



Holy Child Church
240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



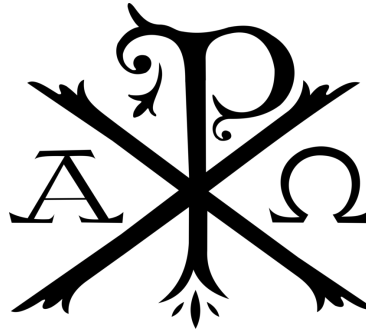
Reverend Bryan B. Wright
Pastor



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

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 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

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, February 15 VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: Our Parishioners

Sunday, February 16 6TH 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)

Monday, February 17 Weekday, *Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Mary English (by Dolores Kostovick)

Tuesday, February 18 Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † George Manikowski (by The Family)

Wednesday, February 19 Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, February 20 Weekday
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † John & Madeline Neclerio
(by Matt Neclerio)

Friday, February 21 Weekday, *St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*
8:30 am, Holy Child: † The Dead
(by The Society for the Propagation of the Faith)

Saturday, February 22 VIGIL: 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: Our Parishioners

Sunday, February 23 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St Mary's: † Gladys Dahlgren (by Ron & Sue Signor)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Ann Cook Tilly & Ted Tilly
(by Cathy & Dave Slusser)



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: Our Parishioners
Saint Mary's: Our Parishioners

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~

PARISH OFFERINGS: FEB 3—9. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,913.00
Loose	432.84
Fuel	50.00
Dues	220.00
Total:	\$4,615.84
<i>Diocesan Care & Education of Priests</i>	<i>55.00</i>

2024 Financial Statements are available from the Parish Office.

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.

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 2/16	Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-4,6 1 Cor 15:12,16-20 Lk 6:17,20-26
Mon 2/17	Gn 4:1-15,25 Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21 Mk 8:11-13
Tue 2/18	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10 Ps 29:1a,2-4,9c-10 Mk 8:14-21
Wed 2/19	Gn 8:6-13,20-22 Ps 116:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:22-26
Thu 2/20	Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18,19-23,29 Mk 8:27-33
Fri 2/21	Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34—9:1
Sat 2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a,4-6 Mt 16:13-19
Sun 2/23	1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

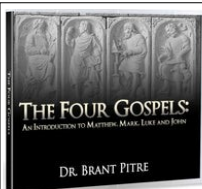
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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
 Mar 6: Pastoral Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child
 Mar 9: Lectio Bible Study: *The Four Gospels* after 11:15 Mass
 Mar 11: Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Mar 12: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall



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!



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.

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.



Featuring:

Gary Boerckel Pianist, Professor Emeritus, Lycoming College
Alan Hack Pianist, Director, Bloomsburg Jubilate Choir & Orchestra
Amanda Russo Stante Mezzo-Soprano, Professor, Susquehanna University
The St. Boniface Singers

2:00 PM
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 326 Washington Blvd. Williamsport

4:30 PM
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 156 E Market St. Danville

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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.



MARIAN MINISTRIES

Lenten Women's Retreat

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

Register Now!

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/wd womensretreat>

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.

Pray the Rosary Every Day

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!



HEALTH MINISTRY—NOTES

"Feed a cold, starve a fever." When Winter colds, flu, and other respiratory conditions hit, there are some simple things that you can do to help recover. Many of us are bound to get at least two Wintertime colds. The severity will depend on your immune system and how well you take care of yourself. Often, cold symptoms manifest with coughing, sneezing, watery eyes, and nasal congestion. Antibiotics do *not* help colds caused by viruses (most colds). Remember Grandma's homemade chicken soup that always made you feel better no matter how sick you were? Well, believe it or not, soup has a number of proven health benefits! Broth is soothing to sore throats and provides critical *hydration* to keep nasal secretions and chest congestion loose. The protein in chicken and nutrients in vegetables provide nutrients to boost the immune system. All that packed into one bowl—amazing. If you don't feel like eating a lot, try some avocado toast or a bowl of oatmeal. Honey has wonderful antimicrobial properties, and it helps to soothe the throat and calm a cough. Avoid caffeinated teas, coffees, sodas, and energy drinks when you are not feeling well, as they tend to dehydrate the body. Remember when you are sick, stay home, rest, have some of those nourishing foods, and stay hydrated. If the symptoms last longer than five days seek medical help; it may be more than just a Wintertime cold.

Holy Child Parish

*Holy Child Church, Mansfield
Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church, Blossburg*

Pastor: Rev. Bryan B. Wright

Williamsport Deanery

- Holy Child, Mansfield
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- 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

	<u>2024</u>	<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>	<u>2022</u>	<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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Retreat Weekend

for Young Women Ages 15-27

Friday, April 4 – Sunday, April 6, 2025

3:00 PM on Friday through 11:30 AM on Sunday

LOCATION:

Mother of the Eucharist Convent
6100 Jacks Hollow Rd.,
Williamsport, PA

RESERVATIONS

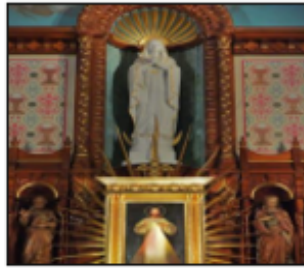
ARE REQUIRED
Please call Sister Christina
570-745-3334

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“I need no more: I know Christ, the poor Crucified One.” –St. Francis of Assisi

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.

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.


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Frame for Chair, Rollator Walker, Shower Bench,
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.*