

Holy Child Church 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME September 22, 2024



Reverend Bryan B. Wright *Pastor*



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

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

<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	e Parish Office.

<u>Holy Communion</u>: 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

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Saturday	• •						
Sunday	9:00	AM	Saint Mary's	•			
Sunday	11:15	AM	Holy Child				
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament							
Saturday	3:00		Holy Child				
Sunday	8:30		Saint Mary's				
Sunday	10:45	AM	Holy Child				
Monday	11:30	AM	Saint Mary's	The second s			
Tuesday	11:30	AM	Saint Mary's	4			
Thursday 5:15 PM Holy Child							
Friday	8:00	AM	Holy Child				
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			TIONAL PRAYER	•			
Monday		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			
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Financial Se	cretary	: Darle	ene Buck 570-66	52-3568			
Secretary: C	ara Cle	menti	570-662-3568	•			
Director of I	Religiou	ıs Edu	cation: 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 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

Monday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Betty Jean Stachowski

(by Nancy & Dave Jaquish)

Tuesday, September 24Weekday12:10 pm, St. Mary's: Intentions of Ashley & David Miller
on the Occasion of their Wedding (by Anna Bogaczyk)

Wednesday, September 25 No Mass

Weekday

Thursday, September 26Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Benjamin Hutcheson (by Ann Vayansky)

Friday, September 27St. Vincent de Paul, Priest8:30 am, Holy Child: † Margaret Berguson
(by Doug & Kathy Draxler)

Saturday, September 28 VIGIL, 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: †Kayleigh Diehl (by Ann & Andrew Kulick)

Sunday, September 29 **26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 9:00 am, St Mary's: † Parishioners 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Ann Monaghan (by Ladies Guild)



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK Saint Mary's: † Parishioners 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~



The completed professional landscaping at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Morris Run was done *in memory of Matthew & Mary Manikowski* by their children: Sharon, Jeff, Ron, & Eugene.

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

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,638.00
Loose	392.00
Dues	529.00
Religious Education	50.00
Fuel	25.00
Total:	\$4,634.00
Care & Education of Priests	20.00

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*. <u>If Father</u> <u>needs you, he will speak with you directly.</u>

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. Bless those who need special prayers:

Judi Bonk-Guy • 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 Simmer * Volum da Tarl a * Lord W for a * P = V

Simpson • Yolanda Tacka • Jack Watson • Ron Yanuzzi

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.

The Lord is always listening.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

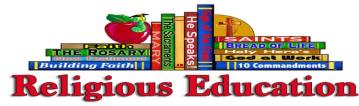
If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, a Pastoral visit, or a mailed bulletin, please contact the Parish Office. Would you or someone you know



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 9/22	Wis 2:12,17-20 Ps 54:3-8 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37				
Mon 9/23	Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 8:16-18				
Tue 9/24	Prv 21:1-6,10-13 Ps 119:1,27,30,34-35,44 Lk 8:19-21				
Wed 9/25	Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29,72,89,101,104,163 Lk 9:1-6				
Thu 9/26	Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17 Lk 9:7-9				
Fri 9/27	Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b,2abc,3-4 Lk 9:18-22				
Sat 9/28	Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17 Lk 9:43b-45				
Sun 9/29	Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8,10,12-14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48				

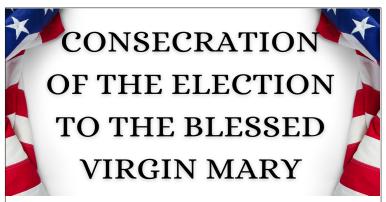
Pray the Rosary Every Day



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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sep 26: Finance Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child
- Health Ministry, 10:30am, Holy Child Hall Oct 2:
- KofC Meeting, 6:30pm, Holy Child Hall Oct 6:
- 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

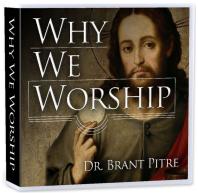


Composed by Fr. Chad Ripperger to consecrate the upcoming U.S. election to the Blessed Virgin Mary, invoking her intercession for the moral and spiritual well-being of the United States and its leaders.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men, Queen of Heaven and Earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that lower than God, Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mind of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee, our refuge and hope. Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works, and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion. We consecrate to thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of thy Son. Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen.

