



**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

# 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## March 2, 2025



**PARISH OFFICE**  
Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm  
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933  
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### 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  
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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, March 1** **First Saturday**  
 9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Jerry & Dan Kostovick (by The Family)  
**VIGIL: 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Monica Leone (by Ken & Mary Kay)

**Sunday, March 2** **8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 9:00 am, St Mary's: Parishioners  
 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Ann Cook Tilly & Ted Tilly  
 (by Cathy & Dave Slusser)

**Monday, March 3** Weekday; *St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin*  
 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † John Buckley (by Connie Parnick)

**Tuesday, March 4** Weekday; *St. Casimir*  
 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Mary & Bernard Wierbowski  
 (by Tom Wierbowski)

**Wednesday, March 5** **Ash Wednesday**  
 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Vincent & Dorothy Smichowski  
 (by Paula Smichowski Tacka)  
 6:00 pm, Holy Child: Parishioners

**Thursday, March 6** Thursday after Ash Wednesday  
 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Frank Yungwirth (by Susan Yungwirth)

**Friday, March 7** **First Friday**; Friday after Ash Wednesday;  
*Ss. Felicity and Perpetua, Martyrs*  
 8:30 am, Holy Child: Mercedes Burns (by The Ostapowicz Family)

**Saturday, March 8** **VIGIL: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 4:00 pm, Holy Child: Parishioners

**Sunday, March 9** **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 9:00 am, St Mary's: † Bob & Delores Skolny (by Rob & Sandy Skolny)  
 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Betty Rieppel  
 (by Rosemary, Adele, Marsha, & Families)



### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † Monica Leone (by Ken & Mary Kay)  
 Saint Mary's: † Celia Levindofski  
 (by Sharon & Samie Wilcox & Family)

*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: FEBRUARY 17—23. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,418.54
Loose	674.00
Fuel	549.00
Dues	60.00
Holy Days	50.00
Religious Ed	5.00
Initial Offering	6.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,762.54</b>
<i>Diocesan Care &amp; Education of Priests</i>	<i>187.00</i>

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

37% 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. If you've already made a gift... *thank you!*

### 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

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



[heartoftioga@gmail.com](mailto:heartoftioga@gmail.com)  
 24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

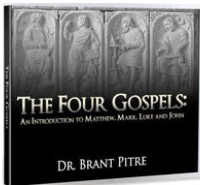
### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 3/2	Sir 27:4-7	Ps 92:2-3,13-16	1 Cor 15:54-58
		Lk 6:39-45	
Mon 3/3	Sir 17:20-24	Ps 32:1-2,5-7	Mk 10:17-27
Tue 3/4	Sir 35:1-12	Ps 50:5-8,14,23	Mk 10:28-31
Wed 3/5	Jl 2:12-18	Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17	2 Cor 5:20—6:2
		Mt 6:1-6,16-18	
Thu 3/6	Dt 30:15-20	Ps 1:1-4,6	Lk 9:22-25
Fri 3/7	Is 58:1-9a	Ps 51:3-6b,18-19	Mt 9:14-15
Sat 3/8	Is 58:9b-14	Ps 86:1-6	Lk 5:27-32
Sun 3/9	Dt 26:4-10	Ps 91:1-2,10-15	Rom 10:8-13
		Lk 4:1-13	

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK:  
FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE  
*Ash Wednesday Masses—March 5, 2025*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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



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

The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) are the foundation of our faith. Join us for the second half of the series; Dr. Pitre 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*. Refreshments provided.



### *Ash Wednesday Masses:* 12:10 pm at St. Mary's 6:00 pm at Holy Child

#### *Ash Wednesday Opening Prayer ("Collect")*

"Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen."

#### *Blessing of the Ashes Prayer by the Priest*

"O God, who are moved by acts of humility and respond with forgiveness to works of penance, lend your merciful ear to our prayers and in your kindness pour out the grace of your blessing on your servants who are marked with these ashes, that, as they follow the Lenten observances, they may be worthy to come with minds made pure to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

#### *Prayer for Forgiveness and Conversion*

While not specific to Ash Wednesday, making an Act of Contrition is an ideal prayer for the spirit of the day.  
"O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen."

# LENT

Create in me a clean heart, O God

**LENT** begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th**, and ends on Holy Thursday, April 17th. Mark your calendars now for these opportunities to prepare yourself for Easter...

