



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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025



PARISH OFFICE
Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933
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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, January 11 **VIGIL: BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
4:00 pm, Holy Child: Bruce & Mary Nance
(by Kyle & Rebecca Chamberlain)

Sunday, January 12 **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
9:00 am, St Mary's: † Gabe Partyka (by Doris, Laura, and Linda)
11:15 am, Holy Child: Parishioners

Monday, January 13 Weekday; *St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † JoAnn Weiskopff (by Jim Weiskopff)

Tuesday, January 14 Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † The Deceased
(by The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Diocese of Scranton)


Wednesday, January 15 Weekday
No Mass


Thursday, January 16 Weekday
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Fabian Manikowski (by The Family)

Friday, January 17 **St. Anthony, Abbot**
8:30 am, Holy Child: Healing for Pam Waldron
(by Mercedes Burns)

Saturday, January 18 **VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
4:00 pm, Holy Child: Thanksgiving to God (by Tom & Ilene Heil)

Sunday, January 19 **2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am, St Mary's: Parishioners
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Bill Slusser (by Dave & Cathy Slusser)

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK
 Holy Child: † Alice Abrams (by The Family)
Saint Mary's: † Theresa Carlson (by Margaret Morgan)
The Sanctuary Candle 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~

CHRISTMAS, HOLY FAMILY, & EPIPHANY OFFERINGS:

Sunday Envelopes	\$9,911.00
Loose	1,141.00
Initial Offering	417.00
Advent	5.00
Holy Days	17.00
Christmas Offerings	4,887.00
Solemnity of Mary	1,697.00
Total:	\$18,075.00
<i>Diocesan:</i>	
Care & Education of Priests	320.00
Religious Retirement Fund	10.00

Thank you for your generosity!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

34% of Holy Child parishioners have made gifts amounting to 77% of our goal. Please consider giving what you can to support our extended family in the Diocese of Scranton (QR code below). If you've already made a gift... *thank you!*



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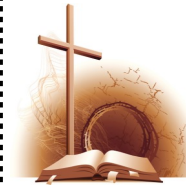


PRAYER LIST

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 ♦ Christopher Mortensen ♦ Terri Nash ♦ Richard Niemczyk ♦ Sandy Parker ♦ Ethel Sandstrom ♦ Lori Sherant ♦ Kenneth 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 due to illness, surgery, hardship, or other reason, 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.

PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

Heart of Tioga Crisis Pregnancy Center: 570-948-2020



Project Rachel Helpline: 888-456-HOPE for help after abortion

heartoftioga@gmail.com
24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

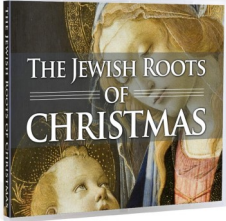
Abortion Pill Reversal 24/7 Hotline: 1-877-558-0333

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 1/12	Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16,21-22
Mon 1/13	Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1,2b,6,7c,9 Mk 1:14-20
Tue 1/14	Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2a,5-9 Mk 1:21-28
Wed 1/15	Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Mk 1:29-39
Thu 1/16	Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-11 Mk 1:40-45
Fri 1/17	Heb 4:1-5,11 Ps 78:3,4bc,6c-8 Mk 2:1-12
Sat 1/18	Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mk 2:13-17
Sun 1/19	Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 12: Lectio: *Jewish Roots of Christmas* after 11:15 Mass
 Feb 2: KofC Meeting; 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Feb 12: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
 Feb 13: Pastoral Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child



LECTIO BIBLE STUDY: THE JEWISH ROOTS OF CHRISTMAS

Sundays after 11:15am Mass: Jan. 5, 12, 19

Dr. Brant Pitre goes back to the Bible and ancient tradition, shedding light on the little-known Jewish roots of Christmas. You will learn about:

- The Birth of “the Christ” • The Sign of the Manger
- The Mystery of the Magi • The Star of Bethlehem
- The Significance of Dec.25th • The Fulfillment of Hannukah

Please join us! Light refreshments provided.