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!

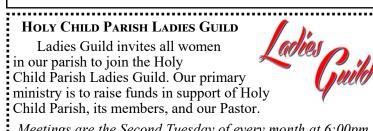
Christians today have lots of different opinions about what "worship" should look like. Some think it should be all preaching, others think it should be 'entertaining', still others think it's all about the music. But what does the Bible say about worship? And why do Catholics do what they do at Mass?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



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:	 	
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SPONSORED BY MARIAN MINISTRIES:



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



Williamsport Deanery Women's Retreat

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

Saturday, October 19th 10am—4pm Immaculate Conception Church, Williamsport, PA

All attendees must register and pay online via this link: https://www.osvhub.com/saintannrcc/forms/williamsportdeanery-women-s-retreat. For assistance, call Laurie (703-470 -2975) or Linda (570-404-2180).

The retreat includes three unique sessions: Soulcare, Catholic Temperament, and Adoration/Confession, concluding with Mass at 4pm. Breakfast (finger foods) and lunch (pork & chicken cutlet, roasted potatoes, and a vegetable medley) will be provided. 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. Please contact Laurie Coffee, Terrie Thomas, or Chris Troncone (troncy@hotmail.com or 570-404-7278).



HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES **Q:** "I would like to help with some special projects that Holy Child Health Ministry has coming up! But I don't have a medical back-

ground. How can I help? Don't you have to

have a background in medicine to join Health Ministry?" A: The answer is a big resounding NO! Health Ministry members provide education, home visits, meals or even just a cup of coffee, phone calls or actual visits to the homebound or those in nursing homes. We gather funds and items for the food pantry, Seeds of Hope, and the homeless. We could always use help. We meet once a month, there is no membership fee, and we don't even bite. We might gnaw on your conscience a bit, but we never bite. Please consider joining us on October 2nd at 10:30am in Holy Child Hall.

HEALTH MINISTRY **AVAILABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:**

Baskets for walkers Canes Crutches Emesis Basin Foot Bath Hospital Bed Hover Lift Ice Therapy Machine Knee Crutch Knee Scooter Potty Chairs Raised Toilet Seats **Rising Frame for Chair** Rollator Walker Shower Bench Shower Chair

Transfer Bench **Toilet Handles** Transfer Board Tub Handle Tubing Walkers Walker with Seat Wash Basin Wheelchairs Wheelchair Cushion **Baby Items** at the Welsh's:

Bath tub Booster seat Bed rails Safety gate

FORMED WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Join Dr. Christopher Blum and Mary McGeehan as they share about the life of St. Vincent de Paul on this episode of Catholic Saints.



PADRE PIO | LUKAS STORYTELLER

As the talent contest approaches, our friends prepare their special dance. Paul gets hurt and has to leave the contest. He learns from the example of Padre Pio about the importance of



having a clean soul and offering his sufferings to God.

FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Marv McGeehan to discuss the First Martvrs of the Church of Rome. Killed under Emperor Nero in AD 64, the First Martyrs offer us a powerful witness of fidelity to Christ.



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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; awardwinning 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

<u>Register:</u> 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



EZRA 10:4 A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

Rev. Alex Roche

SCAN TO REGISTER Open to Men 18 +

Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, Nanticoke Hosted by the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office

OCTOBER 11-12, 2024

REGISTER AT DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG/VOCATIONS



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

<u>Nazareth Group (11a-4:30p):</u> 10/12, 12/7, 2/1, 4/5, 6/7 Mother of the Eucharist Covent, Williamsport, PA RSVP with Sr. Clare (570) 745-3334 Or Mother of God Convent, Tunkhannock, PA RSVP with Sr. Angela (570) 836-2737



FOR

HIGHSCHOOL AGED YOUNG WOMEN



WITH THE CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH

Nov 8th-10th Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Hall 11 Day St. Webster, Ma

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 MAUREEN BENOIT AT SHPDRE@GMAIL.COM OR 774-289-0249 Registration deadline Nov 1st



will be answered (if it be God's will). It has never been known to fail. Thank you, St. Jude. Amen.

maintain a prayerful

SILENCE AND REVERENCE

to go to the foot of the Cross and receive their sentence. Amen. 🕆