#### • **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

- \* *The Light is On for You!* Mondays during Lent from 5:30-7:00 pm in Holy Child Church.
- \* Holy Child Church, Saturdays between 2:15-3:00 pm.
- \* First Fridays and First Saturdays (see Mass schedules), during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- \* Reconciliation Services:
  - March 30, 4PM, St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro
  - April 3, 1PM, St. Boniface Church, Williamsport, PA
  - April 6, 2PM, St. Luke, Jersey Shore, PA
  - April 16, 7PM, St. Boniface Church, Williamsport, PA
- \* By appointment (call the Holy Child Parish Office).

#### • **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

- \* Daily, according to the schedule on the bulletin cover.
- \* First Friday and First Saturday following Mass.
- \* *The Light is On for You!* (see above).
- \* Road to Resurrection (Williamsport Deanery) Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, & Vespers at 7PM. A light reception will follow each event:
  - March 12—Annunciation Church, 711 West Edwin Street, Williamsport, PA 17701
  - March 19—Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 800 Mulberry Street, Montoursville, PA
  - March 25—Saint Boniface Church, 326 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport, PA 17701
  - April 2—Saint Ann Church, 1220 Northway Road, Williamsport, PA 17701
  - April 9—Immaculate Conception Church, 5973 Jacks Hollow Road, Williamsport (Bastress), PA 17702

#### • **Stations of the Cross:**

- \* Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Holy Child Church.
- \* Fridays at 4:00 PM, followed by a Meager Meal in the Hall:
  - March 7, 14, 21 in St. Mary's Church.
  - March 27, April 4, 11 in Holy Child Church.
  - April 18 (Good Friday) in St. Mary's Church (no Meal)

#### • **Fasting and Abstinence:**

- \* Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (to abstain from eating meat).
- \* For Roman Catholics, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
- \* The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Roman Catholics from age 14 onwards.

# ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT



***“Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”***

***“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”***

These words are spoken on **Ash Wednesday**—the beginning of Lent—as the Priest makes the sign of the Cross on your forehead using blessed ashes, of palm fronds from last year’s Palm Sunday celebration, mixed with holy water or oil.

Wearing ashes on your forehead can feel like a bold proclamation of Faith, drawing curious or puzzled glances from others. Remember, this visible sign of repentance and humility is an opportunity to witness to Christ with quiet confidence and a joyful heart.

**Lent** is a time of spiritual preparation, self-examination, and penance leading up to the celebration of Easter. Lent is an opportunity for us to deepen our relationship with God, seek forgiveness for sins, and grow in spiritual discipline. Catholics focus on self-denial, prayerful reflection, and charitable acts as a means of drawing closer to God.

## **Why is the season called *Lent*?**

*Lent* is the Old English word for *Spring*, as Lent is a time of spiritual renewal, similar to the renewal of nature in the Spring. In almost all other languages, Lent’s name is a derivative of the Latin term *quadragesima* or “the forty days.”

## **Why is Lent approximately forty days long?**

In the Bible, forty days is a traditional number of discipline, devotion, and preparation. Moses stayed on the mountain of God forty days (Ex. 24:18, 34:28). The Israelites’ spies were in the land of Canaan forty days (Num. 13:25). Elijah traveled forty days before he reached the cave where he had his vision (1 Kings 19:8). Nineveh was given forty days to repent (Jon. 3:4). And, most significantly for our Lenten observance, Jesus spent forty days in wilderness praying and fasting prior to undertaking his ministry (Matt. 4:2). Thus, it is fitting for Christians to imitate him with a forty-day period of prayer and fasting to prepare to celebrate the climax of Christ’s ministry, Good Friday (the day of the crucifixion) and Easter Sunday (the day of the Resurrection).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “‘For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning’ [Heb. 4:15]. By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert” (CCC 540).

## **Days of Fasting and Abstinence**

Penitential practices include fasting and abstinence.

Under current Canon Law in the Western rite of the Church, a day of fast is one on which Catholics who are 18-59 years old are required to keep a limited fast. You may eat a single, normal meal and have two snacks. Children are not required to fast, but their parents must ensure they are properly educated in the spiritual practice of fasting.

A day of abstinence is a day on which Catholics fourteen years and older are required to abstain from eating meat.

(Though under the current discipline of the Western rite of the Church, fish, eggs, milk products, and foods made using animal fat are permitted, they are not in the Eastern rites.) Their pastor can easily dispense those with medical conditions from the requirements of fast and abstinence.

## **Why? Is there a Biblical basis for it?**

Yes. The book of Daniel states, “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia . . . ‘I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over’” (Dan. 10:1-3).