HEALTH MINISTRY—NOTES

To supplement or not to supplement? That is the question. The answer is generally “no.” Taking a multivitamin supplement every day really does nothing that a well balanced diet won’t help. When visiting your primary care provider a few questions you may want to consider should include; do I need a vitamin D supplement? Am I anemic? Do I need my B12 and Iron measured / supplemented? Unfortunately, as we age, we do not always absorb all the nutrients that a well balanced diet contains. Simple blood tests may indicate a certain vitamin deficiency and a specific supplement for that may be prescribed. Fat-soluble vitamins such as A, K, E, and D are toxic to your system when taken in excessive amounts. Vitamin E in high amounts causes bleeding problems, that is why your surgeon needs to know your complete medication list. Being fat-soluble it may take three to four weeks for your body to eliminate the excess thereby decreasing your surgical risk. Bottom line is that in most cases a balanced diet is all you need to provide your body with all its necessary nutrients.

CELEBRATE LIFE!

DONATE NEW BABY CLOTHES... WIN A BEAUTIFUL SHAWL!

Heart of Tioga Pregnancy Center is in need of NEW baby clothes (sizes newborn to 24 mo). **Bring one outfit for one chance to win (bring 2 outfits for 2 chances to win) ... a magnificent silk, beaded shawl!** Knit and donated by



Holy Child Parishioner, Adell Westrick, the shawl will be on display in the back of Holy Child in January to celebrate life. It would make an amazing gift for you or someone you love!

The winner will be chosen on February 5th.

STAND FOR LIFE

As members of our nation gather for the annual *March for Life* in Washington, D.C., Holy Child will *Stand for Life*.

Join us on **Friday, January 24th at Holy Child Church** for Mass (8:30 am) and/or Stand for Life (9:30-10:30 am) to give witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

Afterwards, we’ll warm up in Holy Child Hall with hot coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks. Please consider giving part of your morning to Stand for Life! These types of witnesses really do change hearts and minds.



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 12, 2025



The Bible (Part 1)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers the Internet's most-asked question about the Bible.



Interior Life

We all worship something, whether we know it or not. We are called to put God first, and that means giving him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life.



A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Women's Retreat

Bold and Beloved

Inspired by the teachings of St. Catherine of Siena

Featuring: 6 Local Female Speakers

Confession

January 24-26, 2025

Mass & Worship

Fellowship

For more information, contact the Office for Parish Life (570) 207-2213 x1100

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center

1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

Ages 18+



**Marian Ministries
2025 Calendar of Events**



**Policies and Procedures
Effective January 2025**

DATE	EVENT
March 5th	Online Lenten Book Study
March 29th	Deanery Women's Retreat St. Lawrence, Williamsport
May 1st	Living Rosary
May 17th	Women's Brunch St. Peter's, Wellsboro (Guadalupe Speaker/Theme)
June 7th	Women's Conference Scranton, PA
June 25th	Seton Shrine Pilgrimage Emmitsburg, MD
Summer 2025	Online Summer Book Study An Evening at Mt. Saviour (Dates TBA)
September 23rd-24th	Divine Mercy Pilgrimage Stockbridge, MA
October 2025	Deanery Women's Retreat St. Peter's, Wellsboro (Date TBA)
October 1st	Living Rosary
November 2025	Paint & Pray Holy Child, Mansfield (Date TBA)
*Other	<i>Walking With Purpose</i> Online Advent Book Study (TBA)

Registration Fees

Payment must accompany registrations for an event. Cash, or checks payable to "St. Peter's Church," can be dropped into the collection baskets at St. Peter's or Holy Child or mailed to St. Peter's Church, 47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, PA 16901. Scholarships are available for those who experience hardships.

