



**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

# 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

## March 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](mailto:hlychild@ptd.net)  
Web: [holychildparish.com](http://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  
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Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck 570-540-1332  
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Health Ministry & Medical Equipment Loaning:  
Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057  
Knights of Columbus:  
Scott DiMarco; [srdimarco@hotmail.com](mailto: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, 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)

**Monday, March 10** Lenten Weekday  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Frank & Helen Dadas  
(by Gene & Marilyn Kurzejewski)

**Tuesday, March 11** Lenten Weekday  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † James Parnick Sr. (by Connie Parnick)

**Wednesday, March 12** Lenten Weekday  
No Mass

**Thursday, March 13** Lenten Weekday  
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † The Dead  
(by Scranton Diocese Society for the Propagation of the Faith)

**Friday, March 14** Lenten Weekday  
8:30 am, Holy Child: Martin Anthony Ostapowicz  
(by the Ostapowicz Family)

**Saturday, March 15** **VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
4:00 pm, Holy Child: Michael & Suzanne Miller  
(by Kyle & Rebecca Chamberlain)

**Sunday, March 16** **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
9:00 am, St Mary's: Parishioners  
11:15 am, Holy Child: † JoAnn Weiskopff (by Yolanda Tacka)

### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † deceased members of the  
Charles Chamberlain Family (by Dar Buck)  
Saint Mary's: † Rita Mokrzynski  
(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 24—MARCH 2. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,932.00
Loose	439.00
Fuel	15.00
Ash Wednesday	88.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
Cemetery Maintenance	90.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,584.00</b>
<i>Diocesan Care &amp; Education of Priests</i>	<i>272.00</i>
<i>Church in Central &amp; Eastern Europe</i>	<i>45.00</i>

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

37% of Holy Child parishioners have made gifts amounting to 82% of our goal. 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](mailto:seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com) or 549-7550 or Dotty Welsh at [dhjrw@ptd.net](mailto: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](mailto:heartoftioga@gmail.com)  
24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 3/9	Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2,10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13
Mon 3/10	Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mt 25:31-46
Tue 3/11	Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wed 3/12	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32
Thu 3/13	Est C:112,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Mt 7:7-12
Fri 3/14	Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
Sat 3/15	Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48
Sun 3/16	Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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: *Confirmation* after 11:15 Mass  
 Mar 23: Lectio Bible Study: *Confirmation* after 11:15 Mass  
 Mar 30: Lectio Bible Study: *Confirmation* after 11:15 Mass  
 Apr 6: Lectio Bible Study: *Confirmation* after 11:15 Mass  
 Apr 6: KofC Meeting; 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall  
 Apr 10: Pastoral Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child  
 Apr 13: Lectio Bible Study: *Confirmation* after 11:15 Mass



### LECTIO BIBLE STUDY: CONFIRMATION Sundays following 11:15am Mass

*What is the sacrament of Confirmation for? Is it even necessary if we've been baptized? What is its connection to Pentecost? Is it a Biblical sacrament? Why do people get confirmed at such different ages?* Too often the sacrament of Confirmation is misunderstood, and faulty understandings of this sacrament obscure the beauty of the grace it confers. Dr. Brant Pitre's in-depth study will strengthen your understanding of the graces Christ gives us in Confirmation and how we might live from them more fully, taking up our crosses and bearing witness to Christ in word and deed. Please join us!

### 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 to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter, please consider giving to the following groups; there are drop-off bins in our churches:

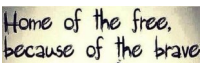


#### Food Pantry

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

#### Seeds of Hope

Provides basic needs to families in crisis: clothing, furniture, bedding, and other items 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 soldiers' 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, & families during pregnancies, providing clothing & 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.*

# LENT

Create in me a clean heart, O God

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

- *The Light is On for You!*
  - \* Mondays during Lent, 5:30-7:00 pm, Holy Child Church.
- Saturdays, 2:15-3:00 pm, Holy Child Church.
- First Fridays & First Saturdays, following Mass.
- Reconciliation Services:
  - \* March 30—4:00 PM, St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro, PA
  - \* April 3—1:00 PM, St. Boniface Church, Williamsport, PA
  - \* April 6—2:00 PM, St. Luke Church, Jersey Shore, PA
  - \* April 16—7:00 PM, St. Boniface Church, Williamsport, PA
- By appointment (contact Father or the Holy Child Parish Office).

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

- Daily—schedule on the bulletin cover.
- *The Light is On for You!* (see above).
- First Fridays & First Saturdays, following Mass.
- Williamsport Deanery *Road to Resurrection*: Adoration, Benediction, & Vespers at 7:00PM; light reception will follow each event:
  - \* March 12—Annunciation Church, 711 West Edwin St, Williamsport, PA 17701
  - \* March 19—Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 800 Mulberry St, Montoursville, PA
  - \* March 25—Saint Boniface Church, 326 Washington Blvd, Williamsport, PA 17701
  - \* April 2—Saint Ann Church, 1220 Northway Rd, Williamsport, PA 17701
  - \* April 9—Immaculate Conception Church, 5973 Jacks Hollow Rd, 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—St. Mary's Church
  - \* March 27, April 4 and 11—Holy Child Church
  - \* April 18 (Good Friday)—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...

- Fasting: Obligatory for Roman Catholics from ages 18-59 years. 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.
- Abstinence: Abstaining from eating meat is obligatory for Roman Catholics ages 14 years and older. Obligatory on Fridays in Lent.

### Mansfield Ministerium's Lenten Luncheons:

Bring your lunch and share in a time of meditation, prayer, & fellowship. 12 Noon at First Baptist Church, Mansfield. Speakers:

- March 6: Rev. Janis Yskamp, St. James Episcopal Church
- March 13: Pastor Mara Wilcox, Church of the New Covenant
- March 20: Rev. Ed Preston, First United Methodist Church
- March 27: Rev. Cheryl Filson, First Baptist Church
- April 3: Rev. Bryan Wright, Holy Child Catholic Church
- April 10: Pastor Joshua MacClaren, Christ Church Mansfield
- For more information, contact Rev. Cheryl Filson 717-372-7678





# EZRA 10:4

**A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE  
PRIESTHOOD**  
Rev. Alex Roche

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## MARIAN MINISTRIES

# Williamsport Deanery, Women's Retreat

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.

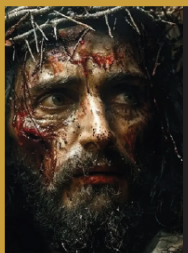
<https://tinyurl.com/wdwomensretreat>



### 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.*

*Pray the Rosary Every Day*



**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 Bambera

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**



## — 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

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[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**

**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.


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**March 14th**  
**— Love, Sophie —**

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Machine, Knee Crutch, Knee Scooter, Toilet  
Chairs, Raised Toilet Seats, Toilet Handles, Rising  
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

**Your Ad  
Here!**  
**Please contact the  
Parish Office.**

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.*