It is fitting for good things to be given up as part of a spiritual discipline, to attain a spiritual goal. Thus, Daniel gave up meat (as well as wine, another symbol of rejoicing), and Paul endorses the practice of temporary celibacy to engage in a special spiritual discipline of increased prayer (1 Cor. 7:5). By denying ourselves these good things, we encourage an attitude of humility, free ourselves from dependence on them, cultivate the spiritual discipline of sacrifice, and remind ourselves of the importance of spiritual goods over earthly goods.

In fact, if there was an important enough purpose, Paul recommended permanently giving up marriage and meat. Thus, he was celibate (1 Cor. 7:8). He recommended the same for ministers (2 Tim. 2:3-4) and for the unmarried in order to devote themselves more fully to the Lord (1 Cor. 7:32-34), unless doing so would subject them to great temptations (1 Cor. 7:9). Similarly, he recommended giving up meat permanently if it would prevent others from sinning (1 Cor. 8:13).

**Why are Fridays during Lent days of abstinence?** Because Jesus died for our sins on Friday, making it an especially appropriate day of mourning our sins by denying ourselves something we enjoy. (By the same token, Sunday—the day on which he rose for our salvation—is an especially appropriate day to rejoice.)

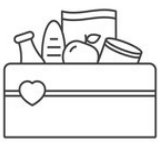
**Are acts of repentance appropriate on other days during Lent?** Yes. The Code of Canon Law states, “All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and time throughout the universal Church” (CIC 1250). Acts of repentance are appropriate at this time of year because it is the time leading up to the commemoration of our Lord’s death for our sins and the commemoration of his resurrection for our salvation. It is especially appropriate to mourn the sins for which he died. Humans have an innate psychological need to mourn tragedies, and our sins are tragedies of the greatest sort.

**What are appropriate activities for ordinary days during Lent?** Giving up something we enjoy, engaging in physical or spiritual acts of mercy for others, prayer, fasting, abstinence, going to confession, and other acts expressing repentance in general. **Is the custom of giving up something for Lent mandatory?** No. However, it is a salutary custom, and parents or guardians may choose to require it, since the spiritual training of their children is their prime responsibility.

**Aside from Ash Wednesday, what are the principal events of Lent?** There are a variety of saints’ days that fall during Lent, and some of these change from year to year, since the dates of Lent itself change based on when Easter falls. However, the Sundays during the Lenten season commemorate special events in the life of our Lord, such as the Transfiguration and his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which begins Holy Week.

**ACTS OF MERCY—OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR PARISH**

Holy Child Parish provides opportunities to perform charitable services for those in need and to share time and talents with others. As you prepare during Lent to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter, please consider giving to the following groups; there are drop-off bins in the back of our churches:



**Food Pantry**

Provides food for the hungry. Distributes food & other necessities to the community to help keep people healthy and able to have food on the table.

**Seeds of Hope**

Provides basic needs to families in crisis. Clothing, furniture, bedding, and other items are made available to those in need.



**Goodies for Our Troops**



In its 20<sup>th</sup> year of supporting our troops by sending care items, kind thoughts, and prayers. Letters of thanks come from many Sergeants of Religious Affairs and Chaplains. Please help spread joy & improve soldier's lives & spirits during deployment overseas.

**Tioga County Homeless Initiative**

Provides a place to stay for people without homes. Christ encourages us to "Shelter the homeless". (Matthew 25)



**Heart of Tioga**



Supports men, women, and families during pregnancies, providing clothing and other necessities following childbirth.

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*Deeds done to relieve corporal and spiritual needs are true works of mercy, when done in the name of Christ.*



**MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother; to you do we come; before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer them. Amen.

*Pray the Rosary Every Day*



Donate now at [AnnualAppeal.org](http://AnnualAppeal.org), call (570) 207-2250 or click this QR code



**BE A CATHOLIC MAN**

**Lenten Men's Retreat**  
**April 4-5, 2025**  
**BE IMITATORS OF CHRIST**

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Ctr., 1000 Seminary Road, Dalton, PA  
 Overnight Friday 6:00 PM to Saturday 2:00 PM  
 Adoration • Benediction • Reconciliation • Mass with Bishop Bambara

Guest speaker: **John Edwards**

Founder of Pew Ministries and host of "Just a Guy in the Pew" Podcast

- Mind and Heart of a Leader
- What Men Want / What Men Need
- How to Build A Successful Men's Group
- Next Steps / Practical Suggestions

Cost: \$100 includes lodging  
 \$75 without lodging

For information contact Joe Adcroft:

