

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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 9, 2025



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 Parish Office.

Holy Communion: 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

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

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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

VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Saturday, February 8 4:00 pm, Holy Child: Our Parishioners

Sunday, February 9 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00 am, St Mary's: † Frank & Helen Signor (by Ron & Sue Signor) 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Bob Swinsick (by Helen & Jacqueline)

Monday, February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Marion Dzikowski (by Mike Dzikowski)

Tuesday, February 11 Weekday; Our Lady of Lourdes 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: †Jane Mahonski (by Kathy & Doug Draxler)

Wednesday, February 12

Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, February 13 Weekday 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † The Dead

(by Scranton Diocese Society for the Propagation of the Faith)

Friday, February 14 St. Cyril, Monk; St. Methodius, Bishop 8:30 am, Holy Child: Mercedes Burns (by The Ostapowicz Family)

Saturday, February 15 Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm, Holy Child: Our Parishioners

Sunday, February 16 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00 am, St Mary's: † Bill & Eva Stockton

(by Rob & Sandy Skolny)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Patrick Kump (by Anita Kump)



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: Our Parishioners

Saint Mary's: Arnot Sportsman's Club (by Anna Bogaczyk) 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~



The altar flowers in Holy Child were donated in memory of † Dominic Leone by Ken & Mary Kay.

PARISH OFFERINGS: JAN 27—FEB 2. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,110.00
Loose	611.26
Fuel	78.00
Dues	5.00
Holy Days	10.00
Total:	\$4,814.26
Diocesan:	
Care & Education of Priests	286.00
Los Angeles Wildfire Victims	1,268.00

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

36% of Holy Child parishioners have made gifts amounting to 82% of our goal. Please consider giving what you can to support our extended family in the Diocese of Scranton (see info. 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 ◆ 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.

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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 2/9	Is 6:1-2a,3-8 Ps 138:1-5,7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11					
Mon 2/10	Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12,24,35c Mk 6:53-56					
Tue 2/11	Gn 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13					
Wed 2/12	Gn 2:4b-9,15-17 Ps 104:1-2a,27-28,29b-30 Mk 7:14-23					
Thu 2/13	Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30					
Fri 2/14	Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2,5-7 Mk 7:31-37					
Sat 2/15	Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6,12-13 Mk 8:1-10					
Sun 2/16	Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-4,6 1 Cor 15:12,16-20 Lk 6:17,20-26					

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 9: Lectio Bible Study: The Four Gospels after 11:15 Mass

Feb 11: Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall

Feb 12: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall

Feb 13: Pastoral Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child

Feb 16: Lectio Bible Study: *The Four Gospels* after 11:15 Mass Feb 23: Lectio Bible Study: *The Four Gospels* after 11:15 Mass

Mar 2: Lectio Bible Study: *The Four Gospels* after 11:15 Mass

Mar 2: KofC Meeting; 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall



LECTIO BIBLE STUDY: THE FOUR GOSPELS Sundays following 11:15am Mass

The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) are the foundation of our faith. No part of the Bible has been more attacked and subjected to criticism than the Gospels. Dr. Brant Pitre answers: *Who wrote*

the Gospels? When were the Gospels written? What did the Church Fathers believe? What do modern scholars believe? Dr. Pitre also takes us through the 'portraits' of Jesus found in each Gospel: Messiah, Rabbi, The New Moses, Miracle Worker, Exorcist, Suffering Son of Man, Son of Mary, Savior, The New Adam, Son of God, New Temple, and Bridegroom. Please join us! Refreshments provided.

LOST PHONE NUMBER - VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND



Recently a phone call was made to this ministry, but the caller's information was misplaced. If you requested a visit to the homebound, and your call was not returned, please call again (717) 203 -9090. We look forward to speaking with you!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated baby outfits for Heart of Tioga Pregnancy Center. We received 40 outfits, 8 onesies, one jacket and diapers! Our

winner was a friend of one of our parishioners, Suzanne Maggiore. She saw the shawl, loved it, and donated 4 outfits. Thanks again to Adelle Westrick for her generous donation!



HEALTH MINISTRY—NOTES

Save the date: Health Ministries will be hosting an indoor yard sale in Holy Child Hall on May 3rd.

Featuring:

Sunday, February 16

Love in Old Vienna

Enjoy the warmth and beauty of Johannes Brahms in an afternoon of music featuring the Liebeslieder Waltzes, Hungarian Dances, and selected art songs.



