

Holy Child Church 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Reverend Bryan B. Wright

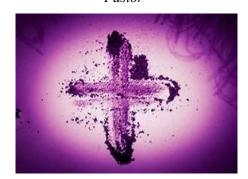
Pastor



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

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025



PARISH OFFICE

Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm 237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

Phone: 570-662-3568
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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

<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.

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 A	angelus
Monday 12:45 PM Saint Mary's Mirac	ulous Medal
Tuesday 12:00 PM Saint Mary's The A	angelus
Tuesday 12:45 PM Saint Mary's Saint.	Jude
Thursday 6:00 PM Holy Child The A	ingelus

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: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Saturday, March 22 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Dolly Garvelli (by Ralph Garvelli)

Sunday, March 23 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am, St Mary's: † Harold Morley (by The Family)

11:15 am, Holy Child: Parishioners

Monday, March 24 Lenten Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Jane Bogaczyk Mahonski (by The Family)

Tuesday, March 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Howard Finch (by Maria Finch)

Wednesday, March 26

Lenten Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, March 27 Lenten Weekday

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † The Dead

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

Friday, March 28 Lenten Weekday

8:30 am, Holy Child: Mercedes Burns (by The Ostapowicz Family)

Saturday, March 29 **VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

4:00 pm, Holy Child: Our Parishioners

Sunday, March 30 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am, St Mary's: † Jane Mahonski (by the Good Samaritans) 11:15 am, Holy Child: † JoAnn Weiskopff (by Anita Kump)



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK

Holy Child: Marian Ministries (by Chris Troncone) St. Mary's: Arnot Sportsmen'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~

Parish Offerings: March 10-16. Thank You!

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,953.00
Loose	645.00
Dues	20.00
Cemeteries	35.00
Ash Wednesday	32.00
Total:	\$3,685.00
Diocesan Care & Education of Priests	5.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	10.00
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2024 Financial Statements are available from the Parish Office.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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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 dhirw@ptd.net or 662-2057. The Lord is always listening.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

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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



heartoftioga@gmail.com

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

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS	
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
Mon 3/17	Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Lk 6:36-38
Tue 3/18	Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12
Wed 3/19	2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a / Lk 2:41-51a
Thu 3/20	Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31
Fri 3/21	Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sat 3/22	Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sun 3/23	Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11 1 Cor 10:1-6 Lk 13:1-9

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mar 23: Lectio Bible Study: Confirmation; after 11:15 Mass Mar 30: Lectio Bible Study: Confirmation; after 11:15 Mass Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall Apr 2:

Apr 6: Lectio Bible Study: Confirmation; after 11:15 Mass Apr 6: KofC Meeting; 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall

Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall Apr 8: Apr 10: Pastoral Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child

Apr 13: Lectio Bible Study: Confirmation after 11:15 Mass May 4: Lectio Bible Study: Confirmation after 11:15 Mass

May 10: Tentative: Parish Yard Sale, Holy Child Hall

May 11: First Communion Mass, Holy Child

May 11: Lectio Bible Study: Confirmation after 11:15 Mass

May 17: Women's Brunch, St. Peter's, Wellsboro



SPRING FOR THE CASH! ... by April 5th

In support of our Good Samaritans ministry

Raffle tickets have been mailed to Parishioners. Please return ticket stubs and donations in the weekend Mass collection baskets or to the Parish Office by April 5th. Proceeds benefit the Good Samaritans ministry at Saint Mary's Church, supporting church maintenance, special projects, and funeral luncheons (following funeral Masses; an important source of comfort & fellowship for families and friends mourning the loss of a loved one).



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! Light refreshments.



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

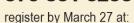
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- Next Steps / Practical Suggestions

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

For information contact Joe Adcroft:

570-351-6256





ILENT

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: 7PM Holy Hour (Adoration, Benediction, Vespers) followed by light reception:
 - * 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 — with Bishop Bambera
 - * 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, and 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:

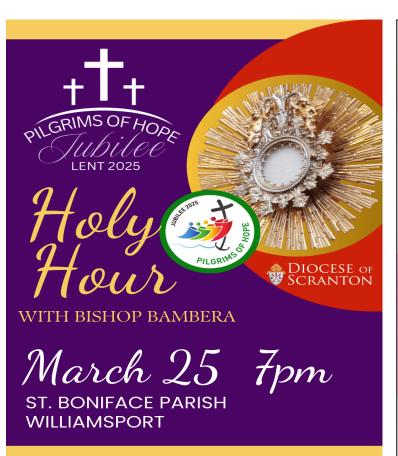
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence...

- 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



WORKS 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

because of the brave In its 20th 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

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. The Baby Bottle Campaign begins this weekend! Fill a bottle with your donations of spare change

or check, and return to church vestibules / office.

MARIAN MINISTRIES



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



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

Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth —



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

"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 & 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

TBA Departure Time

Buffet dinner at Dobbins Tavern,

Gettysburg, PA

https://www.dobbinhouse.com/

TBA Approximate Return to Terminal

Mass and Confessions will be celebrated.

For more information and to register:

Contact Terrie Thomas:

(570) 418-3881 or theresaithomas1@gmail.com.

Make checks payable to "St. Peter's Church" and mail to:

St. Peter's Church

47 Central Avenue

Wellsboro, PA 16901

Or place checks in the collection at St. Peter's / Holy Child

For more information about the three shrines:

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

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.

This trip is made possible by a grant from our Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal.





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Jim Padden, a former parishioner of Holy Child, died March 4th in Arkansas. He will be interred at Indian Town Gap National Cemetery in April. Condolences can be sent to: Hi s daughter—2040 Miramonte Drive, Sherwood, AR 72120 May he rest in peace!

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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The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle. Please help to

maintain a prayerful

SILENCE AND REVERENCE

Your Ad Here!

Please contact the Parish Office.

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.