**570-351-6256**

register by March 27 at:

**BeACatholicMan.com**



**MARIAN MINISTRIES**



Saturday, March 29th, 10 AM—3 PM  
 St. Lawrence Church, South Williamsport, PA  
 Mass at 10 AM, and time for Reconciliation & Adoration



**JESSICA RYAN**  
 Keynote Speaker

*Exploring Virtue through Marian Saints*

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

*Who is Mary? How does the Church Describe Her?*

Jessica is a member of the theology faculty at Notre Dame High School in Elmira, NY. She resides in Ithaca with her family and is a parishioner at St. Catherine of Siena Church. She is a Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Communion and participates in the Adult Faith Enrichment committee and helps with the middle school youth group and Confirmation preparation. She is an avid hiker and travel enthusiast.

\$35.00 for adults, \$20 for students, free for women religious.

Catered lunch will be served.

<https://tinyurl.com/wdwomensretreat>



**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.*

*"The family that prays together, stays together."*

ST BONIFACE PARISH

MARCH 5 **ASH WEDNESDAY** 5-6:30PM

**FISH Dinner**

**ADULTS \$13.00**

**CHILD \$7.00**

TAKE OUT ONLY 5-6:30p  
 Pick Up at St John Neumann Elem Gym  
 710 FRANKLIN ST WILLIAMSPORT

Dinner Includes Baked Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Roll, Coleslaw & Brownie

FOR MORE INFO: CALL DEB  
 570-220-2303 or LENNY 570-772-0722

ONLY 400 TICKETS AVAILABLE!

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 St Lawrence Church Hall  
 800 West Central Ave South Williamsport

*Saint*  
**PATRICK'S DAY**  
*Annual Dinner*

MONDAY **MARCH 17** 4:00-7:00PM

*Corned Beef, Ham & Cabbage*  
 with Potatoes, Carrots, Soda Bread,  
 Tasty Desserts and Refreshments  
 (HotDogs also available)

**\* DINE IN OR TAKE OUT \***  
**BYOB**

**ADULTS : \$15 12 & under : \$7**  
 Basket Raffle Chances Available

Tickets Available at the Door or contact the  
 Parish Office 570-326-1544

stboniface@comcast.net

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Diocese of Scranton **VOCATIONS**

**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

**MARCH 21-22, 2025**

REGISTER AT [DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG/VOCATIONS](http://DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG/VOCATIONS)

— **Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth** —

*"Come and See"*  
**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

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH:**  
[www.capuchinsisters.com](http://www.capuchinsisters.com)

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

**Deanery Summer Pilgrimage**  
**Sponsored by Marian Ministries**  
**Wednesday, June 25th, 2025**

*National Shrine of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes*

*National Shrine of the Grotto of St. Sharbel*

*National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton*

Cost: \$100/person, including dinner.



**Itinerary**

- 5am** Depart from Benedict's Bus Terminal  
Pick-ups in Mansfield and Williamsport  
(Watch for Details)
- 7:15** Fast food breakfast stop in Selinsgrove  
at McDonalds (30-45min.)
- 10am** Approximate arrival at the National  
Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes  
and St. Sharbel.
- Noon** Depart for Seton Shrine
- 12:15** Approximate arrival at the National  
Shrine of Elizabeth Anne Seton
- 6:30pm** Departure Time  
Buffet dinner at Dobbins Tavern,  
Gettysburg, PA  
<https://www.dobbinhouse.com/>
- 11pm** Approximate Return to Terminal
- Mass and Confessions will be celebrated.

**This trip is made possible by a grant  
from the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**



**For more information and to register:**

Call Terrie Thomas at (570) 418-3881 or email her at [theresajthomas1@gmail.com](mailto:theresajthomas1@gmail.com). Send checks made payable to "St. Peter's Church" to:

St. Peter's Church  
47 Central Avenue  
Wellsboro, PA 16901

Payments can also be dropped in the collection baskets at St. Peter's and Holy Child churches.

**For more information about the three shrines,  
follow these links:**

**National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton**

<https://setonshrine.org/>

**National Shrine of the  
Grotto of Our Lady Of Lourdes**

<https://www.nsgrotto.org/>

**National Shrine of the  
Grotto of St. Sharbel**

<https://www.nsgrotto.org/st-sharbel.html#:~:text=In%202017%2C%20The%20National%20Shrine,to%20intercede%20on%20their%20behalf.>

**Important Policies and Procedures**

**Registration Fees**

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