

Joseph Pearce, one of the top Catholic intellectuals in the world and a leading Tolkien scholar, is joining Chris to talk about the trilogy that its author called a "a fundamentally religious and Catholic work."



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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 Bambara

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
RSVP with Sr. Angela (570) 836-2737

Diocese of Scranton
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Open to Men 18 +

EZRA 10:4

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PRIESTHOOD
Rev. Alex Roche



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OCTOBER 11-12, 2024

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WITH THE CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH

Nov 8th-10th

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Talks * Music * Prayer * Fun

Cost: \$35 includes Meals & Snacks

Come for an exciting weekend of discovery. The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth are traveling from Pennsylvania to be with us and give us a glimpse into their life. Deepen your relationship with Christ, build new friendships and grow in the knowledge of the call to be His beloved child.

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

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.*



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The local food
pantries need
our donations of
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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, 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. †