Cancellation Policy

To receive reimbursement, cancellations must be made two weeks before an event. This includes retreats, brunches, pilgrimages, and other events. No refunds will be made after this deadline. Waiting lists are created when an event is full and spaces will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Caterer and other fees are paid in advance, so funds are lost when participants cancel or don't attend. These policies will also help us accommodate people on waiting lists. Thank you for your understanding as we look forward to another year of providing holy experiences for our parishes.



Looking for a Place to Serve?

The Marian Ministries team is recruiting "Marian Helpers" to assist with hospitality and other aspects of the ministry. We need people willing to share an appetizer or dish-to-pass for certain events, help set up or tear down for our larger events, lead a Bible study, and more. Our beautiful ministry is growing and we need many helping hands. Our events are Spirit-filled and fun-filled, and we always enjoy delicious food. Contact Linda Sampson (570-404-2180) Laurie Coffee (703-470-2975) or any team member if you are interested.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage National Shrine of Divine Mercy Tour

Stockbridge, MA



**September 23-24,
2025**

**Price: \$571.00 per person (single occupancy)
\$402.00 per person (double occupancy)**

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night accommodations at Red Lion Inn
- 1 Breakfast including taxes and gratuity
- Tour of the National Shrine of Divine Mercy
- \$100.00 group donation to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy Taxes, meal motorcoach gratuities for driver
- Roundtrip Motorcoach transportation

DEPARTURE LOCATIONS:

- AAA, South Williamsport 5:00AM
- Wellsboro 6:00AM

NOT INCLUDED:

- Items of a personal nature
- Meals not mentioned
- Baggage Handling
- Travel Insurance
- AAA Host

Reservation & Cancellations

A **\$120.00 deposit**, per person, is required at the time of making your reservation. \$20.00 of the deposit is non refundable. **Final payment is due June 5, 2025.** If cancellation is necessary after final payment **no refund will be due.** **Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended. Ask your travel agent for details.**

All prices are based on a minimum number of passengers. If the number falls below that number, the tour may be canceled, or additional costs may apply. Additional fuel surcharges may be imposed at any time by the tour operator, up to and including time of departure that will be the responsibility of the client.

Smoking and Seating Information:

No smoking is permitted on the coach. Seats are assigned according to the reception of the reservation. Seats will not be rotated. If you are traveling with another party, require a wheelchair lift, or need to request special seating due a disability, please inform us at the time the reservation is made.

For more information call Terrie Thomas (570-418-3881) or Karen Emery with AAA of Wellsboro, (570-724-4134, ext 175). This tour is organized by Marian Ministries and AAA.



JOIN US FOR *Nazareth Group*

**A young women's group (grades 9-12)
with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth
Saturday, February 1, 2025
11:00am - 4:30pm**



Friendship

In union with the Holy Family of Nazareth, develop lasting, faith-filled friendships with other young women.



Prayer and Talks

Grow in love and relationship with Jesus Christ through time in prayer. Encounter the richness of our Faith in instructive presentations and group discussions.



Upcoming Meetings

**Saturday, April 5, 2025
Saturday, June 1, 2025**

www.capuchinsisters.com



**TWO LOCATIONS
AVAILABLE. PLEASE
CALL TO RSVP.**

Mother of God Convent
215 Wellwood Dr.
Tunkhannock, PA 18567
Sr. Angela- (570)-836-2737

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Williamsport, Pa 17702
Sr. Clare- (570)-745-3334

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GRADES 7-12

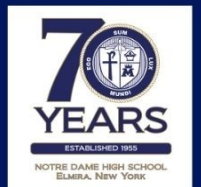


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JANUARY 27
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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Shower Chair, Transfer Bench, Transfer Board,
Tub Handle, Tubing, Walkers, Walker with Seat,
Wash Basin, Wheelchair, Wheelchair Cushion,
Baby Items at the Welsh's: Bath Tub, Booster
Seat, Bed Rails, Safety Gate

**NEW Book Recommendation
from Father Bryan...**
The Exorcist Files
By Father Carlos Martins

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 an-
swered (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

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.*