

**Holy Child Church** 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

## **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT** March 30, 2025



**Reverend Bryan B. Wright** Pastor



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

**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.

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#### **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.



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|--|----------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Saturday                                     | 4:00     | PM      | Holy Child      |                   |  |  |
| Sunday                                       | 9:00     | AM      | Saint Mary's    |                   |  |  |
| Sunday                                       | 11:15    | AM      | Holy Child      |                   |  |  |
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| 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    | The second second |  |  |
| Tuesday                                      | 11:30    | AM      | Saint Mary's    | ě                 |  |  |
| Thursday                                     | 5:15     | PM      | Holy Child      |                   |  |  |
| Friday                                       | 8:00     | AM      | Holy Child      |                   |  |  |
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| 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       |  |  |
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| Financial Se                                 | cretary  | : Darle | ne Buck 570-66  | 2-3568            |  |  |
| Secretary: C                                 | ara Cle  | menti : | 570-662-3568    |                   |  |  |
| Director of I                                | Religiou | ıs Educ | cation: Darlene | Buck 570-540-1332 |  |  |
| Good Samaritans: Parish Office, 570-662-3637 |          |         |                 |                   |  |  |
| Health Ministry & Medical Equipment Loaning: |          |         |                 |                   |  |  |
| Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057                     |          |         |                 |                   |  |  |
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WEEKEND MASSES

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



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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 
  Ardith Matreski 
  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

heartoftioga@gmail.com 24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

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

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| Scripture Readings |   |  |  |
| Sun                | Jos 5:9a,10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21          |  |  |
| 3/30               | Lk 15:1-3,11-32                                 |  |  |
| Mon<br>3/31        | Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b Jn 4:43-54   |  |  |
| Tue<br>4/1         | Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16        |  |  |
| Wed<br>4/2         | Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18 Jn 5:17-30   |  |  |
| Thu<br>4/3         | Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47              |  |  |
| Fri<br>4/4         | Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17-21,23 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30 |  |  |
| Sat<br>4/5         | Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,9b-12 Jn 7:40-53          |  |  |
| Sun<br>4/6         | Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11    |  |  |

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar 30: Lectio Bible Study: Confirmation; after 11:15 Mass
- Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall Apr 2: Lectio Bible Study: Confirmation; after 11:15 Mass Apr 6:
- 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: 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 Church, Wellsboro
- May 18: Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Holy Child Hall



#### Spring For the Cash! ... by April 6th 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 6th. All proceeds benefit our Parish's Good Samaritans ministry, 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

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:



register by March 27 at: **BeACatholicMan.com** 

# 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: 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. Marv's Church
  - \* March 28, 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 ages18-59 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

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Tioga County Homeless Initiative

Sharing God's Love Through Open Doors



Provides basic needs to families in crisis: clothing, furniture, bedding, and other items to those in need.



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. <u>The Baby Bottle Campaign begins this weekend! Fill a bottle with your donations of spare change</u> or check, and return to church vestibules / office.



Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth —

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH: www.capuchinsisters.com

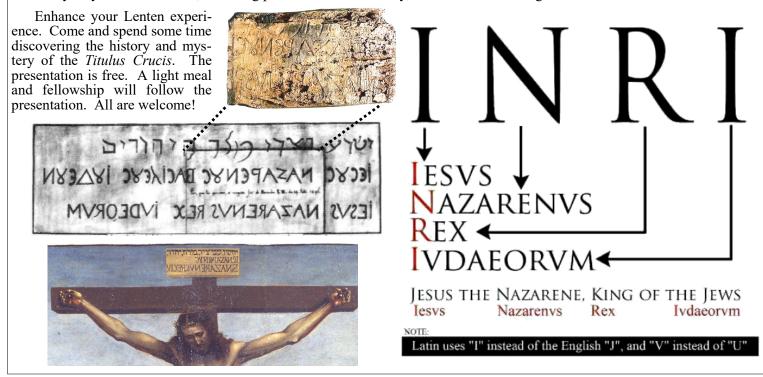
"I need no more: I know Christ, the poor Crucified One." -St. Francis of Assisi



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — PRESENTATION — THE TITLE OF THE CROSS

The Knights of Columbus JFK Council #5517 of St. Michael's Parish will host a presentation on *The Title of The Cross (Titulus Crucis)* on Saturday, April 5, at 5:00 pm in St. Michael's Church hall, following the 4 pm Mass.

Most are familiar with the "**INRI**" *Titulus* nailed above our Lord on the Cross. We will have an exact replica of this *Titulus* which is venerated in the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Rome. Alex Piechocki will be doing a one hour presentation on the mystery behind this relic, including proofs of its authenticity, the real title that hung above Our Lord on the Cross.



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 <u>https://www.dobbinhouse.com/</u>
- TBA Approximate Return to Terminal

Mass and Confessions will be celebrated.

#### For more information and to register:

Contact **Terrie Thomas:** (570) 418-3881 or <u>theresajthomas1@gmail.com</u>. 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 firstcome, 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.





- ♦ Graveside committal services
- Luncheons (after Funeral Masses)

Eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses (CCC1688). Thank you.

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.



Tabernacle. Please help to maintain a prayerful