2:00 PM ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

326 Washington Blvd. Williamsport

Gary Boerckel Planist, Professor Emeritus, Lycoming College

Alan Hack Pianist, Director, Bloomsburg Jubilate Choir & Orchestra

Amanda Russo Stante Mezzo-Soprano, Professor, Susquehanna University

The St. Boniface Singers

4:30 PM CHRIST MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH 156 E Market St. Danville

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EVENING OF HEALING & PRAYER WITH FR. PIO MANDATO AND SPECIAL BLESSING WITH ST. PADRE PIO RELIC

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Montoursville, PA Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day—**Tuesday**, **February 11**, 2025



Confessions 5:30pm—6:30pm Exposition 6:30 pm Adoration, Evening Prayer Individual prayer for healing (physical sickness, addictions,



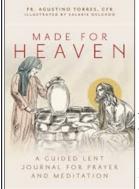
depression, anxieties, broken relationships, forgiveness, etc.)

Fr. Mandato will bless all attendees with a glove of St. Pio.

All are welcome.

Father Mandato is a Capuchin priest whose mother, Graziella DeNunzio Mandato, was a spiritual child of St. Padre Pio and wrote a memoir about him. Fr. Mandato was named after the saint and, like St. Pio, traces his roots back to the village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy. Fr. Mandato received his first Holy Communion from St. Padre Pio. His family migrated to America, and at 17 years old Fr. Mandato entered the Capuchins. He was ordained in 1985 and offered his first Mass at the same altar as St. Padre Pio. He became involved in hospital chaplaincy and developed a reputation for his devotion to the sick, like St. Pio. In 1998, Fr. Mandato began to lead a life of prayer and solitude as a missionary hermit in the Diocese of Scranton. He now takes breaks from the eremitical life to preach and offer healing Masses for the sick.

Pray the Rosary Every Day



MARIAN MINISTRIES

Online Lenten Book Study

Starting March 5th, Linda Sampson and Chris Troncone will guide and encourage participants to reflect on a life of simplicity & poverty as they read Made for Heaven: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation, by Fr. Augustino Torres, CFR, inspired by St. Francis. We begin the season "with a vow of poverty and end at Easter with a heart free from the desert of sin and open to love, serve, and care for others."

If you are interested in joining our book study (all done through email), please call/text Linda (570-404-2180) or Chris (570-404-7278) for information. Books will be purchased & distributed the weekend before Ash Wednesday. The cost is \$10.00. **Deadline to register is Friday, February 14th.**

"Sending God's Love"



"Sending God's Love" initiative is about remembering people who need a kind word of 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 situa-

tion, and their address so we can send them a warm greeting through the mail. Contact any member of the Marian Ministries team or email marian-ministries@outlook.com or troncy@hotmail.com (Chris Troncone), or call 570-404-7278.

Holy Child Parish

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Williamsport Deanery

- -Holy Child, Mansfield
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- -Saint Boniface, Williamsport
- -Saint Joseph the Worker, Williamsport
- -Saint Lawrence, South Williamsport
- -Saint Luke, Jersey Shore
- Saint Peter, Wellsboro
- -Saint Thomas the Apostle, Elkland

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Number of Households	301	295	325	336	331
Number of Parishioners	589	570	657	680	656
Total Number of Weekend Masses	3	3	3	3	3
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	202	191	216	180	103

2024 Worship Site Attendance Breakdown:

Holy Child Church - 134 (2), Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church - 68 (1)

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	2024	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Baptisms	2	7	1	2	2
First Holy Communions	3	4	5	6	7
Confirmations	1	3	1	2	2
RCIA/Baptism	1	2	1	2	0
RCIA/Full Communion	1	0	0	1	0
Marriages	2	0	1	2	2
Funerals	20	17	27	21	19

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	2022	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Religious Education K-8	18	18	17	19	15
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Faith Formation	30	40	19	1	0

*All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2024 data is from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.



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MARIAN MINISTRIES

Lenten Women's Retreat

St. Lawrence Church, Williamsport, PA March 29th, 2025

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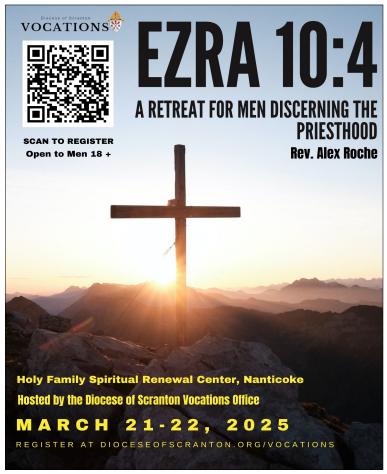
This retreat begins with Mass at 10am followed by Marian talks with Jessica Ryan, a catered lunch, Confessions, and Michael Corsini. https://www.michaelcorsini.com/music The cost is \$35.00 for adults and \$20 for students.

The link for registration is:

https://tinyurl.com/wdwomensretreat

Please call St. Ann's Parish office with any questions: 570 -322-5935. If you would rather register in person you can go to St. Ann's Parish office during normal business hours.

Seating is limited to the first 100 registrations.



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

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.

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.

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.



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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.

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NEW Book Recommendation from Father Bryan...

The Exorcist Files

By Father Carlos Martins



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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.